

Mt Cook School Pānui

TERM 3 WEEK 9

18th 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, Griṭigaza, Talofa, Bonjour, Χαίρετίσματα, Grüß, Zdravím, Приветствия, Sawasdee, Konnichiwa, Pozdrowenia, Selamlar, Guten Tag, 안녕하세요, Salaam Aleikum, Marhaba, Nay Hoh, Ayubowan, Xin Chào, Kia Orana, Shalom,

Tēnā tātou katoa e te whānau. This is the last pānui for Term 3 2024 and Kate, Marije and I are at the Trans Tasman Principal's Conference in Christchurch for the week.

The theme is *Together Leading Learning* and is the first trans-Tasman conference post Covid.

The speakers this year are Dr Hana O'Regan, Dr Jordan Nyuyen, Sophie Renton, Steve Francis and Gilbert Enkoa.

Our BOT, Marije, Kate and myself are busy looking at our Strategic planning which will span over the next four years and we are also looking at our Annual planning so we will be putting all our new learnings from the conference into use straight away.

Next term is another very exciting and busy term.

In the first week of next term we have our annual Run, Jump, Throw event, quickly followed by Central Zone Athletics. We have also planned Padder tennis sessions at school and entered Touch Rugby and Badminton teams in inter-school competitions

We will also be deep into fundraising for camp with our annual disco, Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings, tamariki selling chocolates and icecream Friday sales here at kura.

On Wednesday the 29th November we are having our Cultural exchange with the other Central city schools. This would be a great time to see our Kapahaka Roopu, Arohanui Strings and MCS Dance Crew in action so please save the date.

Enjoy this fortnight's pānui!

Adrienne McAllister

Important Dates:

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

16th -20th September
Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

Thursday 26th
September Values Assembly

Thursday 26th Sept
School finishing at 2pm

27th September
Friday Teacher Only Day

Tuesday 15th
October
Run Jump Throw at Newtown Park

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



Learning at Mt Cook School

Tamariki in Tuakana rohe have been doing some amazing writing this term. We have read incredible character descriptions from Hoiho, wonderful poetry from Manaia and Tuatara, fantastical narratives in Kākāpō, fabulous retellings of Greek myths in Kōwhai and some twisted fairy tales from the minds of Harakeke ākonga.

Our kaiako work hard to ensure that our writing programmes are creative and engaging for our young writers.

Here is a snippet of a character description of a familiar MCS personality ... can you guess who it is?

Her loud voice booms when she needs someone's attention. Her hair is as wavy as a wave. She wears a pretty cloak. Her beautiful brown eyes look like a nut a squirrel would eat. She is stylish beyond belief.
By Ava

To read more writing from Tuakana tamariki [you can click on this link](#)



Building communities

Our school is growing very quickly and we now have 290 tamariki in our kura. Due to the increasing numbers we are only enrolling in-zone tamariki.

We have a wonderfully diverse community with over 30 different ethnic groups and many English language learners. To best support our tamariki we are trying to manage an increasing roll while prioritising smaller class sizes.

To help us, if you know of tamariki starting at MCS next year could you please contact Briar in the office as soon as possible.



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 Whaea Nanaia we will teach all tamariki Kapa Haka, waiata, karakia and the procedures around pōwhiri.

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



Our Community

A reminder to our community:

One of the ways you can help your tamariki to get the best out of learning is to make sure that they have enough sleep and have a healthy breakfast and lunch.

Recently we have noticed that many tamariki are bring a lot of sweets, and unhealthy foods in their lunch boxes.

Ideas for lunches:

1. Rice or pasta
2. A delicious piece of fruit
3. A nourishing sandwich
4. Some nuts or dried fruit
5. One small treat
6. A water bottle

Healthy kai helps our tamariki to learn.



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. If they arrive late after the bell, please remind them they must check in at the office before going to their class.

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 kupu you could learn and use

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:

Eddie, Kadesh, Rory, Avanthika, Eric, Kadesh and Nafanua.

Congratulations to our Mana Tamariki champions:

Billy, Yuzuki, Rachel, Mary, Nicole, Jerry Jiang, Phong, Mali and Lucy

Congratulations to our Waewae Kai Kapua champions:

Victoria, Miroslava, Devanshi, Rachel and Mei.

Congratulations to our Auahatanga champions:

Nicole, Elise, Jax, Felix Astruc, and Sophie.



Can you help us?

Kelly is still looking for sponsorship for paint for the Year 8 mural. One test pot costs \$5 - let her know if you can sponsor a colour or alternatively you could drop a donation into the office kmay@mtcook.school.nz

Whānau of Year 6 and 7 ākonga.

With camp fundraising well underway, we are looking for any ideas for boosting our group fundraising efforts. If you have an idea or would be willing to run a fundraising initiative could you contact Kate kashby@mtcook.school.nz



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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PNP
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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