

NEWSLETTER

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*Kia Ora Talofa Kia Orana Chao mung quy vi Malo e lelei Aloha Olá Halo
Ni Sa Bula Fakalofa atu Ni Hao Xin chào An nyong Ha se yo Assalamu
alaykum Namaste Ahalan Saleem Shalom Dia dhuit Zdravstvuyte Hej
Greetings*

Kia ora koutou,

Sandra's Spot

2016 at Mt Cook School is almost over. It has been another busy, exciting year underpinned by a broad rich curriculum. Our tamariki have had a wide variety of learning opportunities, many of these using our wonderful city as a resource. Our teachers and staff work so hard to make sure that learning is authentic and meaningful for all of our young people.

We ended the year with another really successful Community Arts Festival. We had a huge attendance, many food stalls and great entertainment in the hall to conclude. I want to say a huge thank you to you all for another really great year.

Thank you for:

- Supporting your young person at school this year
 - getting them to school on time with food for morning tea and lunch
 - talking with them about their day at school
 - listening to them read and reading to them
 - doing things with them after school and in the weekend
 - letting them know you love them and are there for them
- Supporting all children at Mt Cook School
 - including them in birthday parties and other occasions
 - looking out for them around the school and in the community
 - contributing a little extra towards costs for events
 - coming on class/syndicate trips
- Supporting Mt Cook School
 - Making food for the Community Arts Festival
 - Attending parent/teacher meetings
 - Coming to school events – the powhiri, sausage sizzle, Community Arts Festival, the school gala to name a few
 - Getting in behind everything that we do and being so enthusiastic and positive

Thank you for just being there for us. We so appreciate the strong sense of community that is Mt Cook School and will continue to build on this next year.

Thank you to our amazing staff who work so hard no matter what role they they play around the school.

Thank you to our Board who work to ensure that our tamariki get a quality education - through supporting the staff and I to be able to get on and do our job to make this happen. Thank you everyone!

Staff Leaving

Nicola Shuttleworth leaves at the end of next week after 17 years at Mt Cook School. Thank you Nicola for your extraordinary work across the school. Our young people who you have taught are so lucky. Our staff are richer for having worked alongside you and benefited from your expertise, experience and who you are as a person. You have always pushed the boundaries trying new things both at school and in your personal life. We wish you the very best as you take on your next adventures.

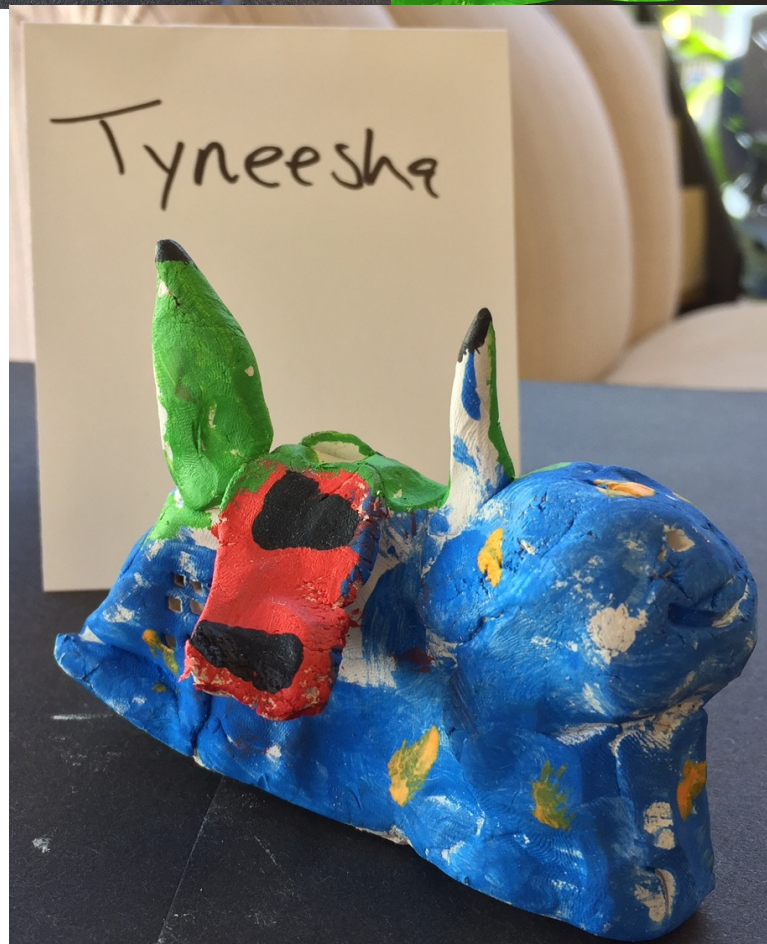


Katya Ballos finishes her maternity leave relieving position in Kiwi class. Thank you Katya for the great work that you have done in Kiwi class this year.

Year 8 Leavers

We wish our Year 8's an amazing start on their new adventures at secondary school. Our students are again enrolled in a number of schools around Wellington and one in Hawkes Bay. Thank you for what you have contributed to life at Mt Cook School. We really

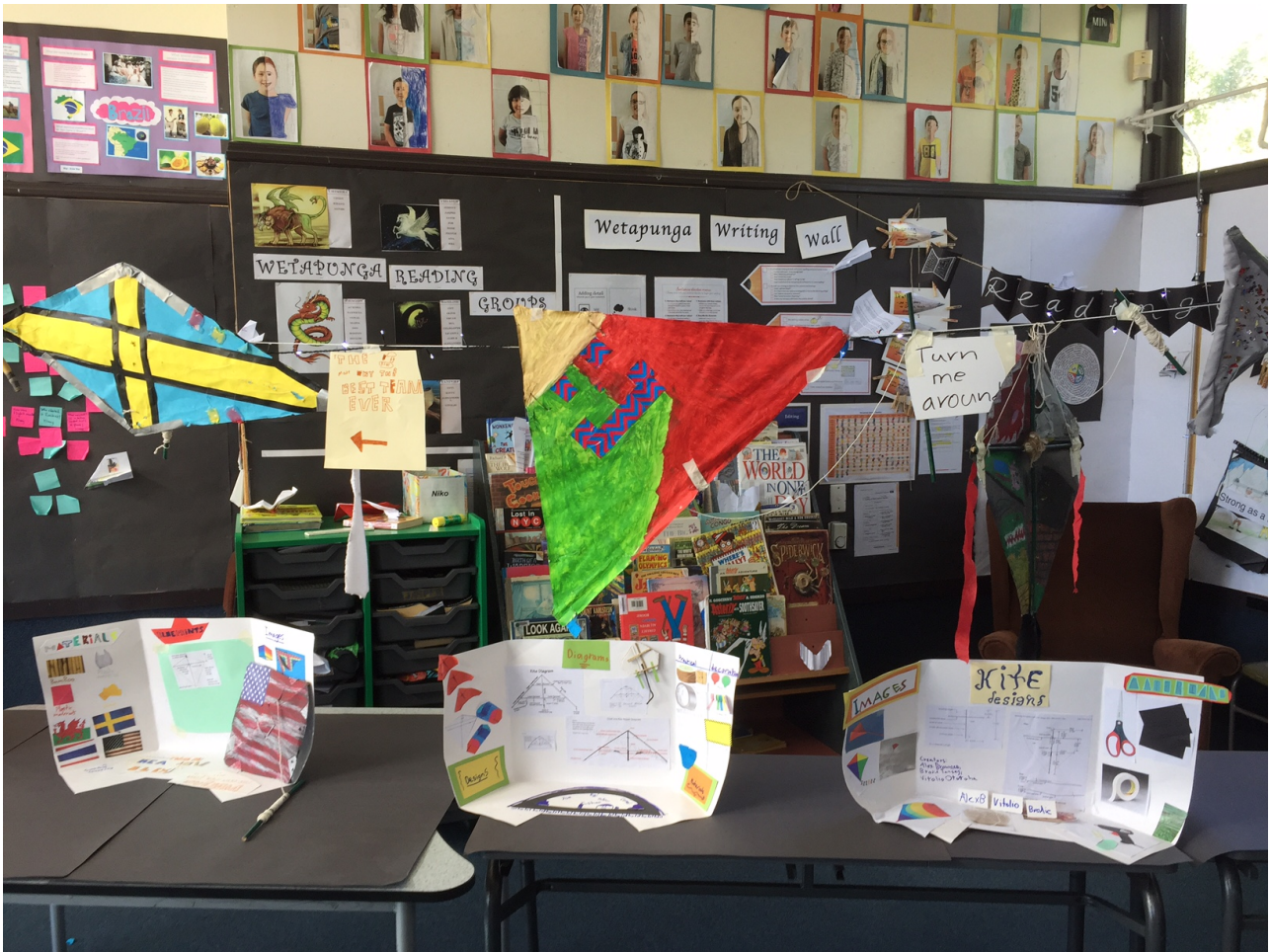
appreciate it. We have enjoyed working alongside you and for many of you it has been since you were five years old and tiny little people. Keep in touch and tell us what you are doing.













Have a great holiday everyone. To those of you who celebrate Christmas, have a Happy Christmas. Happy New Year.

See you on Thursday 2 February 2017!

OTHER INFORMATION

Newsletter

For those of you who are new to Mt Cook School you will receive a school newsletter once a fortnight. This will keep you informed of what is happening during the term and the year in syndicates and across the school.

School Donations

2016 donations are \$20 for the year or \$5 per term. As you will be aware our school donations are very low. As a board we have made the decision keep the fees low to ensure that they are affordable for all of our families. We also have families who offer to pay more. If you are in a position to pay more the board suggests an amount of up to \$100. The school would be very appreciative of any additional funding without changing our donation amount. Thank you for your support with this. Just a reminder that this is a donation to the school.

CARPARKING – PLEASE DROP OFF ON TORY ST OR MARTIN SQUARE SLIP ROAD

Just a reminder that drop off and pick up needs to be on Tory St or the slip road from Martin Square and **not anywhere in Sages Lane**. Thanks for your support with this.

School Hours

School begins at 8:55am and finishes at 3:00pm. It is very important that children arrive before the bell goes in the morning. The first few minutes of the day in class are vital for the setting up of the day. Please make sure that your child arrives on time. We know that there is the occasional emergency but in general we expect children here at 9:00am. **On Tuesday's school will finish early at 2:55pm for staff meetings.** If you are picking up your child at 3:00pm please be punctual. The school is not responsible for children after 3:00pm and children must be picked up on time. Remember that there is After School Care if you are unable to pick up your child at 3:00pm. Please encourage your young person to be at school 8:45am each day.

Lateness and Absences

Please contact the school if your child is going to be absent from school. Also, if your child is going to be late, we need to be contacted too. These procedures are in place as a precaution. If your child hasn't arrived at school by 9:15am and we've not heard from you, we will need to contact you if we are able to. If your child arrives late, we ask that they, or the accompanying adult, come to the office first so that we are aware that the child has arrived at school. Please help us with your co-operation on this important safety issue. The

only reason that your child should be away from school is if he/she is ill. For our children to get the best education possible they need to be at school.

After School Care – Monday to Friday, 3:00pm – 6:00pm

The YMCA continues to provide After School Care for our children as well as a school holiday programme. They have been working in the school for a year and we are very pleased with the programme that they are providing. For further information you can contact them on 027 782 0794 or pop in and see them in the school.

School Lunches

Cube Bakery continues to provide school lunches this year on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. These can be ordered before school in the office. Children then come to the office at lunchtime to pick up their orders. Menus are at the office.

Sushi Tuesday – Tuesday lunch is sushi that must be ordered at the office by 8:45am or online - www.wrapitup.co.nz.

Addresses and Phone Numbers

If you have changed your address or phone number recently please let Briar know. It's really important that we have accurate information. Thanks a lot for your help with this.

School Banking









School banking continues this year. We believe that it is really important for our children to have an understanding of financial literacy and how to manage and think about money. Too often our kids think that the source of money is the "hole in the wall".

ASB have a very good school banking set up. If your child does not have a bank account and you would like them to do so pick up a form from Briar at the office.

For children to be filling in the deposit envelope and bringing it into school and placing in the box gives them a great sense of where it all starts and how savings work. School banking day is Thursdays.

BOT (Board of Trustees)

Mt Cook School Board of Trustees members are:

-  Phil Hawker - BOT Chair
-  Frances Fraser
-  Sue Perry
-  David Lloyd
-  Jo Hendy
-  Maxine Iraia
-  Sandra McCallum - Principal
-  Lliam Carran/Simon Depree - Staff Reps.

The next meeting is **is to be confirmed at the start of 2017.**

Mobiles at school

Some students need to bring mobiles to school to make contact with parents/caregivers at the end of the day. These will be locked in a teacher cupboard for the school day and

returned at 3:00pm. Remind your young person to hand these in to the teacher on arrival at school. Thanks a lot.

MP3Player/iPods

These are not permitted at school. If they are brought to school they must be handed in to the teacher to be locked up until the end of the day. We cannot take responsibility for these.


DATES FOR THE TERM AND THE YEAR

 **Term 4** **Monday 10 October – Friday 16 December, finish 2pm**

 **Farewell Assembly for Nicola** **Wednesday 14 December, 9:15am**


 **Excellence Assembly** **Thursday 15 December, 9:30am**

Term Dates for 2017

 **Term 1:** **Thursday 2 February – Thursday 13 April**

 **Term 2:** **Monday 1 May – Friday 7 July**

 **Term 3:** **Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September**

 **Term 4:** **Monday 16 October – Tuesday 19 December**



Hei konei ra,

Sandra, Nicola, Liam, Julia, Moira, Jacinda, Katya, Ned, Gina, Sandy B, Kate, Nicki, Frances, Simon, Jason, Diane, Louise, Kate W, Robyn, Diana, Briar, Makshud, Nui, Karen, Sheila, Vickie, Pippa, Sarah, Rachel, Ren, Shannon, Alice & Emily.

SUNSHINE DRAMA.

Sunshine Drama

Saturday morning and after school creative drama classes for preschoolers to Year Eight. Classes enable students to explore creative thinking, build confidence and become effective communicators and performers. For more information about our classes and Christmas holiday workshops, please contact Jenae Ryan: 028 402 6793 or visit: www.sunshinedrama.co.nz

Violin and Viola Lessons for 2017

Alex Vaatstra (MusB, GDipTCHG, Lmus) is offering violin and viola lessons from Term 1, 2017. Alex has been privately teaching since 2007 and is experienced working with beginners through to advanced students. To find out more please visit www.vaatstrastrings.com or contact me at vaatstrastrings@gmail.com

The Pantaloons present:

Sleeping Bertie - the hilarious, magical musical pantomime at the Gryphon Theatre, 22 Ghuznee St, Te Aro. Jan 17 - 20. Tickets only \$10. To book ring or text - 0273282997

Local Drum Lesson's for children 2017! Mark Lockett B.Mus Perf Jazz, Dip Mus Recently Returned from performing & teaching in NYC. Individual & group lessons available. A FUN APPROACH! SEE: www.drumlab.co.nz 021 0433 663

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