



School newsletter - Week 9 Term 2 2025

School roll - 594

Kia ora koutou katoa.

Welcome to our final school newsletter for term 2, 2025.

Principal's message

With a nine week term being slightly shorter than normal, we were still able to fit in a multitude of activities, even with two public holidays in between; Kings Birthday and Matariki. Recently, I was fortunate enough to spend two days in Sydney at a conference called EDUTECH, alongside two other teachers, Chris Dixon and Jo Naera. The conference was centred around AI or Artificial Intelligence and I was quickly reminded of how far technology has come over the past 6-7 years, which was the time when I first started here at Maungatapu School. A.I is here to stay, however I think as educators we need to; 'learn fast' but 'act slow'. Therefore, it is important to me that we educate ourselves and our tamariki to use A.I safely. One speaker spoke about how it is like fire. In one instance it can burn or harm you, alternatively, it can keep you warm to survive. One thing for certain, we should never underestimate human intelligence, which fits our new 'TUI kid' skills and attitudes acronym; **Team player, Understanding and Intelligence.**

Get On Board: Maungatapu School Board Elections 2025

The 2025 triennial school board elections are approaching, with voting scheduled between 3–19 September. This is a valuable opportunity for parents and caregivers to continue the success or current board initiatives at a governance level. The election process will be done online rather than by paper ballot. More information about the BOT elections will be shared next term.

HERO - New student management system

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, we are moving to a new student management system called HERO. HERO will provide you with up to date student progress, class newsletters and school notices. It will take a while to get set up and running smoothly however, ultimately it will improve and enhance our school wide communications. We will keep you updated with HERO and will look at starting the transition in term 4, 2025.

Farewell and Welcome

We farewell Thomas McCauley who is on refreshment leave and will be teaching abroad in Japan.

We also farewell Taine Craig - Ranga who is pursuing a professional rugby opportunity. Thank you both for your contributions to our school.

We welcome Kararaina Taikato-Whauwhau as our new administration assistant in the office.



CBK are located at 1 Devonport Rd in Tauranga. Once again this year they have come on board to support our staff and children by offering dinner vouchers and Free Cookie Skillets for kids. We encourage all whanau to support CBK as one of our school sponsors last year and this year.

<https://www.cbk.nz/locations/north-island/tauranga/> **07 578 4700**

Student attendance

Whilst our attendance data last year showed that we sat above the national average, there are definitely areas where we can move from 'Good' to 'Great' which will be a school wide focus this year.

Highest attendance class

Room 6 @ 93% for term 2

School wide attendance

86%

Goal for 2025

90%



We have purchased a new school gazebo with the funds coming from our MASH team.

The gazebo has our new logos on it, is a commercial grade and has already been used at the 5's rugby tournament this week.

100% attendance students

Congratulations to the following students achieving 100% attendance so far this year.

Y6 - HOKIANGA Jaxon	Rm16
Y6 - HUGHES Holly	Rm19
Y6 - THOMPSON Aria	Rm15
Y5 - WHITE Jude	Rm16
Y5 - DIXON Isla May	Rm26
Y5 - DODSON Harry	Rm26
Y3 - DODSON Penny	Rm24
Y3 - HARRISON Peter-Jack Te Amokeiha	Rm13
Y3 - RAHIPERE-BLACKBURN Aroha	Rm14
Y2 - WHITE Lola Rose	Rm05
Y2 - PATEL Alena Nikhil	Rm05
Y2 - SINGLETON Beau	Rm08
Y1 - COVELL Lucy	Rm12
Y1 - MOORES Lucy	Rm12
Y1 - VAN DEN BERG Evie Rose	Rm10
Y1 - DICKSON Harete Anne	Rm02
Y2 - JONES Dylan	Rm08
Y4 - WHITE Finley	Rm21
Y5 - DICKSON Ihaka	Rm17

We also have many students who have only been away for one day so far this year = 99%.

Fantastic effort everyone and keep it up! We will publish names by 'terms' at the end of term 3.

Rugby 5's Girls

A group of 9 girls qualified and competed at the BOP Chiefs rugby 5's tournament on Wednesday 25 June.

Many of these girls are new to playing rugby. Whilst they had a mix bag of results; winning two, losing two and one draw, they were able to win in another way by developing themselves and doing better each game. Ngā mihi girls!



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. 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

Millie Cross Country BOP champs

Millie competed in the BOP Primary School cross country event on Tuesday 25 June, and placed a remarkable 9th out of all the other competitors that qualified. Millie said she felt nervous at the start and thought she was going to come last. Mind over matter and she achieved an amazing 9th. She now qualifies for the North Island champs in Taupo. Good luck Millie!



Upcoming events Term 3

• Pōhiri 9.30am	Monday 14 July
• BOT meeting #4	Wednesday 23 July
• Raukura Rarotonga	Week 3, Term 3, 2025
KINDO payment due	Friday 11 July
• Kahui Ako Parent evening Kids online.	Thursday 31 July
• Year 3/4 EOTC trip to Hamilton	Tues 5/ Wed 6 August
• School photo day	Tuesday 12/13 August
• Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day	Monday 18 August
• Year 5/6 Camp	Mon 25 - Weds 27 Aug
Camp payment due online KINDO opening week 2, term 3.	

School is back Monday 14th July.
Happy holidays - Kia Haumaru/Stay safe.