



# TE KURA O MAUNGATAPU MAUNGATAPU SCHOOL

## School newsletter - Week 3 Term 3 2025

School roll - 614

### Kia ora koutou katoa.

Welcome to our first school newsletter for term 3, 2025.

#### From the Principal's desk

As we settle into Term 3, there's a fantastic buzz around the school! Our senior school students from Te Pūwhāriki are about to embark on an incredible journey to Rarotonga to participate in the Mae va Nui cultural dance celebration. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that will allow our students to immerse themselves in Cook Islands Māori culture, share their talents, and create unforgettable memories. We wish them all safe travels and look forward to hearing about their adventures!

#### School Uniform

It has been six years since we proudly introduced our new school logo which has given ample time for families to transition to the new uniform. To ensure consistency and pride in our school identity, please be aware that from the start of 2026, only the new school logo will be permitted on uniforms. A quick reminder of our uniform expectations: students are expected to wear navy blue shorts or long pants as part of their daily uniform. We are seeing a range of long pants in an assortment of colours which needs to be addressed by all whānau and caregivers.

#### Get On Board: Maungatapu School Board Elections 2025

The 2025 triennial school board elections are now open for parent nominations. Our school board is made up of 6 parent representatives, 1 x staff rep and the principal.

**Nominations close at  
12pm on Wednesday 6  
August.**

All eligible voters would have received a nomination pack by email. If you have not received a nomination pack, please contact the returning officer: [election@electionpilot.nz](mailto:election@electionpilot.nz) or call 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369)

Within this pack is a form. You can use this form to nominate yourself or someone else in our school community. Please check they are aware first!

## Get on board!

Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school board member.

Schooled Limited Returning Officer

If you have any questions, please contact our elections team on [election@electionpilot.nz](mailto:election@electionpilot.nz) or on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369).





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'

**Highest attendance class so far for term 3**

**Room 27 @ 91.7%**

**School wide attendance term 2, 2025**

**88%**

**School wide attendance term 2 2024**

**86%**

**School wide attendance 2025**

**87.5%**

**Attendance goal for 2025**

**90%**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The MASH team are after a photographer and a helper for the end of year student leavers magazine.

Contact

[MASH@maungatapu.school.nz](mailto:MASH@maungatapu.school.nz) if you would like more information.

### A Big Push for Reading at Home!

We need your help! Reading at home is absolutely critical for your child's reading fluency, comprehension, and overall literacy development. The more children read, the more confident and capable they become as readers. This term, we're putting a big push on getting books into homes and making reading a regular part of every family's routine. We strongly encourage you to:

- Read to your children: Even older children benefit from being read to.
- Read with your children: Take turns reading pages or paragraphs.
- Make it a routine: Set aside a consistent time each day, even just 10-15 minutes, for reading.

Whether it's picture books, chapter books, comics, or articles, every bit of reading helps.

Let's work together to foster a love of reading in our students!



### School docs policy website

Below is the link to SchoolDocs, a website for our school policies and procedures. 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](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

### Superstar net-ballers

Big mihi to our netball team that played last week in a tournament and went through the day undefeated, only having 2 goals scored against them the whole day. The most pleasing part was the positive sportsmanship they played with which was noted by coaches and the opposition. Thank you Tracey (parent coach) for taking the team!



### School security cameras

At the start of this year, we contracted NUTECH to install new security cameras. These were installed to enhance our health and safety procedures and standards at school.

We wish to thank our Facebook parent community for assisting us in finding the two culprits that took 3 speakers/sirens from our school buildings. This is now in the hands of the Police.

During the screening of the cameras, it was noted that many families and/or individuals are walking their dogs in our school grounds. We also have photos of the 'dogs' urinating in places where our kids play.

This is concerning behaviour from the dog owners, especially since we have clear signs saying NO DOGS on our school gates. What is all concerning is that some of these signs have been deliberately taken down, which is a form of vandalism!

We have a rule at school 'Look after our school and it will look after you' Therefore, this notice acts as a reminder for all school users.

### Reminder

The front of the school is a drop off zone, especially in the mornings between 8.00am-9.00am.

This means stop, drop and go - NOT park. If you need to park to visit a teacher or office, please use the back carpark or the roadside.

### Upcoming events Term 3

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| • Parent evening Kids online.                           | Thursday 31 July     |
| • Camp payments due online KINDO opened week 2, term 3. |                      |
| • Year 3/4 EOTC trip to Hamilton                        | Cancelled            |
| • Rugby 7's Otumoetai                                   | Tuesday 12 August    |
| • School photo day                                      | Tuesday 12/13 August |
| • Battle of the Bands - High Tide.                      | Friday 15 August     |
| • Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day                            | Monday 18 August     |
| • Senior school speeches                                | Wednesday 20 August  |
| • Year 5/6 Camp   | Mon 25 - Weds 27 Aug |

*Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day*  
*Monday 18 August*