



# TE KURA O MAUNGATAPU MAUNGATAPU SCHOOL

## School newsletter - Week 8 Term 2 2023

School roll - 570

### Kia ora koutou katoa.

#### Welcome to term 3, 2023.

A special welcome to all our new whānau who have started this term at Maungatapu School. We have 4 new staff members who have started with us recently: Moihi Gardiner, Lauren Tynan, Klaire Young and Caitlin Geraghty.

Moihi is a teacher aide with responsibilities alongside individual students, planning and running sport in Te Pūwhāriki and general school property maintenance. He has been a wonderful addition to our school and has already taken the Boys 5's rugby and the year 3/4 basketball to tournaments placing 3rd in both events.

Lauren returns as a new entrant roll growth teacher based out of room 4. Lauren has had a fantastic start to the year and is well supported by her junior school teaching team.

Klaire is a new teacher aide who is providing literacy support for our year 5/6 learners and will shortly begin to support our junior school literacy programmes too. She has a background in teaching and brings a knowledge base to her role that is well sort after in the classroom.

Caitlin replaces Hayley Judd who has just given birth to her new baby girl. Caitlin is a beginning teacher who fits right into our school culture and expectations. She is an ex student of Maungatapu School and brings with her a passion and ethic of care to her classroom environment.

#### Out of zone enrolments

Due to our school roll growing faster than we had expected, we are unable to accept any more out of zone enrolments until further notice.

#### Learning this term

Our integrated learning theme this term fits under the umbrella of acknowledgement and appreciation. Students are learning about their individual names and why their names are significant and special to them and their whānau. We are also in the process of naming our school houses (This will be student driven) and naming our soon-to-be coffee cafe. Amongst all this is our year 5/6 camp to Finlay Park in week 7. These students will have St John's first aid training provided prior to going on camp. We also acknowledge Mahuru Māori in week 8 which is a national event celebrating the revitalisation of Te Reo Māori across our nation. Keep an eye out for upcoming sports events by following our Facebook page.

#### Some names that have been put forward so far for our cafe:

Tui cafe, Magnificent coffee, Skinny cat, Tui tumeke cafe, Kapai kawhe, Bean there, drank that!

## Community news

### 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.



## House points update

<b>Red House</b>	<b>735</b>
<b>Blue House</b>	<b>715</b>
<b>Yellow House</b>	<b>725</b>
<b>Green house</b>	<b>780</b>

## Attendance

Our attendance levels have dropped to 85% across the school, which is 5% below our attendance target. 5% of our roll is approximately 29 students.

On the flip side, our attendance hit 96% on Tuesday, which was ironically our school photo day.

The school senior management team will be planning and developing an attendance strategy to aim for '96%' everyday.

## ATTENDANCE GOAL FOR 2023

# 90%

Top attendance class  
Room 23 @ 93%

## Principal board report and matters of interest

At our last board meeting, the principal presented to the board the following matters that may be of interest to you as whānau.

1. EOTC - The Kapa Haka trip proposal to Nelson has been approved by the board.
2. Bike track - A bike track design will be presented at the next board meeting for approval.
3. Mid year student achievement data will feature at the next board meeting.
4. Following the mid year conferences this year, whānau of children in Te Pūwhāriki have expressed an interest to have their children continue their education at Maungatapu School beyond year 6.
5. The year 5/6 students took part in 'Bike wise' as part of our health curriculum
6. We have over 20 students who attend our breakfast club every morning.
7. Children in our junior school are receiving the benefits of the BSLA Better start literacy approach.
8. PLD foci for term 2 have involved; DMIC math (Te Pūwhāriki), Middle school leadership and courageous conversations, Mindfulness with Pause Breath Smile (whole school), Ako Ararau, Te Ahu o Te Reo (optional Reo Māori course)

## Daintee Ladies Knitting

From time to time we receive special hand knitted garments from the Daintee Ladies knitting group. Over the years they have donated hundreds of items to our school. for kids to wear and keep warm. This year they have knitted 'Twiddle Muffs' which are like gloves for kids to wear in class. We appreciate their on-going support and generosity.



Although it's cold outside come have some fun and warm up with our "Glow in the Dark" Disco. This will be held on 10 August starting with our junior school from 5pm and Seniors from 6.15 at the school hall. Please check your notices for the permission slip. As parents you are also welcome to come join the fun as a helper - sign up at [www.bit.ly/2023T3HELP](http://www.bit.ly/2023T3HELP)

MASH is a voluntary committee made up of parents and teachers to help with fundraising for the school to get that little bit extra. New sports uniforms, library books and sporting equipment are just some of the things we raise funds for as these are continually being replaced.

If you ever wondered what MASH does and would like to attend and maybe get involved; our next meeting will be on 7 August at 7pm in the staffroom.



**Te Whatu Ora**  
Health New Zealand

Te Whatu Ora Minor Ailment Scheme has been put in place to ensure that students and their families have access to free advice, free medicines and with the ZOOM Pharmacy service free delivery to their home.

Any child under the age of 14 and any family members with similar symptoms are able to receive this service completely free!

To learn more about who is eligible and what conditions are funded you can visit [www.zoompharmacy.co.nz/mas](http://www.zoompharmacy.co.nz/mas)

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## Upcoming events

- Every Wednesday 1.30pm *Transition visits in Room 23; For children who are about to start school.*
- Monday 31st July. *Ear van nurse*
- Wednesday 2nd August. *Intermediate visiting Maungatapu (Year 8 speakers)*
- Thursday 10 August *School disco*
- Monday 7th to Friday 11th August *Foodbank week*
- Wednesday 16 August *BOT Meeting*
- Friday 22nd September *Last Day of Term 3*