



TE KURA O MAUNGATAPU MAUNGATAPU SCHOOL

School newsletter - Week 5 Term 1 2024

School roll - 567

Kia ora koutou katoa.

Welcome to our second newsletter for 2024.

Our school calendar is packed with a strengths based curriculum between now and the end of the term. We have many EOTC events planned, house leader selections, sport events, music lessons, the opening of our Tui Cafe and the opening of our new bike track at school.

We have our highest roll ever for this time of year, with a current roll of 567 students. To give a comparison, this time last year we were sitting on 525 students. A high roll is a positive sign, however, it does mean that we may need to change systems in our school to keep children safe. One system we have is the early pick up of new entrant children from room 22, which is at 2.45pm. Your support with these initiatives is appreciated, and next term we will need to look at adding a second class to this arrangement.

Paid Union Meeting - Thursday 21st March

All teachers in New Zealand who are union members are being called to a paid union meeting during term 1. The meeting date for our teachers is on Thursday 21st March. Our goal is to remain open on this day to avoid an early pick up at 12.00pm or closing altogether. It is important to note that the classroom programme on this day will not be normal and teachers will be covering other teachers across the school for this to work.

Travelling to and from school

Welcome to Term 1. To ensure a smooth start and to help our new families we have given some pointers below for navigating around our school.

Te Kura o Maungatapu encourages active modes of transport to support a healthy lifestyle.

Please remember to practise safe parking behaviour, obey the road rules, and choose safety over convenience.

- Pre-plan a meeting place with your children away from school to help reduce congestion. Parking areas can be found on Sunset Crescent, Ririnui Place and Vine Avenue. A great park and stride option or walking school bus can be at the top parking bay on Maungatapu Road
- Bike, walk, scooter to school to help reduce congestion, be fit and healthy.
- Use the designated new safe school crossing on Maungatapu Road, even if you need to walk a little further.

A reminder -

- No parking on footpaths.
- No stopping or parking on yellow lines.
- No double parking alongside other vehicles to pick up or drop off children.

Park safely. Parking on grass verges can make it difficult for children to see and be seen.

Thank you

School communication

We use a range of methods to communicate general information with parents and our school community including Facebook, Seesaw, regular newsletters, email and the school website.

Facebook; this is used for many different purposes. Facebook allows us to post messages instantaneously to our whānau and community.

Seesaw was our most popular and preferred method of communicating last year. These messages are more personalised to your child's class and cohort. See your child's teacher if you are not yet connected.

A school newsletter is shared via email and as a paper copy once a fortnight. If you would like a paper copy, please let the office know.

Our school website is informative, especially for new parents. There is a google calendar on our website you can use to view upcoming events.

Reporting and conferences are held and conducted throughout the year.

Parents are asked to contact the school if their child will be absent or late that day.

Please keep your contact details up to date, especially your emergency contact details. Our office staff will notify you if your child has any injury that is of concern.

ATTENDANCE GOAL 2024

87%

Everyday
Every week

Girls Surf Group

A group of girls have been out in the waves, learning how to surf thanks to Hibiscus Surf School, Tu Manawa Ora and Sport BOP. We have been extremely lucky with good waves and equally good weather.



New Bike Track

Finally, work on the new bike track has started and we are planning to have the track, a container, new bikes and a concrete pad ready before the end of the term. The bike track fits our strategic key focus area of developing playgrounds within our school. Thank you to Bike Wise NZ, TCC and the Tauranga Rotary Club.



School docs policy website

Below 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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New school pedestrian crossing

Thank you for your patience with the construction of our new pedestrian crossing. The old crossing is no longer in operation.

URGENT: We need parents to role model to their children, the correct way to cross a road where there's a crossing.

Too often we are seeing parents cross the road in the wrong place, ignoring the actual crossing itself.

We expect our children and their whānau to use the crossing correctly, to be responsible and ultimately to be a safe pedestrian at our school.

Upcoming events

- Week 6 *Student house speeches*
- Friday 1,8,15,22 March *Girls surf group out*
- Friday 1st March *Top Schools (Yr 5/6)*
- Every Wednesday *K J Dance and Music with Jakob*
- Tuesday 12 March *Senior School swimming sports*

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

Manaakitia te tangata, tiakina te tāiao - Be respectful