



# TE KURA O MAUNGATAPU MAUNGATAPU SCHOOL

School newsletter - Week 4 Term 3 2020

Kia ora tātou katoa

The shift in alert levels announced by the Prime Minister on Wednesday night was the last thing any of us wanted to hear. I would like to thank you for the calm and sensible way in which you responded to the cancellation of our student conferences and picked up your children safely.

With Auckland in alert level 3, and the rest of the country in alert level 2, we await the next announcement and start our planning process for the range of scenarios we have experienced before. The good news is we are more prepared this time round. We do understand that this is a very unsettling time at present. Now is the time to work together and do everything we can to stamp out community transmission.

### Goal setting conferences

In lieu of the cancellation of parent/teacher conferences, we will be offering Zoom meetings or over the phone conferencing to discuss you child's learning and goals for the rest of the term. Your child's teacher will send out a Seesaw message/email with dates and times that they are available to meet with you. Should the Prime Minister announce any changes in alert levels, we will still commit to engage with you through Zoom/phone conferencing.

Again, we thank you for your understanding during this time and look forward to catching up with you soon.

### Cancellations and Continuations

The following events have been cancelled due to alert level 2 health and safety protocols:

- School assemblies
- Art gallery trips
- Te Puwhaariki EOTC Overnight stay
- School disco
- Itinerant teachers of music

The following events are continuing:

- Passion Paraire (Passion based learning)
- Friday lunch orders
- Kapa haka (With distancing)
- CUSP university student programme. (With contact tracing)
- Quality teaching and learning

Unite  
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COVID-19



Practise good hygiene →

Wash your hands with soap. Cough or sneeze into your elbow. Clean surfaces.

House Points week 3 term 3

Red House - 705

Blue House - 730

Yellow House - 690

Green House - 995

Term dates 2020

Term 3: Mon 20 July - Friday 25 Sept

Term 4: Mon 12 Oct - Wed 16 Dec

Teacher Only Day Friday 23 October

## ATTENDANCE

*Attendance matters and everyday counts*

Week 4, Term 3, 2020

580 pupils

Highest attendance class

Room 25/26 94%

Whole School 90%

## Traffic Safety

We are working closely with the Tauranga City Council – Travel Safe Coordinator to promote road safety education for students, parents, caregivers and the community.

We have seen an improvement in parking during pick up time, however, we are still receiving complaints from residents of cars parking across driveways. In our current situation with COVID-19 and alert levels, it is a timely reminder to be kind to each other.

## WBOP Rugby League Tournament

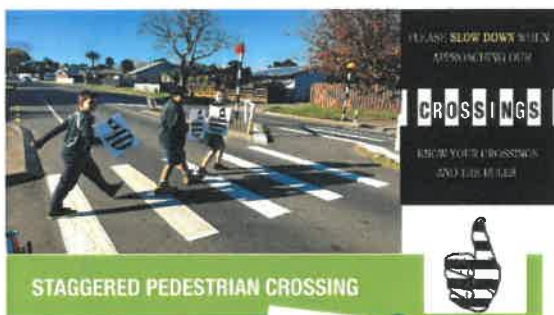
Last Wednesday, a group of students from Maungatapu School took part in the WBOP rugby League tournament which was held at Arataki Park.

The team, consisting of 13 year 5/6 boys, played outstanding rugby league and were eventual winners of the tournament. In addition, the highlight wasn't winning overall, but rather, winning the award for best sportsmanship. Throughout the day, the boys were very respectful and displayed an exceptional FairPlay etiquette, both on and off the field. Well done boys!

## Maori Achieving Success - Consultation survey

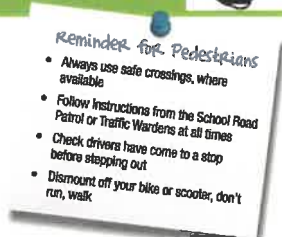
A google survey is being prepared and will be shared with whānau to gather and seek thoughts and ideas to help us plan a pathway centred on success for Māori students, for 2021 and beyond. The survey will include an opportunity for ex-Maungatapu student's to share their voice. The survey questions will be guided on the principles as set out in the latest release of Ka Hikitia - Māori Education Strategy.

<https://www.education.govt.nz/our-work/overall-strategies-and-policies/ka-hikitia-ka-hapaitia/>



### STAGGERED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

- ☑ Drivers must stop if a pedestrian is waiting on your side of the road
- ☑ If a pedestrian is in the island refuge waiting to cross on your side of the road you must stop

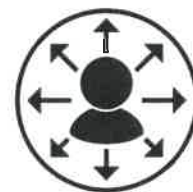


## Alert Level 2 Updates Drop Off

- The Senior Leadership Team and a Junior School teacher will be out to meet and greet students arriving from 8:30am.

## Pick up after school

- There is a parent 'Pick up zone' that has been sectioned off inside the front entrance point to the school. Parents are welcomed to wait in this area to connect with their children at 3pm.
- Our new entrant children (Room 23) will be dismissed at 2.50pm to try and reduce any congestion.
- All Whānau (families) / Manuhiri (Visitors) entering school must use the official QR code at the front entrance to school and office area.



**Keep track of where you've been →**

If COVID-19 reappears, help our health services reach people quickly to stop any further spread.



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