



TE KURA O MAUNGATAPU MAUNGATAPU SCHOOL

School newsletter - Week 10 Term 3 2021

School roll - 540

Tēnā tātou katoa

Firstly, apologies for the delay in sending a school newsletter home. As you could imagine, we have been constantly changing, cancelling and managing school operations whilst maintaining a sense of normality among our children.

In this newsletter, I want to share with you what our processes and approaches have been to alert level changes over the past 4 weeks.

On Tuesday 17 August at 11.59pm NZ moved to alert level 4. Signs were ominous with the suspended travel to Australia two weeks prior to the announcement.

On Thursday 19 September, Auckland had a spike in cases from one community case to eleven additional cases. Locations of interest kept multiplying and signs were clear that we needed to prepare to start our distance learning programme.

On Friday 20 August, Mr Owen Allsop was able to enter the school site under special exemption to prepare for 'operation' hard packs.

On Monday 23 August, under alert level 4, the team leaders organised 150 hard packs, which were delivered individually to our whānau in need. This was a fantastic effort and I thank all my staff for their commitment and dedication at the time.

After one and a half weeks of remote distance learning, we finally dropped to alert level 3 'operation bubble school', in which we managed 4 bubble classrooms with a maximum of 10 students per bubble class. Our student roll during alert level 3 was between 25-35 students.

We are still under alert level 2 and have been planning learning programmes under alert level 2 guidelines. This comes with many ongoing challenges, yet I want to ensure you that your child's health and safety is our number one priority.

On behalf of the team here at Maungatapu School, I want to thank you, our parent community for your tolerance, understanding and support during the alert level changes.

I wish everyone a safe term break and look forward to reconnecting with you all next term.

Library Books - He koha

During the lock down period we were able to cull some of our unwanted library books from our school library. The majority of these books are picture books in which you can read to your child during the school holiday period. On Friday (last day of term) your child will be coming home with one of these books for them to keep at home. Please take the time to read aloud to your child/children. Allow them to ask questions and talk about the text. Read the story again and again to build a love for reading and books in general.

House Points Week 9 Term 3

Red House	695
Blue House	680
Yellow House	735 (Winners term 2)
Green house	620

Enviro house points (Week 10)

First Yellow	= 20 points
Second Red	= 15 points
Third Blue	= 10 points
Fourth Green	= 5 points



NZ Hockey sensation and olympic athlete Rose Keddel was at school on Wednesday 29 September to share her success stories and experiences while representing NZ in hockey over the past 9 years. This included two olympic events - Rio and Tokyo

ATTENDANCE

Attendance matters and everyday counts

540 pupils

Highest attendance class
Room 5 at 95%

Whole school attendance

Week 10, term 3, 2021 - 90%

Marble run challenge

The amazing marble run challenge was a house competition with entries from the junior school, middle school and senior school students. The criteria for the designs included a 'Kiwi ana' theme which reinforced the learning that students have been undertaking in class this term. The winners of each marble run will be announced at a special zoom hui on Friday at 10am.



Winners will be announced at the special PC4L zoom hui tomorrow at 10am



STEAM extension group

The Steam extension children have been working most of the year on developing a Native Garden at the back corner of the back field. They finally finished most of the planting on Tuesday which is perfect timing with the current 'planting' season and the upcoming holiday period. Thank you Whaea Jo Budd for your commitment in working with these enthusiastic children. We look forward to taking care of this area and developing the corner as a feature within our school.



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

- Positive culture 4 learning (PC4L) prize giving zoom Friday 1st October 10am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82745698739?pwd=U3c3QWhuT1dBa2k3dExhYnpSVzR2dz09>

- Term 4 starts Monday 18 October
- Year 3 EOTC trip to Waihi Tuesday 26 October and Wednesday 27 October
- Term 1 2022 out of zone enrolment applications close Thursday 28 October
- Next BOT meeting Thursday 28 October
- Teacher only day Friday 12 November