



Special Newsletter - Week 2, Term 4, 2025.

School roll - 622

Kia ora koutou katoa.

From the Principal's desk

Welcome to the first newsletter for term 4, 2025. Our learning theme for this term is 'rejuvenate'. Our STEAM class is set up this term, to enable students to experience how this looks from a scientific perspective. The skills and attitudes that are integrated within the STEAM class are future focussed. These skills and attitudes provide learners with the necessary tools, to navigate and thrive an ever changing world. They can be viewed down the side of this page.

Kapa Haka holidays - Black Caps and the Australian cricket team.

During the holidays our Te Pūwhāriki kapa haka ropu, welcomed and performed for the Australian and NZ cricket teams. This lovely message was received by Amy Mackinnon - Event Project Manager.

'Thank you so much for your support and your pivotal role in welcoming the Australian men's cricket team to Tauranga Moana this week and our own BLACKCAPS team and management. It's been a very special couple of days, formally welcoming the Australian team on Sunday, experiencing the power and beauty of your performance on Monday and then welcoming the players onto the pitch before the first T20 match last night. The professionalism and warmth Te Pūwhāriki brought to this week was apparent and I've received so many comments from colleagues and stakeholders who were blown away by the rōpū.'

Our rōpu is now busy preparing for the national kata haka competition called Te Mana Kuratahi. Te Pūwhāriki perform on Tuesday 4 November at 3.00pm. Tickets are selling fast!



Diwali - mini celebration

We are planning to have a mini Diwali celebration on Friday 24 October, the day after the teacher strike day. This will involve some activities based around The Diwali festival which officially falls on Monday 20 October.

More information will be shared via Seesaw, HERO and Facebook.

Teacher Strike

It appears that the strike will go ahead next **Thursday 23 October**, which for the first time will involve primary school teachers, teacher aides, administration staff, nurses, allied health workers and potentially secondary school teachers.



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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'

School wide attendance term 3 2025

85%

School wide attendance 2025

88%

School uniform update

Our current uniform hasn't changed for a while and we are planning to reinvigorate it's design and features. At present, we have limited expectations on our school uniform shorts or track pants, other than being navy blue. This has caused many variations with children pushing the rules of wearing something close to blue, in some cases black. We have also sent numerous letters and communications out to improve our presentation standards. It is timely to make a change in order for our students to feel proud of what they are wearing and themselves. Below is a sample of our new polar fleece. Children have indicated it is by far better than the current polar fleece.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The MASH Team is after a photographer to be at our upcoming end of year disco. If you are able to help at all, please contact MASH@maungatapu.school.nz

Breakfast club request

Breakfast Club

We are looking for some more volunteers to help our wonderful Whaea Ann with Breakfast Club. If you have a bit of spare time in the morning from 8.15am-9.15am and would like to help out a few days a week, please email me and we can go from there.

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Our strategic and annual goals 2025

Strategic and annual plan 2025

One of our strategic goals is to gain International student code. This will allow us, as a school, to host international foreign fee paying students. The benefits of gaining code are exciting and exponential. Applying to NZQA to become a signatory for school for international code has been a 2-3 year long process, involving the development of policies, marketing and basically getting your house in good order. Last week we submitted our application to NZQA to be assessed. Fingers crossed that we get across the line to start planning for 2026 and beyond. All children benefit from international students.

Athletics 2026

Our teaching staff have been busy organising practices for athletics and we have a professional development session next Wednesday 22 October after school.

The days for athletics are as follows:

- Tuesday 28 October - Seniors
- Wednesday 29 October - Year 3/4
- Thursday 30 October - Juniors

Up coming events

- Teacher strike date: Thursday 23 October
- Out of Zone enrolments application for term 1, 2026 close 2 November 2025
- Diwali mini festival: Friday 24 October
- Next BOT Meeting: Wednesday 22 October 5.30pm
- Mana kuratahi kapa haka: Mon 3rd Nov - Friday 7 Nov
- Year 5/6 Touch tournament - Friday 7 November
- Cricket World Cup - Friday 14 November
- Xmas in the Park - Wednesday 10 December
- Year 6 Leavers assembly - Monday 15 December 9.30am.
- Last day term 4 - Wednesday 17 December

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.

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

HERO New School Student Management System and Parent App.



We have started using HERO at our school and have found the system very user friendly, informative and well engineered. HERO is NZ owned and operated and has been designed by educators to support schools with their student management systems.

It is a one stop shop for all matters relating student welfare, student progress, student achievement, student personal details, student attendance, community and whanau announcements and much more.

It will take time for whānau to adjust.

We are now encouraging all whānau to download the HERO app. The app will allow you to notify the school regarding your child's absence and provide you with instance access to school notifications.

Below are instructions on how to down load the app. This is a house competition where students will come home and ask mum ,dad or their caregiver if they have downloaded the app. The app will give you access to community notices where you will find a daily password. Share this password with your child who will notify his/her teacher.

1. Download the HERO app then click **Sign in**
2. Add your email address then select **Next**
3. **Select New User** - Your account will be set up by the school using the email address that you provided when you enrolled your child. Use this address to request a password.
4. Select **Submit** - HERO will send you an email, with a link to follow. This should be within 5 minutes .
5. **Follow the link**. This will take you to a secure page to enter your chose password.

If you have problems logging in, please check with the office that they have the correct details for you.