



TE KURA O MAUNGATAPU MAUNGATAPU SCHOOL

School newsletter - Week 10 Term 1 2023

School roll - 548

Kia ora koutou katoa

Time flies when you are busy and having fun. Our term has been a combination of both and we are ready to anchor our waka for two weeks and rest whilst we plan ahead for term 2. We have had a very productive and positive term, finished by an extremely successful ERO visit last week.

I wish to acknowledge all our staff here at Maungatapu School for their efforts in driving our school curriculum with a focus on student well being and achievement. I am proud of our curriculum, it is diverse and caters for all learners. There are no excuses for each and every child to not experience success here at Maungatapu School - Tane Bennett Principal.

Aqua Survival Skills

The team of professional swim trainers from Aqua Survival were highly impressed with our children, their teachers and the overall positive attitude among each class. We were extremely fortunate to have them available everyday to provide water survival lessons for our children.

Teacher only day

On Monday 24th April most schools in Tauranga have a teachers only day planned. This day is a directive from the Ministry of Education and is to provide teachers an opportunity to plan and understand how to implement the refreshed NZ curriculum. The NZ curriculum hasn't been updated since 2007 and we are at a stage where we can implement effective teaching and learning pedagogies that work for all children.

School hours

We are noticing children arriving to school before 8am which is an hour before school officially starts. These children are often unsupervised as teachers are normally in meetings early in the morning preparing for the day, week or term ahead. Furthermore, with the colder mornings now upon us, children are having to wait outside their classroom until they open, which is at 8.30am for most.

We do have a breakfast club that starts at 8.15am and is based in the hall kitchen area. All children are welcomed and encouraged to attend breakfast club, the menu is Weetbix, milk and sometimes a Milo. Good manners is an expectation.

New teacher

We have a new teacher starting in Room 10 next term to accommodate roll growth numbers. We are pleased to announce that this teacher will be Louisa Rawlings. Louisa comes to us with over 20 years teaching experience, mainly in the junior school area. She also has early childhood teaching experience and will comfortably slot in to our teaching team here at Maungatapu School.

Community news

School pool

The school pool will be closed on the last day of term which is Thursday 6th April. Please return all pool keys to the office.

CBK and Station 83 restaurants

CBK and Station 83 restaurants have kindly offered to sponsor Player of the Day certificates and a free kids cookie pudding at either of their restaurants. They are also looking at sponsoring our staff next term for the wonderful work they do with our tamariki.



House points

Points are awarded for environment, pōtae, value cards and house events ie swimming

Red House 605

Blue House 650

Yellow House 620

Green house 705

Term 1 house winners

Green

ATTENDANCE GOAL FOR 2023

90%

Current attendance = 85%

Top attendance class

Room 15 @ 90%

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
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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Wake race photos 2023



Results juniors

New entrants

- 1st - Harlem
- 2nd - Joshua
- 3rd - Darcy

Year 1

- 1st - Adelaide Rm 12
- 2nd - Flynn Rm 11
- 3rd - Kylo Rm 11
- 4th - Violet Rm 11

Year 2

- 1st - Harmony
- 2nd - Mia
- 3rd - Quinten
- 4th - Nate

Year 3

- 1st - Liam
- 2nd - Levi
- 3rd - Vinh
- 4th - Bentley

Results seniors

Year 4

- 1st - Holly H
- 2nd - Millie F
- 3rd - Henry
- 4th - Levi B

Year 5

- 1st - London
- 2nd - Hannah H
- 3rd - Asha
- 4th - Lusua, Willow and Teaghan

Year 6

- 1st - Braxton
- 2nd - Jack
- 3rd - Max
- 4th - Temera

We will collate house points for next term

New classrooms

The builders working at the front of the school are on track to finishing the two new classrooms to open early next term. One of these rooms will be used by students who are currently in Room 20. The other room will become our new STEAM class. There is also an office space at the end of one of the classes and a kitchen serving window at the front, adjacent to the library. A notice will be shared to our community regarding the official opening.

Wicked Wednesday; Bike, scooter, hikoi to school

The Wicked Wednesday challenge was a house competition last week

Below are last weeks winners:

Blue = 1st, Yellow = 2nd, Red = 3rd, Green = 4th

Upcoming events

- Every Wednesday 1.30pm Transition visits in Room 23; For children who are about to start school.
- Thursday 6 April Last day of term 1
- Teacher Only Day Monday 24th April (Term 2)
- Anzac Day Tuesday 25th April
- Term 2 starts. Wednesday 26th April
- School Cross Country Wednesday 10 May
- BOT Meeting Wednesday 17 May

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

Manaakitia te tangata, tiakina te tāiao - Be respectful