



TE KURA O MAUNGATAPU MAUNGATAPU SCHOOL

School newsletter - Week 6 Term 2 2022

School roll - 515

Kia ora koutou katoa.

We start this newsletter with an acknowledgment and farewell to our longstanding caretaker Ross Prestidge. Ross has served as a caretaker at Maungatapu School for over 30 years. During this time, Mr Prestidge or Matua Ross (as he was later known as) has experienced many changes and challenges including four different principals whom he has worked under.

Ross still has 3 grandchildren who attend Maungatapu School. His retirement will allow him more time to spend with his grandchildren and more time to look after himself. We all wish Ross a successful and well deserved retirement. Coincidentally, his retirement coincides with the Queens birthday honours. Ross' service, in my view, deserves a similar honour. There will be a special farewell assembly for Ross on Friday 1st July. On that note, we welcome our stand-in caretaker Mr John Thompson or Matua John. John has been on our MASH committee over the past 3 years and also has 3 children who attend our school.

ERO visit

Yesterday we had our first official visit from the Education Review Office or ERO. The visit was very positive and focused on compliance of our school systems. Following the new ERO model, the review process will be ongoing for the next 3 years. We look forward to future visits and keeping you updated.

Teaching and office staff first aid trained

Last Friday our teaching and office staff all completed the 'first responder' first aid course. It is reassuring that we have the expertise among staff who can manage and administer first aid at any given time.

Matariki learning

Children are all involved in learning an aspect about Matariki. A good way to break it down is that there are 9 stars in the Matariki cluster. Our cohorts are focussing on the following

Year 5/6	Waiti (Fresh water environments)
Year 4	Tupu a rangi (Forests and native wild life)
Year 3	Waitā (Oceans)
Year 2	Tupu a nuku (Edible plants)
Year 1	Hiwa i te rangi (Hopes and dreams of the future)
STEAM	Pohutukawa (Memories of the past)
Te Pūwhārki	Ururangi (Ngā hau o Tāwhirimātea)

House points

Points are awarded for our environment, weekly academic and cultural challenges, value cards and school wide events

Red House	535
Yellow House	530
Green house	435
Blue House	445

School Banking Update

First Credit Union wishes to advise parents that School Banking will resume in Term 2.

If you wish to open an account, please get an application from the school office!



ATTENDANCE WEEK 5 TERM 2

81.45%

Year 1	79%
Year 2	78%
Year 3	74%
Year 4	82%
Year 5	85%
Year 6	89%

Highest attendance class; Room 15 at 95%

Please continue to contact the school office if your child is away (07) 5440 858.

Health Curriculum consultation survey

Thank you for sharing your input with our health curriculum consultation process. It is a Ministry of Education requirement for school Boards of Trustees to consult with communities regarding how health education is implemented in their school. We continue to rely on the expertise within our community to support the delivery of our health curriculum. These include; Kia Kaha (Yr 4-6 NZ Police Education), Keeping Ourselves Safe (Yr 0-3 NZ Police Education), Cycle Safety, Road Safety, Digital Citizenship, Water Safety, Surf Life Saving and Life Education. Our SENCO teacher will be attending a Ministry of Education workshop based on Relationships and Sexuality education. This is on Tuesday 14th June. Following this workshop our consultation survey will close and a statement will be shared with our parent community.

A link to the survey doc can be found here and will be shared via Facebook and Seesaw:

<https://forms.gle/WBn1Ek6E5k2F41WX6>.

Out of zone enrolments

The deadline for the receipt of applications for an out of zone enrolment are as follows:

Term 3: Thursday 2 June 2022, with ballot if needed Friday 3 June 2022

Term 4: Thursday 25 August 2022, with ballot if needed Friday 26 August 2022

Parents of students turning five, who live within the home zone and intend enrolling their child at any time during 2022, should notify the appropriate school as soon as possible to assist the school to plan appropriately for 2022.

Can you believe it's June already? - Health mental wellbeing tips

Six months have come and gone just like that. With the weather taking a turn, we are certainly feeling the cold. Winter certainly is a time when people need a bit more of a check in, a phone call, or a spontaneous visit.

So, some steps to achieving that healthy mental wellbeing this month:



1. Run through your contact list



2. Pick someone you haven't connected with in a while or someone you know needs a check in.



3. CALL them (no hesitation just do it)



4. Say hi, and check in and ask how they are?



5. If they are busy - schedule a time to reconnect



6. And just listen- these actions let people know how important they are to you and watch them shift.

Police Vetting

At Te Kura o Maungatapu, we police vet parent volunteers for camp or overnight activities. Next term, our year 5/6 students will be involved in an overnight camp at Finley Camp in Cambridge and Te Pūwhāriki have a noho at Whetu Marae. Dates have been approved for week 6, which is from the 29th to the 31st of August for Finley Park and from the 12th to the 14th September for Whetu Marae. Please see the office for a police vet form if you're interested in helping as the vetting process can take up to 6 weeks.

Up coming events

Mid year reports home

Friday 10th June

Paraire Pedallers Mountain Bike club

Friday 10th June

Freshmoves Baycourt

Tuesday 14 June

World Cup Basketball

Thursday 16th June

MASH Mufti day Matariki

Thursday 23rd June

Matariki Hangi week

Monday 27th - Friday 1st July