



# TE KURA O MAUNGATAPU MAUNGATAPU SCHOOL

## School newsletter - Week 4 Term 1 2023

School roll - 528

### Kia ora koutou katoa.

Welcome to our second newsletter for 2023.

I thank you for your understanding and responsiveness towards the communications that were shared last week, when we made the decision to close school on Tuesday. Our thoughts are with all our whānau who have been affected by Cyclone Gabrielle and in response, we are hosting a mufti day today where our proceeds will go to support one of the schools in the Hawkes Bay.

Our school calendar is packed with excitement between now and the end of the term. We have many EOTC events planned, house leader selections, sport events, music lessons, children pilates, the opening of our school library and all going well the opening of our new classroom block at the front of the school. We also have the Education Review Office returning on Tuesday 28th March, which is in week 9 of the term. ERO provide written quality assurance reports that are available for the public.

### New van

We finally have our new school van that was sponsored by our School MASH committee. MASH have managed to raise enough funds over the past 2 years for us to purchase a van that will serve our community and benefit our students. Once our van has graphics on it, expect to see it out and about. Ngā mihi MASH.



### 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. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

## Community news

### 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.

### Matatini - National Kapa Haka

It was amazing to see the festival back on its feet. Big mihi to both our Tauranga kapa that performed; Ranginui and Tūtara Kauika ki Rangataua. Both groups were outstanding and Maungatapu School had many whānau on stage. A special mention also to Matua Te Hira for his performance with his group Kia Ngawari - Poho kereru ana!

### School Sun Hats

Sun Hats are a compulsory part of our school uniform. There is a choice of a wide brimmed navy hat or a navy bucket hat. They are to be worn in Terms 1 and 4 while outside. Please ensure that they are clearly named.

### MASH

Maungatapu Army School Helpers have their AGM coming up next month. This is an opportunity to get involved and support our school with fundraising events and initiatives.

## ATTENDANCE GOAL 2023

# 90%

Everyday  
Every week

### Focus areas for 2023

This year we are aiming to develop academies of excellence by extending our curriculum areas and opportunities for students. To achieve this we have 5 focus areas as a school, for staff and students.

1. **Hauora/Mindfulness;** Research shows that children will gain and grow more as learners when they (mind and heart) are in a calm state. Teachers are providing different approaches throughout the day to achieve this.
2. **Cultural capabilities and development;** This is a government interest area and priority. As part of our teacher inquiries this year, we will be learning more about our history, our land and our people. This is inclusive of all cultures.
3. **Leadership;** Students will be lead through a strengths based learning approach. This is where the individual strengths of the learner are recognised and nurtured. The approach also applies to staff, where we provide the best learning opportunities possible based on the strengths of the teacher.
4. **Professional learning development;** teachers will pursue PLD that is relevant to our students needs and focus areas for 2023.
5. **Integration;** learning in the classroom will be connected across curriculum areas. The STEAM classroom as at the heart of this learning and teachers provide the experiences for their students.

### 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](https://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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### Ted Daniel - Student on the stage

Ted Daniel is working offsite (distance learning) whilst following an acting role in the movie Maunga. The movie is being produced in Taranaki where Ted is currently based with his whanau.

Maunga (Mountain) is a story about three children whose lives have been upended by war and the tragic consequences of which they have no control over. It is told through their eyes and voices, and explores how they come to terms with their grief through sharing stories and helping each other cope.

The children are from three very different cultures and experiences, and the story shows how grief is universal and transcends cultural differences.



### Upcoming events

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| • Wednesday 1st March | Paid Union Teacher meetings - School closes at 12.15pm |
| • Tuesday 28 February | Year 5/6 Golf  |
| • Thursday 2nd March  | Top Schools Gate Pa                                    |
| • Wednesday 8th March | Senior school swimming                                 |
| • Thursday 9th March  | Year 3/4 swimming sports                               |
| • Tuesday 28 March    | ERO visit  |
| • Wednesday 29 March  | BOT meeting  |

**Kia kaha kia māia - Be courageous**   **Kia tika kia pono - Be honest**

**Manaakitia te tangata, tiakina te tāiao - Be respectful**