



# TE KURA O MAUNGATAPU MAUNGATAPU SCHOOL

## School newsletter - Week 1 Term 4 2023

School roll - 592

### Kia ora koutou katoa

#### Welcome to term 4 of 2023.

Term 4 is always the busiest term of the year and as educators we find ourselves working hard, so that our tamariki can achieve their best possible learning outcomes by the end of the year. Reaching their potential can only happen with the right encouragement and support from home. To help in this regard, you can stay connected with your child's learning via Seesaw and continue to be in touch with his/her learning achievements, milestones and class notices.

The senior management team will also be busy planning for 2024. Planning in term 4 involves parent voice, staffing and budgeting. Below you will find a link to our 2024 parent survey. Please take the time to fill this in.

#### Maungatapu School - 2024 and beyond community survey

School boards must now consult with their communities when developing their school strategic plans. This is to allow all stakeholders an opportunity to be involved in the school planning process. Since 2019, we have consulted with our parent community by sending out a google survey to help with the strategic planning process. Your voice is invaluable to us. We would appreciate 5 minutes of your time to complete this survey doc. The responses will be collated and shared with the Board of Trustees at our next BOT meeting in October, 2023. Link to survey is below:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSchWcp4CyJThPuzdqu4w10U5lLt2dFJN0SbjMwM5oK7ovpzg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSchWcp4CyJThPuzdqu4w10U5lLt2dFJN0SbjMwM5oK7ovpzg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

#### Kapa Haka Nelson and EOTC

This week the Year 4 team head off to Otanewainuku as part of their learning outside the classroom experience. We are pleased that we can offer EOTC at 'no' or 'minimal' cost to parents and whānau. This is mainly because our school has opted into the school donations scheme which supports costs associated with an EOTC event. Where necessary, schools are able to ask for a fee or payment where the EOTC involves an overnight stay. On that note, and with only 2 weeks remaining, our Kapa haka children (44), teachers and parent helpers head off to Nelson to compete at the National Primary School Kapa haka competition.

#### Early pick up times (5 year olds)

We are trialling an early pick up time of 2.45pm for five year olds in Rooms 23, 10, 4 and 17. The earlier pick up time of 2.45pm will help us keep kids safe after school. The health and safety of all our children is a priority.

### Community news

Voting for the upcoming elections will take place at our school on Saturday 14 October.

Voting poll booths will be set up in our school library from 9.00am - 4.00pm.



### School Bike Track

We have secured some sponsorship funding from *Bike-on NZ*, *Rotary* and the *TCC* to construct a cycle track at school. We are now consulting with our neighbouring properties before finalising our planning for the works to commence.

Bike track design below:

If you have any questions about the bike track, please email [owen@maungatapu.school.nz](mailto:owen@maungatapu.school.nz)



### House points update

<b>Red House</b>	<b>935</b>
<b>Blue House</b>	<b>955</b>
<b>Yellow House</b>	<b>885</b>
<b>Green house</b>	<b>985</b>

### ATTENDANCE FOR TERM 3 2023

**87%**

Top attendance class Week 1 Term 4

Room 21 @ 91%

### School docs policy website

Maungatapu 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.



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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**Next MASH meeting: Monday 16th October 2023.**

### House names - student voice

Last term, the students in our year 3/4 cohort researched names that would fit for our school houses.

A common theme that appeared from their research was native fauna, trees, birds, maunga and sea creatures.

We have decided to use sea creatures and the following names represent each house.

Kowhai - Pātiki (Flounder) Evasive, clever and never repeat the same mistake twice. 'E kore the pātiki e hoki ki tōna puehu.' 'Ko au the Pātiki, ko te Pātiki ko au'



Blue - Whai (Stingray) Whai like to stick together when they are young and care for each other. They are playful, gracious and kaitiaki of many hāpu within Tauranga Moana. Kaitiaki = guardian/protector.



Red - Kākahi (Orca). From time to time, Kākahi visit our local harbour (Rangataua) to swim, play and reconnect with their traditional passages from years gone by. They whakapapa to the dolphin family.



Green - Haku (Kingfish) The haku (kingi) once lived in the Rangataua harbour in numbers. They would chase bait fish at certain times of the year under the Maungatapu bridge.



### Teacher Only Day(s)

We have two teacher only days scheduled for term 4. The first day was planned at the end of last year and falls on Friday 20 October, which is the Friday before labour weekend.

The second day has been provided by the Ministry of Education. Maungatapu School will hold this Teacher Only Day on Friday 24th November. The focus of the day will be to unpack the new refreshed NZ curriculum.

### Upcoming events

- Every Wednesday 1.30pm Transition visits in Room 23; For children who are about to start school.
- Every Wednesday Music classes in the hall
- Saturday 14 October Election voting day (School Library)
- Wednesday 18 October BOT Meeting
- Friday 20 October Teacher Only Day
- Monday 23 October Labour Day

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

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