



TE KURA O MAUNGATAPU MAUNGATAPU SCHOOL

School newsletter - Week 2 Term 2 2023

School roll - 559

Kia ora koutou katoa

Welcome to term 2, 2023

A special welcome to all our new families who have started this term here at Maungatapu School. Once you are part of the Maungatapu School Whanau you establish a life time connection with the land, people and history of our community. This is one of the elements that makes us unique from other schools and communities.

I especially wish to welcome Louisa Rawlings, new teacher in Room 10 to our school. Louisa comes with a wealth of experience teaching new entrant and junior school children. She is a great addition to the junior school team and our school as a whole.

Pause Breathe Smile - Mindfulness professional learning development

Pause Breathe Smile is a health and well being programme that is having a demonstrably positive impact in schools and kura throughout Aotearoa.

Dr Matthew Clark, Chief Medical Officer for Southern Cross Healthcare said, "Our own Healthy Futures research for 2022 has exposed some concerning results, including how so many parents now believe their youngsters are not coping well. This means it's really important kids have access to some proven tools they can rely on to help build resilience.

"In only two years, the Pause Breathe Smile team has taught thousands of teachers and their students how to de-escalate anxiety and stress, and to better navigate the weirdly uncertain times we've all been facing. When you're pint-sized, problems can seem much bigger, so teaching our tamariki to manage their emotions and reactions in a positive way helps them in so many areas. At the end of this term, we have a teacher only day dedicated towards this programme. This teacher only day is on **Friday 30 June**.

Out of zone enrolments

The only space we currently have available for out of zone enrolments is in our year 3 mainstream cohort. For enrolments in Te Pūwhāriki, priority is given to children who have attended a Kohanga reo and/or are whānau of our local hapu. Meetings for enrolment in Te Puwhariki are held with our Associate Principal, Teraania Ormsby-Teki.

Te Reo Maori and Nearpod zoom

This is an invite to all families to join a zoom link and be part of one of our Te Reo Maori lessons that our children take part in. Children connect to the lesson using their iPads and an app called Nearpod. This app is simple to download and use, all you need is a code and you are in.

The zoom link and code will be shared via Facebook, Seesaw and via our school calendar on our website. Lessons start at 11.45am for juniors and 1.45pm for seniors, Monday and Wednesday.

Community news

School pool key holders.

The school pool is now closed.
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 sponsoring our staff with a dinner voucher each week, for the wonderful work they do with our tamariki.



House points update

Red House 585

Blue House 635

Yellow House 635

Green house 705

ATTENDANCE GOAL FOR 2023

90%

Top attendance class

Room 21 @ 92.5%

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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STEAM teaching and learning

STEAM encourages ākonga to think outside of the traditional, siloed disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math. Instead, students combine these subject areas to investigate new fields like bioengineering. That means a curriculum that incorporates STEAM is a future-focused one, as many areas of investigation, and even new disciplines, are being born from investigating any number of combinations of STEAM.

The inclusion of the arts, or the "A" in STEAM, is a natural progression from STEM pedagogies. In a recent literature review of international STEAM learning, researchers noted that the addition of arts may help student understanding of STEM subjects, improving student performance in all areas of the curriculum. Researchers also noted that arts integration is not limited to creative design, but may also incorporate language and humanities as subjects of interest in a wider STEAM project.

New classrooms

The final touches always seem to take the longest and we are waiting for these to be done for us to officially open the new classrooms. The jobs are mainly outside which involve, landscaping, pathways and drainage.

Waka race photos - Term 1, 2023



Upcoming events

- Every Wednesday 1.30pm Transition visits in Room 23; For children who are about to start school.
- Tuesdays 8.00am Kids Pilates in the Library (See Katie our school librarian)
- Wednesday 10 May School cross country
- Tuesday 16 May Year 3/4 Art Gallery trip (Rooms 5 and 13)
- Wednesday 17 May BOT Meeting
- Wednesday 17 May Year 3/4 Art Gallery trip (Rooms 14 and 21)
- Thursday 18 May School cross country postponement date
- Friday 19 May Year 3/4 Art gallery trip (Rooms 25 and 26)

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

Manaakitia te tangata, tiakina te tāiao - Be respectful