

# Mt Cook School Pānui

TERM 3 WEEK 7

5th September 2024



## Here's what has happened in the last fortnight and what's to come!

Dobar dahn, Nabad,Ciao, Ni hao, Namaste, Valttukkal, Abhinandan, Subhakansalu, Grītigaza, Talofa, Bonjour, Χαίρετίσματα, Grüß, Zdravím, Приветствия, Sawasdee, Konnichiwa, Pozdrowenia, Selamlar, uten Tag, Salaam, Aleikum, Marhaba, Nay Hoh, Ayubowan, Xin Chào, Kia Orana, Shalom,

Tēnā tātou katoa e te whānau  
In Week 6 and Week 7 our kaiako  
(teachers) and ākongā (learners)  
have been very busy.

Tamariki from Kākāpō, Kōwhai  
and Harakeke went down to the  
National Portrait Gallery to  
explore Robyn Kahukiwa's  
artwork. Many of the Year 8  
tamariki who are working with  
Kelly on our Year 8 mural took  
inspiration from Robyn Kahukiwa's  
art.

Every year Kelly works with a  
group of Year 8 ākongā to design  
an amazing mural. Kelly is always  
looking for sponsors of paint for  
this project. If you are able to help  
us please look further down the  
pānui.

The murals are painted onto the  
back wall beside the field and  
depict important issues for the  
particular year. Our kaiako and  
ākongā take a lot of time  
designing and planning these  
amazing pieces.

This year I have been involved in  
the Springboard Trust course,  
developing the strategic vision  
for the kura. It has been a great  
learning opportunity and I have  
learnt a lot around strategic  
thinking.

Every school in Aotearoa has a  
strategic vision, it guides the  
direction and what is important  
for the kura.

Mt Cook School's vision is:  
A Community where Belonging,  
Curiosity and Creativity matter.

We value belonging, curiosity  
and creativity because we  
believe that developing these  
key elements strengthen and  
grow our community.

Enjoy this fortnight's pānui!

*Arienne McAllister*

### Important Dates:

Whānau are  
welcome to come to  
our Care Assemblies  
which are held every  
Friday at 1.30pm

9th September  
SCHOOL PHOTOS

11th September Year  
3 & 4 Futsal Festival  
9am - 2.30pm

12th September Year  
5 & 8 Futsal Festival  
9am - 2.30pm

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



## Learning at Mt Cook School

At Mt Cook School we have carefully selected a New Zealand based programme for our Teina Rohe (Year 0-3) called Better Start Literacy Approach (BSLA).

We are now in the third week of teaching BSLA and you might have noticed a few changes. Each week the teachers will post a one-page summary on Seesaw about what the children are learning in class. It will include the name of the book they are reading, some exciting new words, the sounds they are learning, and a fun activity for you to try at home. This page provides great ways for you to support your child at home.

If you speak another language at home, you can continue to talk with your child about the stories, what the words mean and help them to listen to the sounds in your home language.

To get an idea about how we are teaching reading in the Teina Rohe please click on the following link: [BSLA promotional video](#)

If you have any questions or you would like to know more about how we teach literacy please feel free to speak to your child's teacher or contact Marije Knevel.

For more information on the Better Start Literacy Approach, visit the website: [www.betterstartapproach.com](http://www.betterstartapproach.com).



### Building communities

Mt Cook School is a very diverse community. We currently have tamariki from 35 different nationalities attending our kura.

We have a fast growing roll and many of these whānau are new to Aotearoa and have no whānau in Te Whanganui o Tara.

We would like to provide these whānau with people to connect with. If you are keen to support new migrant whānau with navigating a new country and language please email Adrienne at [principal@mtcook.school.nz](mailto:principal@mtcook.school.nz)



### What's new for teaching

Over the past few years staff at Mt Cook School have been on a te reo Māori journey.

To normalise te reo Māori in our kura we have been prioritising the teaching of te reo Māori and tikanga.

Staff have participated in Te Ahu o te Māori and we currently hold te reo māori hui fortnightly for staff.

With the support of Nanaia we will teach all tamariki Kapa Haka, waiata, karakia and the proceeds around powhiri.

Our goal is to see, hear and experience te reo Māori throughout our kura.





## Our Community

This year we are very lucky to have a number of regular volunteers supporting our ākonga.

Robyn, Trish, Chris, Ghanashyan, Carolyn and Vijaya are our current volunteers and they are such an important part of our school.

These amazing people help out in so many ways; from working with small groups to listening to individual tamariki.



Our tamariki **love** working together with our volunteers.

If you have some free-time and would like to help out please drop into the office or contact:

**Kate, Marije, Briar or Adrienne**

kashby@mtcook.school.nz  
mknevel@mtcook.school.nz  
office@mtcook.school.nz  
principal@mtcook.school.nz



## Every Day Counts

Well done everyone for prioritising attendance. MCS know that all our tamariki need to be at school to learn. We also know that in order to learn our tamariki need to be 100% well.

If your tamariki are away due to illness please contact Briar in the office. It is very important that you let the school know why your tamariki are not at school.

Tamariki can be away from school for a number of reasons and at Mt Cook School we can offer different supports to help with many of these reasons so please contact Kate, Marije or Adrienne to access these supports.

## Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

From the 16th of September to Friday the 20th of September, Aotearoa celebrates Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

Te Reo Māori you could learn.

**mōrena - Morning**  
**Kia Ora - hello**  
**kura - school**  
**kaiako - teacher**  
**ākonga - learner**  
**tamariki - children**  
**pānui - newsletter**  
**tumuaki - Principal**  
**pukapuka - book**



## Our Values Waewae Kai Kapua, Mana tamariki, Manaakitanga, Auahatanga

Congratulations to our Manaakitanga champions:

**Phong, Gillianne, Grayson, Noah, Andre, Logan, Shreyas and Roscoe.**

Congratulations to our Mana Tamariki champions:

**Mei, Adilah, Omar, Vedant, Eden, Nicole, Phong, Mary and Aiden**

Congratulations to our Waewae Kai Kapua champions:

**Matthew, Dontay, Amaya, and Nihira.**

Congratulations to our Auahatanga champions:

**Eden, Yusra, Tanvith, Shwe and Edison.**



### Can you help us?

We are looking for paint sponsorship for our Year 8 Mural. Please contact Kelly through the office.

We are also looking for sponsorship for the Photo Booth at our next school disco. Your business could have its logo on every photo strip that gets printed. Sponsorship means that more of the proceeds from the photo booth can be put towards school camp.

Contact Kate  
(kashby@mtcook.school.nz) for more information.



### Reminders:

Please, when picking up your tamariki remember NOT to park in Te Papa's driveway or illegally on Pukeahu Park.

This practice is extremely dangerous and frustrating for Te Papa staff who are trying to go about their business.

Many cars have been ticketed and due to the behaviours not changing this will continue so please don't park in these spaces.



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CYCLING CLUB

# MTB SPRING SERIES

- RACE 1 - 15TH SEP 2024 - MIRAMAR
- RACE 2 - 29TH SEP 2024 - WAIU TRAIL PARK
- RACE 3 - 20TH OCT 2024 - RANGITUHI, PORIRUA
- RACE 4 - 3RD NOV 2024 - STRATTON ST, BELMONT
- RACE 5 - 17TH NOV 2024 - MAKARA PEAK, KARORI

**FOR MORE INFO AND ENTRIES  
HEAD TO <https://www.pnp.org.nz/mtb>**

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