

#### Tēnā tātou katoa e te whānau

Dobar dahn, Nabad, Hola, Ciao, Ni hao, Namaste, Valttukkal, Abhinandan, Subhakansalu, Grīṭigaza, Talofa, Bonjour, Χαιρετίσματα, Grüß Gott, Zdravím, Приветствия, Sawasdee, Konnichiwa, Pozdrowenia, Selamlar, uten Tag, Salaam, Salama Aleikum, Leikum Zdras-Tvuy-Te, Ahn-Young-Ha-Se-Yo, Marhaba, Nay Hoh, Ayubowan, Xin Chào, Kia Orana, Shalom, Hello.

#### Tālofa

This fortnight Mt Cook School tamariki have been very busy!
On Monday we had our final electives session. All our tamariki thoroughly enjoyed learning new things alongside different peers.
A big thank you to the parents, whānau and even former staff who came along to help us provide engaging and interesting options for our tamariki.

Providing teaching and learning experiences that support opportunities where tuakana and teina can work together is paramount to us at Mt Cook School.

We have also been celebrating Samoan Language Week. We started the week with a special assembly that was organised and led by a group of our senior students. We are grateful to them for sharing their culture and their language with all of us.

If you have been into school this week you will have seen the empty space where the playground has been taken down. It was no longer safe for our tamariki to play on and we had to make the difficult decision to remove it. As always, our tamariki have been adaptable and creative using the space to play in different ways.

We continue to work hard to raise funds for the replacement playground. This week Lily-Mae from Nuku Ora came to school and talked to groups of tamariki about how they play, what they would like in a new playground and their vision for play spaces in the school. We will use this student voice to support our ongoing grant applications.

Navigating Covid and winter illnesses is very challenging at the moment. We have advised our staff to remain at home until they have a negative Covid result and are feeling well enough to come to school. We have a few tamariki with respiratory conditions and we really want to ensure Mt Cook School is a safe space for them. We also know that our whānau have limited sick leave and need to work. Thank you for working with us to support a healthy environment for our staff and tamariki.

We hope you all have a safe and happy long weekend.

Adrianne McAllister

# Upcoming Events & Reminders

#### Week 5

Samoan Language Week Teacher Only Day on Friday

#### Week 6

King's Birthday - Monday Swimming for Teina Rohe

#### Week 7

Friday Care Assembly

#### Week 8

Pride Week
Friday Care Assembly

#### Week 9

Matariki Breakfast BOT Hui

Matariki Holiday - Friday

#### Week 10

Reports go home Friday Values Assembly

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





### **WAEWAE KAI KAPUA**

Congratulations to our ākonga who have demonstrated our value of Waewae Kai Kapua this fortnight:

BillyJames, Bea, Sarah, Zippy, Eddie L and Ava.

Our Cross Country team put in a huge effort at the central zone event. They gave it their all and supported each other brilliantly.

Congratulations to Billy and Layton who will go through to the interzone competition

#### **MANAAKITANGA**

Congratulations to our ākonga who have demonstrated our value of Manaakitanga this fortnight:

Ivy, Ahmali, Felix, Devanshi, Eden and Gene.

Last week we celebrated our amazing support staff.
Our kura is so lucky to have an incredible team of people supporting our kaiako and ākonga. They regularly go above and beyond to make our kura a vibrant, welcoming, safe and inclusive place for everyone.

A huge thank you to them all for their mahi.





#### **AUAHATANGA**

Congratulations to our ākonga who have demonstrated our value of Auahatanga this fortnight: Feifei, Louis, Zara, Liam, Maxwell, Anh, Tilda and Iriaka.

Electives gave us the opportunity to explore creativity in many different forms. Some of our younger tamariki created wonderful sea trees and hypnotic collages!



### **MANA TAMARIKI**

Congratulations to our ākonga who have demonstrated our value of Mana Tamariki this fortnight:

Pepper, Mary, Piiata, Indie, Phaedra, Akhil, Mei and Rachel

Our Lit Quiz Team has been working hard to prepare for the regional competition which was held this week. Kit, Zara, Pepper and Ivy did a great job and worked really well as a team. A huge thank you to Lucy, our librarian, for being such a wonderful coach.

Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa 26 May-1 June







Our senior ākonga began our Samoan Language Week celebrations this week with a special assembly. We were treated to some beautiful dancing, a lesson in counting and an enthusiastic celebration of Samoan culture. Mālo lava!



Tautua Dance Company visited and performed siva afi - fire dancing for the whole school. We were amazed at the skills of the young performers. Fa'afetai!

Our Mt Cook Dance crew were then treated to a workshop in the hall. Thanks to Myah for organising this amazing experience.

Nafanua and Igelese's Dad came to school to teach our teina ākonga a Samoan song.

Ask your young person to teach it to you!





# **Snapshot of CREATIVITY at Mt Cook School**

























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