

Pānui

Term 1 Week 6

Tēnā tātou katoa e te whānau

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Last week we had the pleasure of officially opening our administration hub, Wētāpunga and our new classroom Hoiho.

Thank you to Dcn Danny Karatea-Goddard for leading our blessing. Danny has a special relationship with Mt Cook School as he attended our kura from 1967 to 1973. Danny is a kaikarakia for local mana whenua and iwi of Taranaki whānui. We were also lucky to have another 'old boy' Michael join us on this very special day.

This project has been over 10 years in the making and it has seen many different people taking up the mantle and it is to these people we thank.

Thank you to our past Mt Cook Staff and board members Sandy, Lliam, Phil, Frances, Jo, David and Sue for having the vision.

Thank you to our building team Mana, Shani, Field & Hall, Ted and his amazing team for executing the vision. Ted, you and your team have been amazing.

Thank you to our current BOT, and staff for being patient and being so accommodating during the building.

Thank you to our whānau and ākonga who have been so adaptable and flexible during the build.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

7th March

Reading Together Workshop 1
3.15pm to 4.15pm in school library

9th March

Friday CARE Assembly – Manaia

11th – 14th March

Teina Rohe is having their Education Outside the Classroom week. Parent volunteers are still needed for this, especially for the Beach Clean up at Lyall Bay on Thursday 14th

11th March

Cricket Tournament 9.am to 3.pm at MacAlister Park

Special Vietnamese Assembly 2pm

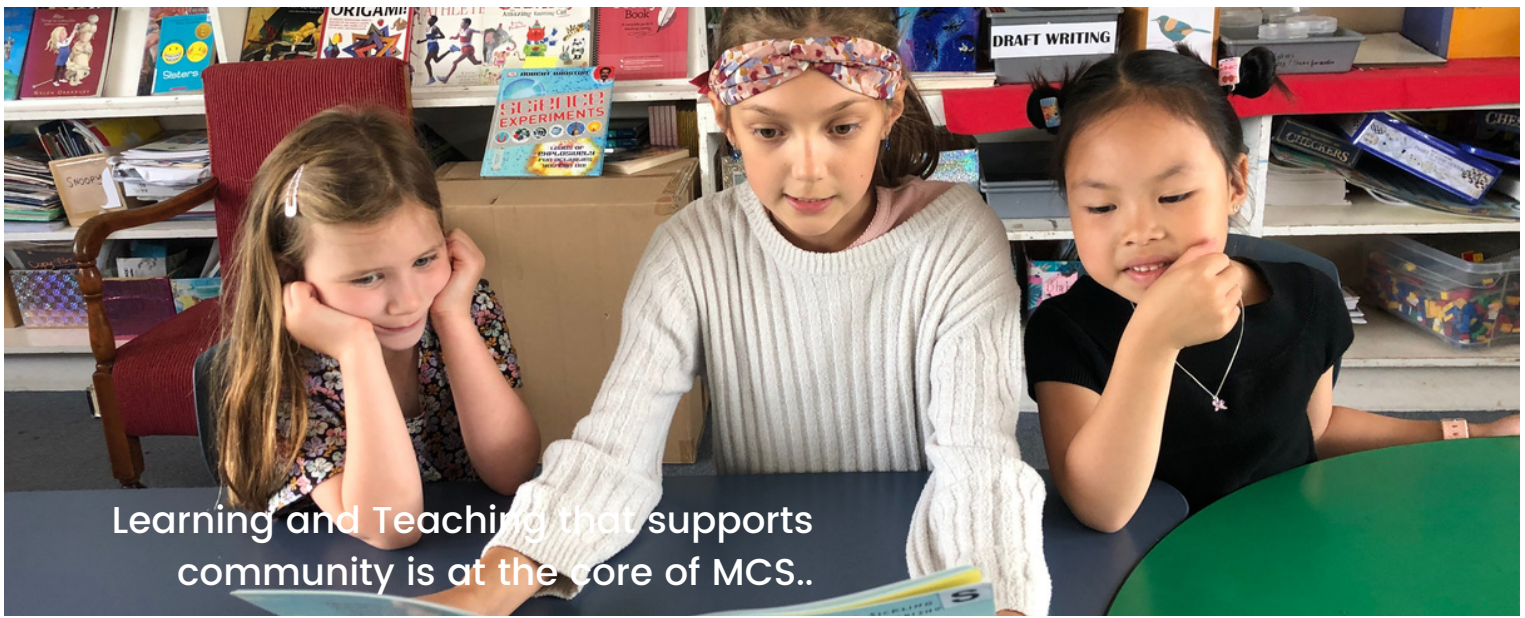
15th March

Japanese Student Group visiting us

Friday CARE Assembly – Kātipo

Board hui are held in Week 3 and Week 9 of every term.





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Manaakitanga

Over the past fortnight, Mt Cook ākonga have shared the importance of manaakitanga in many different ways. We welcomed over fifty members of our community to the official opening of Wētāpunga and Hoiho. Ten of our talented Kapahaka ākonga went to the Wellington airport to participate in the welcoming party for Thaikuddam Bridge - a hugely popular band from Kerala, South India. Our kura also welcomed Victoria and Jeanette, two teachers from Sweden, to share our literacy programme and how we teach writing across our kura.

Over the next two weeks we will be welcoming a special group from Vietnam and a Japanese student group, so watch out for more information to follow.

Gene, Mason, Mabel, Iriaka, Ishaan, Laith, Mon Myat, Pepper, are our Manaakitanga ākonga this week, congratulations!





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Waewae Kai Kapua

We have had two weeks of fun learning Kī-o-Rahi with Jason Tangianau.

Our ākonga are very quick at learning this fast-paced game.

The defending 'Taniwha' team attempts to protect the central marker, the 'tupu' from the attacking 'kioma' team.

Kī-o-Rahi is derived from ball games played in circular clearings before Europeans arrived in Aotearoa.

Our ākonga are consistently challenging themselves to learn new things. They show resilience and a willingness to take risks.

These ākonga have been recognised for demonstrating Waewae Kai Kapua this fortnight.

Iriaka, Jahed, Whitney, An, Liam and Eric C are our Waewae Kai Kapua ākonga this week. Congratulations!



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Auahatanga

Nanaia, our Kapahaka Kaiawhina, comes every Tuesday to support Kapa Haka across the school.

She works in the juniors in the morning and works her way up the school, ending with our senior Kapa Haka roopu in the afternoon.

Our ākonga are extremely excited about this opportunity and are super keen to lead and participate. Our ākonga have embraced the challenge of learning waiata with actions and many have learnt an entire pōwhiri bracket.

Nevaeh, Pepper Maken, Eric, RT and Emma are our Auahatanga ākonga this week, congratulations!



Creatives in Schools

Our tile mural, created by Greta Menzies with the support of our tamariki, is now on display in our new admin area. Kia ora Greta for this wonderful taonga.



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Mana Tamariki

At Mt Cook Kura we have ākonga that proudly support others. We have a large group of ākonga supporting Lucy in the library. We have ākonga who look after the office for Briar, and ākonga supporting their peers.

So many of our ākonga are keen to be involved in the many opportunities that are offered to them. This term we've had two teams taking part in the Futsal League at Akau Tangi. Ka rawe!

Taswika, RT, Theo, Brayden, Ivy, Alice, Nafanua, Azeil and Devanshi are our Mana tamariki ākonga this week, congratulations!



Community Notices



🔗 Interactive displays showcasing **marine biology research** at VUW

🔗 Touch tanks of marine creatures

🔗 Our virtual reality diving experience

🔗 And much more...including a sausage sizzle

Bring the family for a fun and educational day to celebrate NZ Sea Week!



Ever thought about becoming a host family?

Wellington High School are currently looking for host families for Term 2 & 3. We have students arriving from Germany, Thailand, Norway, Spain, Italy, China, Japan and Brazil.

Host families make amazing connections with their students who become part of the family and many keep in touch for the rest of their lives.

The 2024 homestay fee paid is \$340 per week, per student for full board.

If anyone is interested or is keen to find out more, please contact Rachel on the details below.

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