



# TE KURA O MAUNGATAPU MAUNGATAPU SCHOOL

## School newsletter - Week 2 Term 1 2023

School roll - 524

### Kia ora koutou katoa.

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year and a special warm welcome to all our new whānau who have started this year at Maungatapu School. Our natural environment at our school is unique and is reflected in our school mission statement - Nurturing learners ki te Ao Tūroa. In this instance Te Ao Tūroa means natural environment. If we look after our environment, it will look after us. All learners at Maungatapu School are nurtured through this statement and staff treat our children like they are their own.

Teachers are setting classroom routines, expectations and continue to work on setting a class culture based around our school values:

Manaakitia te tangata - Respect our people

Tiakina te taiao - Respect our environment

Kia tika, kia pono - Be honest

Kia kaha, kia māia - Be courageous.

I would like to introduce 3 new teachers to our teaching staff

We have Taine Craig Ranga teaching year 5/6 students out of room 18.

Taine has many teaching qualities that will suit our senior school students.

Taine has whakapapa to Otawhiwhi (Bowentown) and whakaapa to teaching as his mother is a Deputy Principal in another school.

Kelsey O'Neale grew up in Tauranga and was at our school last year completing her final teaching practicum. She too brings many skills and qualities to teaching and will add value to our junior school team.

Finally, we have Faren Ormond in Te Pūwhāriki which is our Māori immersion classrooms. She is teaching new entrants and has established a wonderful rapport with these children. Her class is based from the Wharetohi which is next to the hall.

### Paid Union Meeting - Wednesday 1st March

All teachers in New Zealand who are union members are being called to a paid union meeting during term 1. The meeting for our teachers is on Wednesday 1st March. Unfortunately due to most of our teachers being members of the teacher union - NZEI, we are unable to manage children safely at school as per normal. We therefore will be closing early on Wednesday 1st March at 12.15pm. More details and information will be forthcoming. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

## School communication

We use a range of methods to communicate general information with parents and our school community including Facebook, Seesaw, regular newsletters, email and the school website.

Facebook; this is used for many different purposes. Facebook allows us to post messages instantaneously to our whānau and community.

Seesaw was our most popular and preferred method of communicating last year. These messages are more personalised to your child's class and cohort. See your child's teacher if you are not yet connected.

A school newsletter is shared via email and as a paper copy once a fortnight. If you would like a paper copy, please let the office know.

Our school website is informative, especially for new parents. There is a google calendar on our website you can use to view upcoming events.

Reporting and conferences are held and conducted throughout the year.

Parents are asked to contact the school if their child will be absent or late that day.

Please keep your contact details up to date, especially your emergency contact details. Our office staff will notify you if your child has any injury that is of concern.

## ATTENDANCE GOAL 2023

# 90%

Everyday  
Every week

## 2023 Music lessons



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# 2023 Music Lessons

**This year is going to be something special!!!**

In 2023 the school is going to be alive with the sounds of music

Working with "Music in Schools"  
students have the chance to be involved with weekly lessons in...

  
**UKULELE**  
Ages 5+

  
**PIANO**  
Ages 5+

  
**GUITAR**  
Ages 6+

  
**BASS**  
Ages 7+

  
**DRUMS**  
Ages 7+

  
**SINGING**  
Ages 8+

**SPACES LIMITED SO GET IN TOUCH NOW!!!**

**Contact Jacob from Music In Schools for more information and to register for lessons**

**LESSONS START WEDNESDAY 15TH FEB**



Jacob has personally taught over 25,000 music lessons!

- Join by yourself or with a friend
- Improve reading and comprehension
- Increase discipline and time management
- Develop better social skills
- Stimulate creativity

*"It always blows my mind how much of an impact our weekly lessons have on the kids. Not just in their skills on the guitar etc, but in all areas! Their overall confidence, the ability to set goals and achieve targets, plus being able to work well with others and focus in class. Also due to the nature of the lessons, classroom teachers constantly note big improvements in reading skills and a huge improvement in maths"*

Jacob Gordon - Founder of Music in Schools

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## School docs policy website

Maungatapu School SchoolDocs - Policies and Procedures

Here is the link to SchoolDocs, a website for our school policies and procedures.

The school works on a subscription basis with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies, which have been well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school and where necessary, SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines. Our board has the opportunity to view changes/ additions and comment on them before they are implemented.

We invite you to visit the site by following these steps

1. Go to [schooldocs.co.nz](http://schooldocs.co.nz)
2. Click **Search for your school**.
3. Start typing the school's name and select it from the dropdown list.
4. Enter the username: maungatapu and password: tui

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## NZ Histories and Rotary Park proposal

All schools across the country are preparing for the implementation of the new **Aotearoa New Zealand Histories curriculum**, which has now been mandated in all schools and will be released in March this year. We started our implementation phase in 2021 when a group of students wrote letters to the council, to recognise the original name for Rotary Park and Rat Island. Moving forward to 7 February 2023, a group of students were invited to speak to the council commissioners and members about the proposal. As a result, a motion was passed for Rotary Park to have dual naming along with 'Ōpūpū' being the original name. Students were also asked if they could provide some history and information about this beautiful place. Watch this space as we investigate QR code readers as an option.

## The Whipped Baker

We are in the process of being able to offer lunch orders on a Friday using our local bakery The Whipped Baker. A menu and ordering system will be shared once it has been finalised.



## Upcoming events

- Wednesday 15th February Music lessons start
- Thursday 16th February Year 5/6 trip to Ōpūpū and Year 4 golf (weather depending)
- Monday 20th February Vision and Hearing technician visit
- Wednesday 22nd February BOT meeting 5.30pm
- Wednesday 1st March School closed early 12.15pm Paid Union Meeting

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