



MT COOK SCHOOL

12 February 2021

PANUI - NEWSLETTER

Kia ora koutou

We have had a great start to the new year at Mt Cook School. Have a chat with your young person about what they have been doing in class.

A huge thank you to our Mt Cook families who came to school during the holidays to help make our environment ready for the new year.

Dates

Community Sausage Sizzle/Meet The Teachers – Thursday 18 February 5:15 – 7pm. This is a chance to meet our teachers and eat some delicious sausages.

School Picnic – Friday 19 February: Every year we go as a school to Khandallah Park for the day. We play, swim, the older children climb Mt Kaukau and we have a real community day to start the year. Families are welcome to come up and join us for some or all of the day. We arrive at about 9:45am by bus and return by 2:45pm. Please make sure your children apply sunscreen in the morning and bring togs, towel, a hat, a drink bottle and a sweatshirt.

Parent/Teacher meetings – Tuesday 23 & Wednesday 24 February

This is an opportunity to talk about your young people, share information and set goals for the year. We will send out the link to the booking website next week.

Term 1 2021 (11 weeks) Thursday 4 February – Friday 16 April

Waitangi Day observed - 8 February

Teacher only day - Thursday 1 April

Easter holidays 2 April - 6 April

Term 2 2021 (10 weeks) Monday 3 May – July 9 July

Teacher only day - Friday 4 June

Queen's Birthday - Monday 7 June

Term 3 2021 (10 weeks) Monday 26 July – Friday 1 October

Term 4 2021 (9 weeks) Monday 18 October - Wednesday 15 December

Powhiri

We welcomed our new whanau this week with a powhiri. It was a great chance to spend some time with the new members of the community. A big thank you to Te Maia and our Te Ararau Kapa Haka group.



Buddy classes

We have started spending time with our buddy classes. Yesterday we ended the day with the whole school buddy reading. Buddy classes will be working together for the rest of the year in different ways.



Yesterday the Senior Syndicate classes had the opportunity to learn handball and some German language. Thank you to Alexandra from the Centre for Languages and Goethe Institute and to Frank from NZ Handball for sharing your language and sport skills with us.



Weetbix Kid TRYathlon

Entries are now open for the Weetbix Tryathlon which will take place on 21 March 2021. This is a fun event and open to children aged 7 and above. Full details can be found at www.tryathlon.co.nz.

Kids can do the whole tryathlon or enter as a team. The emphasis is definitely on fun and participation and everyone gets a medal!

In previous years we have had a group of children from Mt Cook School participating and we have done some fun training together in the run up to the event. If you are interested in doing the tryathlon this year, look for the Mt Cook School group when you sign up or email Emma on emsjwatson@hotmail.com



Communication

Absences

If your young person is going to be away please ring and leave a message at the office or you can email the office on office@mtcook.school.nz

Lateness

If your young person is late please ask them to come to the office to let Briar know that they have arrived.

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 Martin Square and **not anywhere in Sages Lane. Te Papa over the road** has asked that we **don't park** in their area as it blocks access and is not safe. You can park in The Warehouse carpark and walk down as the first 90 minutes is free. Thanks for your support with this.

After School Care – Monday – 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 02108436523 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.

Addresses and Phone Numbers

If you have changed your address, phone number or email recently please let Briar know. It's really important that we have accurate information.

Thanks a lot for your help with this.

