



TE KURA O MAUNGATAPU MAUNGATAPU SCHOOL

School newsletter - Week 8 Term 4 2020

School roll - 592

Kia ora tātou katoa.

We are in the process of wrapping up 2020 and planning ahead for 2021. Our plans include classroom placements for children, resourcing, budgeting, fundraising, curriculum designing, property rebuilds and staffing.

Next year we have moved to straight year level classrooms for years 1,2,3 and 4 children. This will create opportunities for staff to be more deliberate and explicit within their teaching and learning programmes. The year 5/6 team will remain composite as students in this cohort are often involved in cultural, sport and academic programmes together.

The budget is about to be confirmed by the board of trustees and we are excited to be able to introduce 1:1 devices to students in the whole of our year 5/6 cohort. This provides a win/win situation rather than a have and have nots. All children will have access to digital technology. Research following the lockdown this year highlighted the need for students to be more digitally able and fluent. Digital fluency remains a professional learning development priority for all schools and kura. (Education Gazette pg 32, 23 November 2020)

We are currently setting a fundraising plan to enable our senior kapa haka students to attend the national kapa haka event to be held in Nelson next year. This will be a memorable, rewarding experience for our students and a moment in history for Te Kura o Maungatapu.

The senior leadership team are designing our school curriculum to meet the needs, diversity and interests of our students for next year. Reading will be a focus for all children in 2021.

Lastly, we welcome to Te Kura o Maungatapu two new teachers who have been appointed to start next year; Tori Hughes and Grant Cooper. Tori has been teaching from room 16 since the start of term 3, with the promotion of Donelle O'Neill to SENCO. Tori is a very effective classroom practitioner with strong content knowledge across all of curriculum areas. Mr Grant Cooper comes to Maungatapu School with a range of experiences and expertise including; 1:1 teaching in both collaborative and single cell classrooms, EOTC, boys only class leader and teacher, year 0 to year 8 teaching experience, sport leader, culturally responsive practice and strengths in all curricular, in particular mathematics. Tori will be based in the year 3 team next year and Grant in the year 5/6 team.



Practise good hygiene →

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

House Points

The winning house will be announced at next Fridays assembly, which will be the last assembly of the year. Children from the winning house will receive a permission form to attend the movies on Tuesday 15th December. Points are still on offer for attendance, potae (hats), value cards and our Super Splash event.

#kiakaha #kiamāia

House Points - Week 8 term 4 2020

Red House -	1875
Blue House -	1805
Yellow House -	1765
Green house -	1855

ATTENDANCE

Attendance matters and everyday counts

Week 7, Term 4, 2020

592 pupils

Highest attendance

Room 2 - 92%

Whole School 89%

Cricket World Cup

The following boys participated at the recent Cricket World Cup, where our nominated country was Australia. We would like to acknowledge local Real Estate agent, Derek Roser from EVES, who donated the kits to the team.

Ngā mihi mō tō tautoko.



Christmas in the Park

Christmas in the Park this year provided an opportunity for families to reconnect with school, following a year of constant interruptions and cancellation of events, including our scheduled 3 way conferences. The atmosphere was fantastic and the event itself seems to be getting bigger and bigger. Christmas is a time of celebrating, giving and spending time with whānau. We managed to achieve all of this last night.



Pool closure (Holiday Period)

Unfortunately we have to close the pool over the summer break due to the building renovation work on Rooms 1,2 and 3 and pool maintenance work with the fencing. We apologise for the inconvenience in this regard.

Renovation project; Rooms 1,2 and 3.

Planning for the renovation of Rooms 1, 2 and 3 has been ongoing for some time now and we have finally secured the additional funding and specifications for the renovation to start next week. Canam have secured the contract and will be commencing their work on Monday 7th December. The project design includes; access from the North side of the classroom, larger North facing windows to allow for indoor out door flow, a teacher breakout space, new modernised furniture, natural wood finishings, new decking, Trespa paneling, lighting and heat pump fixings.

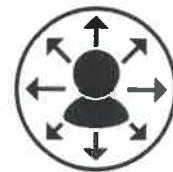
The project is due to finish at the end of term one next year. Children have been relocated to the Wharetoi and Library while the renovation is taking place.

Up and coming events *(Check Seesaw and Facebook for updates)*

- Friday 4th December - Kapa Haka fundraiser
- Wednesday 9th December - Last House Event 'Super Splash'
- Thursday 10th December - Year 6 Graduation 6pm
- Thursday 10th December and Friday 11th December; Estuary Trip - Year 2
- Friday 11th December - Reports home and last school assembly 2pm
- Tuesday 15th December - House trip to the movies.
- Wednesday 16th - School finished 12pm

2021 School Dates

- Term 1; Thursday 4 February - Friday 16 April (96 half days)
- Term 2; Monday 3 May - Friday 9 July (98 half days)
- Term 3; Monday 26 July - Friday 1 October (100 half days)
- Term 4; Monday 18 October - Thursday 16 December (86 half days)



Keep track of where you've been →

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