TE KURA O MAUNGATAPU MAUNGATAPU SCHOOL

School newsletter - Week 6 Term 1 2021

School roll - 502

Kia ora tātou katoa.

Welcome to week 6 of term one, a time in which we expect all children to have settled into their classroom routines and expectations.

Kōrero mai - Meet the teacher

Last night we invited families in to visit their child's teacher. It was pleasing to be able to reconnect after the cancellation of korero mai last year due to COVID -19. We value the relationships we have with our parent community and are always looking at how we can improve our connection and communication with you. Research evidence shows that effective partnerships between schools and parents, whānau and communities can result in better outcomes for students. The better the relationship and engagement, the more positive the impact on students' learning.
Equally important is the significance of effective parenting, which is the most important job in the world.
Throughout the year we will continue to involve you in your child's learning, by communicating with you and sharing success stories. We endeavour to treat all children like they are our own, as the saying goes it takes a village to raise a child.

E-asttle writing assessment

Next Wednesday the whole school will be involved in a writing test which we call e-asttle. E-asttle writing is a standardised assessment tool that we are introducing this year to gather information about how well a child can write and what steps he/she needs to work on.

School graduate qualities

Last year the senior leadership team revised and updated our school curriculum. One of our key questions was centred around identifying what skills and attitudes our children would need to be successful citizens of the future. Our research and discussion drew us to the following qualities, which we will report on in the mid year report:

Adventurous 'He tamaiti waewae kapua'
Willing to take risks, or to try new methods, ideas or experiences.

Collaborate 'He tamaiti mahitahi'
The ability to work together on an activity or project.

Confidence 'He tamaiti māia'
A feeling of self assurance arising from an appreciation of one's own abilities or qualities.

Initiative 'He tamaiti whai whakaaro'
The ability to assess and initiate things independently.

Inquisitive 'He tamaiti pākiki'
Having curiosity and showing an interest in learning something new.

Kindness 'He tamaitio atawhai'
The quality of being friendly, generous and considerate.

Perseverance 'He tamaiti manawaroa'
Persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving.

Student House Leaders

Congratulations to our 2021 student house leaders who were announced last Friday at a special assembly.
We will have a set of expectations and responsibilities for you that will develop your leadership potential throughout the year.
Your shirts have been ordered and will take up to 2 weeks to arrive.
The next major house events are swimming, ripper rugby and the end of term Maungatapu Waka race.

House Points
Week 5 term 1

Red House	**80**
Blue House	**55**
Yellow House	**55**
Green house	**65**

ATTENDANCE

Attendance matters and everyday counts

Week 5, Term 1, 2021

502 pupils

Highest attendance
Room 13 - 95.4%
Attendance week 6 - 89%

School buildings and property update

The old admin block has been cleared out with Owen Allsop (DP) now relocated in the office/admin area and the sports co-ordinator in room 24 next to Donelle O'Neill (SENCO).

A soft demolition will be starting in week 8 where salvageable pieces will be taken out first by AJ Demolition. The major demolition works will occur during the term 2 holiday period.

This has meant that the completion date of Rooms 1,2,3 has been pushed out to later in term 2. Electrical, fire, security alarm and optical fibre services from the old administration block will be disconnected and reconnected to the current administration block.

Temporary path closure behind the old administration

This work will occur during a weekend with no interruption to school operations. Please be aware that the pathway behind the old administration block has been fenced off to allow for the redirection work of electrical services. We appreciate your support and patience in this regard.

Wicked Writing - By Jared, year 2, room 11,

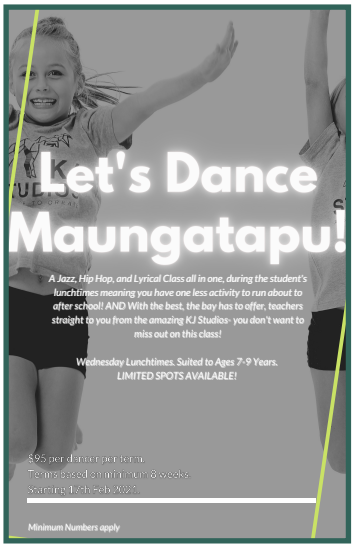
In the STEAM room I liked building a waka. My waka looked cool and I thought if I put it in the water the cardboard would get ruined. That's why I put a milk carton at the bottom *(Jared is 6 years old).*

Dance classes for kids at Maungatapu School

Lunchtimes (Wednesday) starting next week

See Taryn Robinson in Room 10 for more information

Payments will be set up on KINDO



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

• *Bio security workshops EOTC Waikorire (Pilot Bay)* *(Selected Year 5/6 students)*	*Monday15 March*
• *Senior Swimming Sports - Greerton Pools (selected students)*	*18 March 2021*
• *Top Schools Gate Pa School Year 5/6*	*18 March 3.45pm - 7.00pm*
• *BOT Meeting*	*Thursday 25 March*
• *Good Friday*	*Friday 2 April*
• *Easter Monday and Tuesday*	*5th and 6th April*