

Mt Cook School Pānui

TERM 1 WEEK 3

◆
20th February 2025



Dobar dahn, Nabad, Ciao, Ni hao, Namaste, Valttukkal, Abhinandan, Subhakansalu, Grīṭigaza, 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,

It is super important that we are able to contact you in any emergency so we would appreciate you contacting school with your new phone numbers and contact details.

In this pānui we have instructions on how you can enrol in HERO. HERO is our student management system and we would like to start sending more communications through it. For this to happen we need all our whānau to register.

Over the next few weeks the Wellington City Council will be delivering the Land Transport speed changes around schools and while it is not the kea crossing we would like we are happy that the speeds around schools will reduce to 30kms between 8.30-9.00am and 2.30pm-3.00pm on school days.

Many of you will have noticed that we have had the ramp between the top court and lower court removed and are replacing it with a lovely space. This mahi is on track to finish at the end of the month. Alongside this mahi is the refurbishment of our sensory room, with a new door and small deck.

We have many other property projects coming up including weather-tighness, and drainage etc, while still madly saving for a new playground.

To save money we are thinking about holding a **Whānau Working Bee** day at school to tidy up our gardens. We are looking for support from whānau and community groups to help out with this. To register your interest please email me at principal@mtcook.school.nz

Enjoy this fortnight's pānui!

Adrienne McAllister





Connecting with our Community

Community Events

Last Thursday we had a wonderful evening at our community sausage sizzle, reconnecting with whānau and welcoming our new whānau to Mt Cook kura. Thank you to everyone who helped to set up and sizzle sausages and to the families who came along.

On Tuesday we were also joined by a number of whānau for our annual School Picnic at Shorland Park. This was a new venue for us and despite the rain and the shortened visit we had a great adventure.

At Mt Cook kura we love to make the most of our amazing city and all the great resources it offers.

Whānau Hui (Parent Teacher Meetings)

Our first whānau hui for the year are on:
Wednesday 12th March from 2.10pm - 7.30pm
Thursday 13th March from 3.10pm - 5.00pm

This is a chance to meet the kaiako who will be working with your tamariki this year. It is also an opportunity to share information and aspirations.

We'd love to see as many whānau as possible this year so everyone who attends a meeting will go into the draw for a \$50 New World voucher.

To make a booking please use the link:
<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/7vg4g>
or go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the code 7vg4g

If you need help to make a booking please see Briar or Kate.





Belonging and Manaakitanga

We are really proud of our students who take up the opportunity to be leaders and helpers at kura.

So far this year, we have asked for volunteers to be fruit bucket monitors, librarians, sports leaders and peer mediators. We have been overwhelmed with the number of ākonga who have applied for these positions.

Congratulations and ka rawe tō mahi to the following students:

Fruit Monitors:

Bea, Ava, Olivia-Jay, Vaylynn, Aditya, Layton, Ada, Lulu, Fearne, Tyla, Pippi, Edith, Eric, Billy, Irie, William, Marau, Zakaria, Tim, Jimmy, Bonnie, Nina, Edison, Baokun, Oliver and Seita

Sports Leaders:

Jacob, Billy, Deas, Joy, Marau, Ava, Bea, Nina, Agnivesh, Tim, Seita, Ada, Lulu, Ben, Tun, Angela, Whitney, Dontay, Thomas, Zara and Andy

Student Librarians:

Aurelia, Miroslava, Sara A, Ivy, Zara, Pepper, Breanna, Sacha, Thomas, Whitney, Sara M and Felix

Peer Mediators:

Mahd, Khushans, William, Vedant, Khanak, Alice, Miami, Nina, Tilda, Vaylynn, Olivia, Iriaka, Summer, Nikki, Emilie, Amelia, Pippi, Bonnie, Edith, Irie, Rory, Emilia, Maken, Ahmed, Ye Htet, Logan, Marau, Ezra, Evania, Ida, Alastrina, Rawan, Miroslava, Aurelia, Vu, Matteo, Aditya, Zakaria, Zippy

Healthy Lunches

Mt Cook School is a water only kura, please ensure that your tamariki has a named water bottle.

We love seeing all the delicious types of lunches that our tamariki bring to school with them.

Last year we noticed that some lunchboxes are full of sugar. We welcome little treats but these sugary treats should be limited.



Help wanted

Do you have any old magazines lying around that you no longer need? Whaea Nanaia would love to use them to make new rakau sticks for our tamariki.

You can drop them off with Briar in the office. Ngā mihi NUI!





A Soggy Adventure

OH WOW! Elliot
this is brilliant!

Wednesday 19th Feb 2025

Moment in time → We start

→ R.W.P

→ Adverb Start

While rain poured from the sky in endless sheets, the kids only laughed louder, **soaked** by the soaking wet playground. Their shoes **splashed** through puddles, their jackets dripped with water, and their hair stuck to their faces. Excitedly, they raced to the slides, which had turned into slippery water chutes, sending them flying down with squeals of delight. The flying fox **tipped** through the downpour, droplets spraying in every direction as they clung on tightly, **grinning**. Instead of running for cover, they embraced the storm—jumping, splashing, and making the most of the wild, wonderful mess.

Cold, Wet, Rain, Park, Downpour, Wet clothes, Fridged, Playground, Drenched.

While the rain pitter-pattered on the drenched sun shades, the children ran excitedly through the downpour, unaware of how miserable, fringed, and weak they would be on the trip back to school. Behind the flying fox, a gigantic line of children eagerly waiting to have a turn on the ^{there was} contraption. After what seemed like an eternity, the buses arrived to bring the children back to school.

by Elliot

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by Kota





Our Values

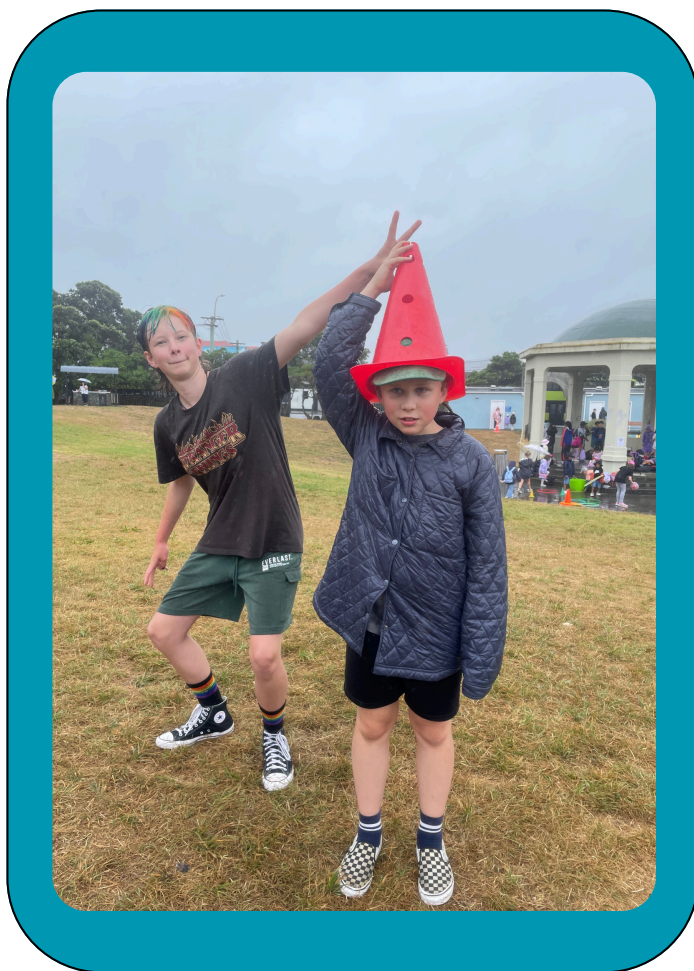
Waewae Kai Kapua, Mana Tamariki, Manaakitanga, Auahatanga

Manaakitanga champions for this fortnight are:
Eseat, Kidsan, Akhil, Bella, Dontay, Elliott and Noah.

Mana Tamariki champions for this fortnight are:
Rachel, Jaxith, Tilda, Elise, Jairus, Emma and Vaylynn.

Waewae Kai Kapua champions for this fortnight
Vy, Eddie L, Lucy, Phong, Thomas and Psalms.

Auahatanga champions for this fortnight are:
Aarav, Andre, Arcaydious, Billy and Andy.





IMPORTANT DATES IN 2025

TERM ONE

Cricket Tournament Tuesday 4th March
Teapot Valley Camp Y7/8
24th - 28th Feb
CZ Cricket Tournament 4th March
Whānau Hui 5th & 6th March
Y7/8 Kī-o-Rahi Festival 8th April

TERM TWO

Pōwhiri first Monday at 9.30am
Electives Monday afternoons
5th May - 30th May
Year 7 Immunisations 9th May
Book Week 26th-30th May
Matariki Breakfast 20th June
Reports home 27th June

TERM THREE

Pōwhiri first Monday at 9.30am
Year 5/6 CZ Winter Sports Festival
22nd July
Maths Week 11th August
Mt Cook School 150th Celebration
30th / 31st August
Year 3/4 Futsal 10th Sept
Year 5-8 Futsal 11th Sept
Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 15th Sept
School Performance 16th Sept

TERM FOUR

Pōwhiri first Monday at 9.30am
CZ Athletics 28th Oct
IZ Athletics 18th Nov
Community Arts Festival 27th Nov
Leavers' Dinner 4th Dec
Fun Day 9th Dec
Reports home 12th Dec
Last Day 16th Dec



Katipō Class
Self-Portraits



School Lunch Orders

School lunches can be ordered through
[EZ Lunch](#)

We have the following options available:

Tuesday: Sushi

Thursday: Vietnamesezy

Wednesday & Friday: Subway

Late Arrivals

The bell rings to start the day at 9am. Please make sure your young person is at school by 8.55am at the latest

If tamariki arrive after 9, they need to go and see Briar in the office before going to class so that they can be marked present.



Communication

Important school information is sent out via HERO, our student management system. You will get notification of a new HERO message to the email address that we have on file for you.

If you need to update your email, please let Briar know (office@mtcook.school.nz).

We would like all families to set up their own HERO account. You will need to register using the email address that you have given to school.

You can also follow our Mt Cook School Facebook page for updates about what's happening at school.

Reminders:

Please ensure that we have up to date information for your tamariki as we know from time to time things change.

Have you let us know about any new medical allergies or medical conditions?

Do we have your most up to date phone numbers or address?

Are there any custody changes that the school needs to be aware of?

Parking:

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.



MT COOK SCHOOL

2025 marks the 150th anniversary of Mt Cook School. This is a huge milestone and we are looking forward to celebrating throughout the year both through our learning programmes and with our wider community.

Our special celebration weekend will take place on the weekend of August 30th/ 31st 2025.

Mark the date in your calendars! It will be a time for students, whānau and staff from the present and the past to come together to share stories and memories ... and of course kai!

If you have memories, photos or contacts for past students or staff then please pass them on to Kate kashby@mtcook.school.nz

We will be updating the school Facebook page with stories and information as well as our 150th anniversary Instagram page @mtcook150. Follow along to keep updated.

Community Notices

2025 Mini Underwater Hockey League Have-a-go Night for Year 6-8 Students

When: Saturday 1st March 2025

Time: Naenae Pool, Everest St, Lower Hutt

Entry Fee \$10 per student

Times: 3 sessions 4:30 till 6, 5:30 till 7, 6:30 till 8PM

Register at <https://www.wuha.org.nz/2025-league.html>

Email: Tristan mini@wuha.org.nz



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