

Mt Cook School Pānui

TERM 4 WEEK 5

◆
14th November 2024



Dobar dahn, Nabad, Ciao, Ni hao, Namaste, Valttukkal, Abhinandan, Subhakansalu, Griṭigaza, Talofa, Bonjour, Χαρειτίσματα, 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,

We are halfway through our last term for 2025 and we are busy celebrating how far our tamariki have come, closing the learning gaps and also starting to plan for our kura in 2025.

This term is our Community Arts Festival and we need your HELP! It will be held on Thursday the 5th December and we need volunteers to cook food from their culture to sell on the evening. Please see below for more details and contact the school soon as possible if your can help

Whānau who have recently popped into school will have seen that our builders are busy building the new decking. Safety fences are moving all the time so you may need to take different routes to your tamariki classroom.

Also, if it becomes too noisy outside a classroom we may move them to a quieter place in the school until the work is finished.

We appreciate everyone's patience around the accessibility to classrooms, the office, and staffroom and picking up your tamariki from a different space in the kura when needed.

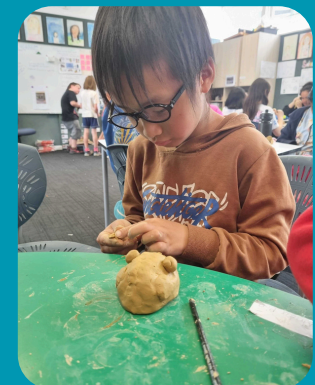
We have heaps of cool sports opportunities at the moment; Year 7 & 8 badminton as well as Year 5 & 6 and Year 7 & 8 Touch Rugby have all started. Little Dribblers continues and is held on Monday afternoons for Year 1 to 4 and Tuesdays for Year 5 to 8.

Congratulations to all our amazing athletes who participated in the Central Zone School Athletics and good luck to those students who qualified to compete in the Interzone competition.

Finally, this week we say farewell and thank you to our super kaitiaki Mark who is off to Australia with his whānau. Thanks Mark for all your awesome mahi to keep our kura looking great!

Enjoy this fortnight's Pānui!

Adrienne McAllister





IMPORTANT DATES IN TERM FOUR

Week Five: 11th - 15th November

Monday: Swimming for Year 7&8
 Thursday: Swimming for Year 5&6
 Friday: WHS Year 8 transition visit

Week Six: 18th - 22nd November

Monday: Swimming for Year 7&8
 Tuesday: IZ Athletics Newtown Park
 Wednesday: Cultural Exchange 1pm @ Mt Cook School
 Thursday: Swimming for Year 5&6

Week Seven: 25th - 29th November

Monday: Swimming for Year 7 & 8
 Tuesday: Regional Athletics
 Wednesday: School Helpers' Reward Outing
 Thursday: Swimming for Year 5 & 6

Week Eight: 2nd - 6th December

Monday: Swimming for Year 7 & 8
 Thursday: Swimming for Year 5 & 6
 Thursday: Community Arts Festival 5pm - 6.30pm

Week Nine 9th - 13th December

Thursday: Y8 Leavers Evening

Week Ten 16th - 13th December

Tuesday: Fun Day
 Thursday: Last day, school finishes 2pm

On Thursday 5th December we will be holding our annual Community Arts Festival. This is a special evening for Mt Cook School.

We will celebrate the diversity in our community by displaying our tamariki's amazing artwork and by sharing our cultural foods.

We would like to invite you to contribute to this evening by cooking a traditional dish from your culture which can be sold on the night. It could be anything; soup, noodles, cakes, sushi, desserts, dumplings, pasta, pizza, breads, curry, etc.

Food is a great way to celebrate our diversity, something we truly treasure at Mt Cook School. If you are able to contribute to our Community Arts festival by preparing some food, please let one of the teachers know so we can contact you and discuss the details. We are happy to reimburse anyone for the cost of ingredients as we are aware of how expensive groceries are.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask us:

Marije: mknevel@mtcook.school.nz

Yue: yhe@mtcook.school.nz

Kate: kashby@mtcook.school.nz





Our vision of a community where belonging, curiosity and creativity matters developed through our strategic goals:

Building Connections means that we are a community of learners who understand ourselves, honor diversity, and our uniqueness,

Delivering Equity ensures that all our community reaches their full potential. And

Creating Educational Sustainability means that we are able to be flexible, reflective and adjust to changing conditions.

To breathe life to our goals over the next 4 years Mt Cook School will focus on...

- Developing a multicultural curriculum
- Enacting te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Embedding language acquisition approaches in all learning spaces
- Developing tailored, targeted programmes that close learning gaps for our minority groups. Cultivating questioning, and reflection and
- Building systems that prepare us for change and growth.

2024 - 2025 Enrolments

Mt Cook School is constantly growing; last term our roll reached 291 tamariki. If you know of new whānau planning to come to Mt Cook School for 2024 or 2025, please let us know asap or ask them to contact Briar in the office. This will help us with our planning.



Senior Camp 2025

Notices have now gone home with all tamariki who are attending Senior Camp in 2025.

You will have received a gear list, a medical form that needs to be returned to school and a payment notice.

Please note that payments for camp can be made in instalments directly into the school bank account: 12-3141-0327975-00
Please put Senior Camp and your child's name as the reference.

If you require any assistance please email Kate at kashby@mtcook.school.nz



2025 Mt Cook School

Mt Cook School will focus on enacting te Tiriti o Waitangi and embedding language acquisition approaches in all our learning spaces.

To enact Te Tiriti o Waitangi we will be integrating Maturanga Māori in our teaching and learning programmes; connecting with people that have the expertise so that we understand our history and significant places. We will be employing Kaiako Māori to support our school in progressing te reo Māori across the kura as well as consciously employing new Kaiako with skills in te reo Māori mea tikanga, mea maturanga Māori. We will also be redeveloping our Mt Cook curriculum to reflect our commitment to te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Embedding language acquisition approaches in all our learning spaces, will take significant resources and means there will be a few changes in the structure of our kura. We are employing a full-time ESOL (English as a Second Language) teacher and a full-time Learning Support teacher. Both these kaiako will provide targeted teaching to small groups of tamariki but also provide guidance to all kaiako on how best to support our learners. As part of this process we are reviewing and developing clear expectations, systems, and procedures to ensure there is consistency in our approach.

UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

Many of you have changed your addresses and phone numbers so it is time to ensure that we have your most up-to-date contact information.

You can email this new information to Briar in the office at office@mtcook.school.nz or call and leave a message on 04 3859432.



TAMARIKI AWAY

Please contact Briar in the office or your tamariki's kaiako on the day that they are absent with the reason your child is not at kura.

You can email office@mtcook.school.nz or call on 04 3859432 with your child's name, the reason why they are away and when they will return to school.





Our Values

Waewae Kai Kapua, Mana tamariki, Manaakitanga, Auahatanga

Manaakitanga champions for the beginning of this term are:

Liam, Abira, Prajyot, Mia Poppy, Eden, Gene, Avanthika, Emilie, Louis, Usra, Asser, Gene and Kidsan.

Waewae Kai Kapua champions for the beginning of this term are:

Ellie, Bea, Noah E, Zaenab, Asser, Ahkil, Sarah, Mason and Momo.

Mana Tamariki champions for the beginning of this term are:

Vy, Igelese, Andre, Tim, AJ, Theo, Adilah, Anesiah, Psalms, Matteo and Hana.

Auahatanga champions for the beginning of this term are:

Sudhanva, Pippi, Bonnie, Edith, Hawakiin, Angela, and Dominic.



Can you help us?

This term is our Community Arts Festival and we need your HELP! Our Arts Festival event will be held on Thursday the 5th and we need volunteers to cook your own cultural delights to be sold at the kura during this evening. The school will pay for all ingredients and serving requirements. At the moment we only have one group. Please contact the school as soon as possible on

mknevel@mtcook.school.nz
kashby@mtcook.school.nz
office@mtcook.school.nz
04 385 9432



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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