

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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Welcome back to the last term of the year. This term is always an extra interesting and busy term and to add to the interest we have a new government which will no doubt result in some significant changes in education policy. We will be watching to see what the changes will be.

Below are the dates for this term. Please put these in your diary as there is a lot to remember. We will do our best to keep everyone informed about what is happening.

Term 4 Dates 2017

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|  Central Zone Athletics | Thursday 9 November |
|  School Photos | Monday 13 November |
|  Cultural Afternoon | Wednesday 15 November |
|  Fundraising movie night | Thursday 23 November, 6pm |

	Zoo sleepover – Takahe/Katipo	Tuesday 5 December
	Community Arts Festival	Thursday 7 December
	Junior singing for parents	Tuesday 12 December
	Year 8 Leavers Evening	Thursday 14 December

COMMUNITY ARTS FESTIVAL – THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

This is always a highlight of the year. It is the chance to:

- Get together and be together as a community
- Taste some delicious food from many of our different cultures
- Celebrate the achievements of the year
- Be entertained by our tamariki
- Thank everyone who has supported the school

Please put this in your diary. We would love to see all of you come along and celebrate the year with us.

CAN YOU PROVIDE FOOD FOR A FOOD STALL? WE LOVE TASTING FOOD FROM OUR MANY DIFFERENT CULTURES

For the last few years we have asked members of our different communities to cook food to sell for dinner at our arts festival. We pay for the ingredients and any extra money raised is a fundraiser for the school.

Again this year we would love the chance to taste the wonderful foods from our different cultures – it is a great chance to share and celebrate who we are as a community and the different groups within our community.

If you are interested in cooking some food for this event:

- **talk to Sandra**
- **the class teacher**

We will support you as much as we can to make it happen. Thank you so much.



OUR BROAD RICH CURRICULUM

Design Thinking – Harakeke and Kowhai classes

Instant Clothing – our Big Idea

In Harakeke and Kowhai class we had to come up with a big idea that has to be of benefit for the wider community. Our big idea changed three times as we discussed it and got feedback from the year 5 and 6 students.

Our big idea is to upcycle clothes and sell them for a cheap price. People can also come to us and ask us to redesign something for them and they will pay for this. The money that we make will be used to buy materials and donate to charity.

When the years 5 and 6s came to us they asked lots of questions and gave us ideas about other things that we can do.

We love being able to do something creative and that we are passionate about. When we work as a team we feed on each other's ideas and we add onto each other's ideas. The challenges are that sometimes we don't always agree but we keep talking until we come up with a solution which is usually better than our original idea.

- Maria, Nicole, Carmen and Lexi



Des Hunt

Des Hunt is a NZ author who was born and brought up in Palmerston Nth. His non fiction work is designed to help secondary students in science. He was a science teacher for 43 years. His fiction work is adventure stories set in NZ, about NZ and with NZ wildlife.

We liked how Des used science to explain how to write a gripping story. He described his stories as like a ball. His first fiction story was like a ball that didn't bounce. This meant that it didn't work for the reader. He used his problem solving skills to create a ball that would bounce higher. He did this by stacking three balls on top of each other and the ball hit the roof. The ball that hit the roof was like a story that hooks you in, so that you keep reading it until the end. Des gave us a new angle to think about when we are writing ourselves.

- Evan Temple and Isabella Cash



Manaia Art

Manaia class first created a landscape with dye and then used Indian Ink to create the shadows of the tree spreading it out by blowing on it. The results as you can see are magical.





Dragon Picture

Aaron Duan in Pekapeka and Kereru created this amazing dragon. He has a long story to go with it. Aren't our little people amazing?



Athletics Training

Training is well underway for the Central Zone athletics competition. This week we had our Run, Jump, Throw Festival which is the selection event for the year 4 – 8 students for the Central Zone athletics.



SPORTS TEAMS

Touch rugby starts next week. We have three teams who are involved this year.

Fundraising Film Evening Thursday 23 November Lighthouse Cuba

Robin Greenberg, Jasper's mum, has produced this incredible documentary and has offered it to be used as a fundraiser for the school.



We thank Robin for this amazing opportunity.

We also thank Harriet Prebble at Lighthouse Cuba for making this event so easy to organise.

Tickets will be available from the office – more information in the next few days.



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TEAM TIBET - HOME AWAY FROM HOME **A DOCUMENTARY BY ROBIN GREENBERG**

The extraordinary life of New Zealand's first Tibetan refugee, Thuten Kesang QSM, and what has made him a tireless advocate for Tibet.

Thursday 23 November @ 6pm
Light House Cuba, 29 Wigan Street
Tickets \$20

\$8.50 from each ticket will go towards the Mount Cook School
Middle Syndicate Zoo Sleepover.
Screening time 160 minutes.

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 Liam 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

-  Term 4 see the front page
-  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

Welcome back and enjoy the beautiful weather!



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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mary Potter Hospice Strawberry Festival

We are running our annual Hospice Strawberry Festival at Midland Park on Wednesday the 22nd of November. The theme for this year is “Sundaes for Good” and all funds raised will help to ensure that the Hospice can continue to care for those who are terminally ill, free of charge, when and where required.

Pre-school Music and Movement

Community run interactive and fun music sessions for you and your little one – followed by morning tea and free play time. Thursday’s 10am during term time (entry by donation.) St Johns in the City (Cnr Willis and Dixon Sts) - parking available. (Casual attendance is fine.)

Pump Dance Studios presents The Wizard of Oz

Saturday 4th November

Matinee Show 3pm, Evening Show 7pm

The Opera House, Wellington

Tickets available at: <http://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=WIZARDOF17>

Children (14 years and under) \$24, Adults \$28, Family (2 adults, 2 children) \$88.

The Pump students will blow you away with high-energy hip hop, jazz and contemporary dance. This eco-friendly twist on The Wizard of Oz is a must-see for the whole family.