



TE KURA O MAUNGATAPU MAUNGATAPU SCHOOL

School newsletter - Week 5 Term 4 2023

School roll - 600

Kia ora koutou katoa

Welcome to week 5 of term 4, 2023.

What a wonderful week it has been with our Kapa Haka results capped off with school athletics. Our roll has hit a record 600 students and we are now past the half way mark of term 4.

Athletics Sprint Results - Year 5/6

Year 5 girls 60m sprints

1st Olivia Townsend
2nd Willow Riley
3rd Roza Jonathan

Year 5 boys 60m sprints

1st Reid Robinson
2nd Nathan Willats
3rd Stanley O'Connor

Year 6 girls 60m sprints

1st Tiana Fryer
2nd Monet Wassung
3rd Hannah Blakemore

Year 6 boys 60m sprints

1st Riley Keepa-Nabbs
2nd Troy Badger
3rd Rilley Pickering

Year 5 girls 100m sprints

1st Willow Riley
2nd Olivia Townsend
3rd Roza Jonathan

Year 5 boys 100m sprints

1st Reid Robinson
2nd Stanley O'Connor
3rd Jaxon Jones

Year 6 girls 100m sprints

1st Tiana Fryer
2nd Monet Wassung
3rd Ceira Chaplin

Year 6 boys 100m sprints

1st Riley Keepa-Nabbs
2nd Troy Badger
3rd Bayley Kahotea

Congratulations to all those that competed and especially to those that placed in the top 3 for each activity. A year 5/6 representative group will be heading off to the South Cluster competition on Wednesday 15 November. A separate newsletter will be forthcoming.

Kapa Haka Nelson.

On Monday, our children were welcomed back from Nelson with a special ceremony acknowledging their achievements. The ropu finished 2nd at the Mana Kuratahi Kapa Haka competition.



Results: 1st= Girl leader, 3rd= Boy leader, 3rd Kakahu, 1st Titonga hou (new waiata), 1st Kura Tau 0-6, 1st= Whakaeke, 1st= Moteatea, 1st Haka, 1st= Whakawatea, 3rd= Te Reo. As you can see we have had to share trophies by placing 1st= with other schools.

Community news

Palmers Garden World

A huge thanks to Ryan, Sean and the team at Palmers Welcome Bay for generously supplying us with vegetable seedlings for our school garden.

On that note, if you are a keen gardener, know your puha from your potatoes, and have a hour or two available to volunteer in the garden, please

contact donelle@maungatapu.school.nz

School Bike Track

We have secured some sponsorship funding from *Bike-on NZ*, *Rotary* and the *TCC* to construct a cycle track at school.



House points update

Red House	955
Blue House	985
Yellow House	1015
Green house	1005

ATTENDANCE FOR TERM 3 2023

86%

Top attendance class Week 4, Term 4

Room 28 @ 97%

School traffic management

The TCC road safety team and Waka Kotahi are one step closer to improving the road at the front of the school so that it is safer for our children. This includes upgrading the pedestrian crossing and adding two speed humps on either side of the school. The pedestrian crossing will be relocated near the library and the speed humps will be positioned near the BP garage and on the other side of Sunset Cres. The safety of our children is a priority and slowing down traffic from both sides of the school is definitely a positive step.

Creative Palette Art

Creative Palette Art is holding an annual Art Showcase on the 16th and 17th of November. The showcase will be held at Change Point Church 131 Poike Road, Tauranga, Show opening times are Thursday 16th November 11.30 - 730pm and Friday 17th November 9.30-5pm. Entry is a gold coin donation.



Book character day - Mufti day

This Friday we have a book character mufti day as a MASH organised fundraiser. The day will involve a mini parade so that students can show case their costumes and attire. The cost is a gold coin.

Upcoming MASH events:

- Red carpet disco: Thursday 23rd November.

House names - student voice

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.



Uniform Reminder Expectations

From time to time we have to remind students of our school uniform expectations. From next week till the end of the year, we are expecting students to be wearing the correct school uniform, to and from school.

Out of Zone enrolments

This year we have experienced exponential roll growth. Due to our roll being so high, we are unable to accept any out of zone enrolments until further notice.

Teacher Only Day

Our final teacher only day for the year is on Friday 24th November. The focus of the day will be to unpack the new refreshed NZ curriculum. We have guest speakers in on this day to present to staff the Te Mataiaho - NZ Refreshed Curriculum framework, the new mathematics and statistics curriculum and the new literacy progressions.

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
- Teacher Only Day Friday 24 November
- Next BOT meeting Tuesday 28 November (2024 Budget and 2023 Student achievement)
- Helpers morning tea shout. Tuesday 5th December

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

Manaakitia te tangata, tiakina te tāiao - Be respectful