

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,

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THINGS TO CELEBRATE

Orange Day Parade 2017

Oscar Thorburn, Larissa Ta & Jamie Scott

Orange Day Parade was a really wet day. Thousands of road patrollers were part of the event. The parade went from Parliament down Lambton Quay to the Michael Fowler Centre. At the Michael Fowler Centre there was a performance of Uptown Funk by one of the schools.

Banner design

We decided on the theme of super heroes because there have been a lot of DC Super Hero movies out and they are really popular. Superheroes are eye catching so we wanted an eye catching banner.

Each school sent two people up onto the stage to show their banner.

We were asked what monument could be made orange for Orange Day. Someone suggested the beehive.

Justin Lester, the Mayor, gave out certificates to the banner prize winners and Mt Cook School was placed second.

I enjoyed being able to walk on the road. Jordyn put together some good chants one of which was:

 *Who are, who are, who are we*
We are the kids from MTC
Who are, who are, who are we
We are the kids from MTC
We rise to the top
We never stop
Who are, who are, who are we
We are the kids from MTC
MT COOK YEAH 

I enjoyed the fact that you could dress up in orange and I also enjoyed walking down the roads. We could be as loud as we wanted.

I enjoyed going up on stage and showing off our banner as well as meeting the Mayor.

FANTASTIC WORK MT COOK SCHOOL AND THANK YOU FOR THE GREAT JOB THAT YOU DO





OUR TALENTED MUSICIANS

Darius Ngature in Katipo class has been learning the trumpet through the Salvation Army programme. Darius performed in front of his classmates last week and did a fantastic job with support from his tutors.



OUR BROAD RICH CURRICULUM

GYMNASTICS PROGRAMME YEARS 1 - 6

Our tamariki in years 1 – 6 are currently participating in 8 sessions of gymnastics as part of the Kiwisport MoveImprove programme. They are really enjoying it and many have not had such an experience before. This is what some of our tamariki have to say.

- 🎤 Gymnastics is fun and energetic. I never knew I could do the bar and I can. - *Evan*
- 🎤 I am getting more self confident by learning more things that I couldn't do before - *Ben*

- 📌 I feel a lot more fit – the warm up activities and the other activities have helped me
- *Zach L*
- 📌 I feel confident as I have been doing hard things - *Azeem*
- 📌 I am feeling a real sense of achievement. Every time I do gym I learn something new and I am amazed that I can do it e.g. falling onto the mat - *Isabella*
- 📌 It makes you more flexible – I can stretch further - *Jay*



TRASH LAB

This week, after a very long time, we opened the Trash Lab. The grass was still damp but nothing that our tamariki couldn't handle. We had about 60 of our young people again building an amazing range of creations. You can see from the photos what you can create from a wide range of recycled materials.



CRAFTLAB

The CraftLab has been running during some lunchtimes. We have a very capable team of seniors who set it up and make it happen. It is another busy space of creative engagement. We usually have about 30 of our tamariki involved as it is the most that the space can take.



Lev Vygotsky

'In play a child always behaves above his average age, above his daily behaviour as if he were a head taller than himself.'

2018 Enrolments

We are planning for next year. If you are enrolling a child next year and you haven't yet enrolled her/him, could you please come and get an enrolment form from Briar and get it back to us in term 4?

If you know anyone who is intending to enrol their child could you encourage them to do the same please? This means that we can plan effectively for class numbers.

Thanks for your support with this.



**Friday 15
September**

**Years 1 - 3:
5:30pm to 6:30pm**

**Years 4 - 8:
7pm to 8:30pm**



SWIMMING TERM 4

Swimming takes place in term 4.

Cost

This year we have been able to get grants from two sources:

- 🗣️ Brendon Motors has agreed to donate **\$2000** a year for the next three years towards our swimming costs – thanks to great work from our Board Chair Phil Hawker
- 🗣️ Pub Charity – Pippa Rippon, Sarah Beale and Lliam Carran put in an application for the swimming programme and the school received **\$7500**. **Both of these grants are amazing.**

This year it means that we can ask less from you.

We are asking for \$25 for each child. In families of more than one child we are asking for \$20 per child. This can be paid to Briar in the office in cash or by cheque or into the school bank account:

ASB 12 3141 0327975 00 - please put in the reference Swimming Term 4.

Children receive 8 swimming lessons and transport to and from the pool.

Expectations

Swimming is part of the Physical Education and Health Curriculum and **is compulsory for all students**. The teaching of swimming is required as is the teaching of maths, literacy, the arts and all the other curriculum areas. In a country surrounded by water it is vital that our young people learn to swim and also to enjoy the many activities that are associated with water.

We really appreciate your support in reminding your young person about this. Thank you so much for supporting your child in his/her swimming programme

SPORTS TEAMS - it is almost the end of the season

It is nearly the end of the season for both our netballers and basketballers. We will present our sports awards at our Excellence Assembly on 29 September at 10:45am.

A huge thank you to our parents and teachers who have coached, managed and supported our teams this season.

It is a big job especially attending games either after school or on Saturdays. We really appreciate your time, enthusiasm, commitment and skills. Without you our tamariki would not have these opportunities. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Black Polypropylene Tops for Netball Uniforms

If you are clearing out the kids winter wardrobe and find any black polypropylene tops that no longer fit we would love to have them for our netball team for next (winter) season.

The girls netball uniforms are a singlet dress and the uniform only allows black polypropylene top underneath for those chilly days. So if you have any spare/too small black polypropylene tops drop them to the office please. We are looking for sizes 8-12.

Weet-Bix Kids Tryathlon 2018

The registrations open for the 2018 Weetbix Kids Tryathlon soon. We have had a school team enter for the past three years and the kids have had a lot of fun. There is lots of time to enter still but it may be good to talk to your child early to see if they are interested. This event is all about giving it a try and the kids usually have a great time. It will be held at Kilbirnie Park on Sunday 18th March 2018. Kids from 7-15 years old can enter. The distances for age 7 (approx) are Swim 50m, Cycle 4km, Run 1.5km and for ages 8-10 Swim 100m, Cycle 4km and Run 1.5km. Entries are \$38 per child if you enter before February next year. The event tends to fill up / sell out by early Feb. Your entrant needs a bike and to be able to swim. I am School Co-ordinator for Mt Cook School so please feel free to ask me any questions.

- Kirsty Stewart (Lucy, Lily Jamie Scott's mum)



READ YOUR HEART OUT!

2017 in the Mt Cook School Library

A Reading Challenge!

This week I was delighted to be asked by a student what I am currently reading, and a short discussion about the book followed. This is probably something I don't do enough of - telling the children about the books I am reading, and asking them about the ones they are enjoying. A challenge for me to take up, and here's another one:

Gene Luen Yang, a graphic novel creator and the USA fifth National Ambassador of Young People's Literature (2016-17) has issued a Reading Without Walls Challenge:

1. Read a book about a **character** who doesn't look like you or live like you.
2. Read book about a **topic** you don't know much about.
3. Read a book in a **format** that you don't normally read, for fun. This might be a chapter book, a graphic novel, a book in verse, picture book or a non-fiction book.

My challenge is to read one of the graphic novels that so many of our children are enjoying - I'll have to reserve one though as they are hardly ever on the shelf!

What will you read?!

Kid's Art Work Orders

Thanks to all those who have put in their orders for calendars, cards, sketch pads, mouse pads or diaries.

Just a reminder for those who have not yet ordered, that orders close next week on **Friday, 15 September**.

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

2017 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 and that you can claim it on your tax.

CARPARKING – PLEASE DROP OFF ON TORY ST

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 8:55am. ***On Tuesdays 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

Sushi Lunches has moved to a new website, ezlunch! From this term all orders will need to be placed via www.ezlunch.co.nz. It's the same sushi, same varieties and the same price, just a new website for orders. If you order from the school office your order needs to be in by 8:45am. Thank you.

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)

Our Board of Trustees members are:

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

The next meeting is 12 September at 7pm.

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 3pm. 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

Important Dates For Term 3

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|  School Disco | Friday 15 September |
|  Talent Quest | Tuesday 26 September, 12:40pm |
|  Sports & Excellence Awards Assembly | Friday 29 September, 10:45am |
|  Term 3 ends | Friday 29 September, 2pm finish |

Important Dates for 2017

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|  Labour Day/Long weekend | Friday 20 October - Monday 23 October |
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Term Dates for 2017

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|  Term 3 | Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September, 2pm finish |
|  Term 4 | Monday 16 October – Tuesday 19 December, 2pm finish |

DATES for 2018

📅 Term 1	Thursday 1 February – Friday 13 April Good Friday - 30 March Easter Monday - 2 April Easter Tuesday - 3 April
📅 Term 2	Monday 30 April - Friday 6 July
📅 Term 3	Monday 23 July - Friday 28 September
📅 Term 4	Monday 15 October - Tuesday 18 December (Teacher only day 20 October) Labour Day - 23 Monday



Kotahi te kākano, he nui ngā te rākau
A tree comes from one seed but bears many fruit

This whakatauki emphasises that in our commonality we are all different. In all learning we celebrate those differences while maintaining our relationship with each other.

(Te Whariki – Early Childhood Curriculum)

Hei konei ra

Sandra, Liam, Julia, Moira, Jacinda, Ned, Gina, Sandy B, Nicki, Kelly, Marije, Katie, Simon, Jason, Diane, Stu, Louise, Robyn, Diana, Briar, Makshud, Nui, Karen, Vickie, Sheila, Pippa, Sarah, Rachel, Ria, Shenee, Sophie & Alex