

NEWSLETTER

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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

We finished the term with the school disco which was so much fun; the talent quest; some fantastic results at the end of the winter sport season and the staff student netball game.

Thank you *Tim Ward* and *Neil Aldridge* for the music and lighting for the disco.

Thank you *Nikita* for organising another great talent quest.

Thank you everyone for another great term and for all your support.

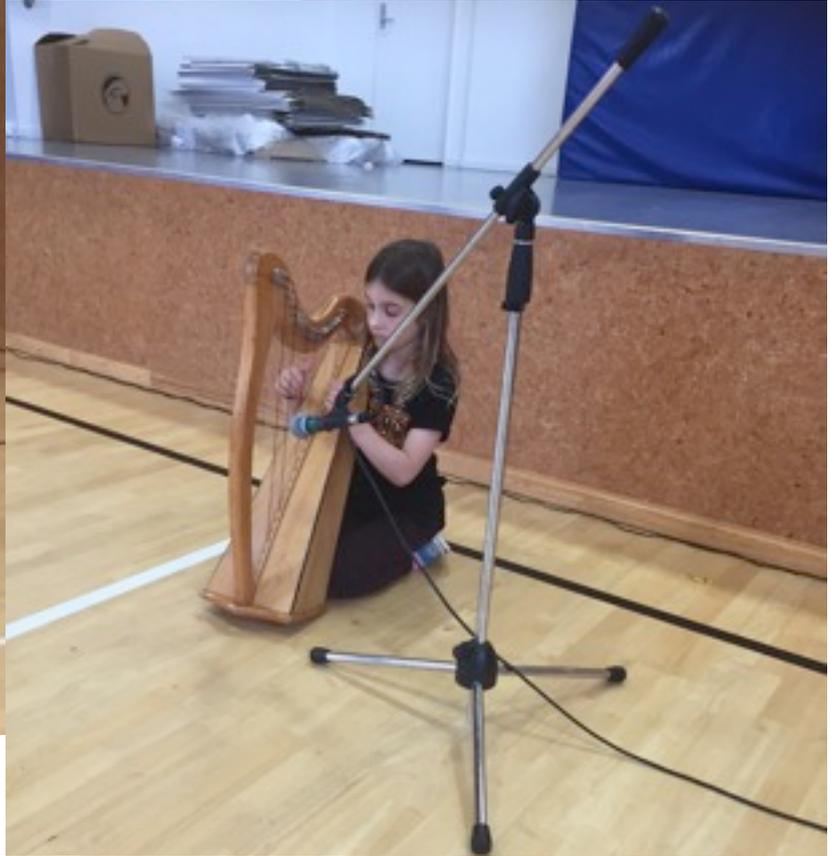














SPORTS TEAMS – THANK YOU!

It has been another great netball and basketball season. Our young people have enjoyed it so much.

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. ***Again thank you, thank you, thank you.***



Hoop There it is – Years 7/8 basketball team won their competition.

Space Jam – Year 5/6 basketball girls won their competition.



Mt Cook Dragons – senior netball team came second

Another fantastic season for all of our players.

SWIMMING – Interzone Competition

Congratulations Conal Kelly, Mia Finlayson and Ana Bastos on your successes at the Interzone Swimming Competition.

Mia was placed second in her events, Conal got a 4th place and Ana was placed second.

It is very tough competition and we are really proud of you all.

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.

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



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 to be confirmed.

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

-  Sports & Excellence Awards Assembly Friday 29 September, 10:45am
-  Term 3 ends Friday 29 September, 2pm finish

Important Dates for 2017

📅 Labour Day/Long weekend

Friday 20 October - Monday 23 October

Term Dates for 2017

📅 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

Have a great holiday!



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