



1 February 2021

Kia ora koutou and welcome back to Mt Cook School for 2021
Welcome to our new families – it is great to have you join our school community.

The first day is Thursday 4 February

Covid 19: We are currently in Level 1. We are taking the virus very seriously and want to make sure we are doing our part to prevent the spread of COVID. Your child's safety at school is our primary concern.

Our precautions will be the same as last year:

- We will have QR codes up around the school. If you don't have your phone with you please sign in at the office.
- As we enter a new space we will be using hand sanitiser.
- We will send home children and staff members who have flu like symptoms. Please keep your children home if they are unwell.
- We will reinforce good handwashing/sneezing/coughing practices.

New Staff: Welcome to our new staff. Lisa is teaching year 5/6s in Tuatara. Manisha and George are working with our children as teacher aides.

Stationery Lists

The junior class stationery is provided by school. Please pay \$25 at the office.

[Kakapo, Kowhai and Harakeke](#)

[Katipo, Tuatara and Manaia](#)

Swimming: Year 1- 4 students will be swimming in Term Three and year 5-8's in Term Four.

Sunsmart: Reminder about **SUNHATS** – children who are not wearing these will need to sit on the verandah in the shade at lunchtime.

Below are some important dates coming up for your calendars.

Waitangi Day observed – Monday 8 February – there is no school!

Powhiri - Wednesday 10 February at 9:15am

This will be followed by a morning tea to welcome new families and staff. The powhiri is always a significant occasion to start the year for all of us. If you are able to attend that would be fantastic.

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.

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.

Electives – Monday afternoons, Week 7,8,9,11 starting Monday 15 March.

Teachers and parents run high interest activities for small groups of children. Some examples have been Bee Keeping, Zoetropes, Puppet Making, Zines, World Cup Football, Introduction to Hogwarts and many more. **We need parents to run electives and also be helpers.** If you can help please speak to Liam.

2021 Dates

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

Teacher Only Day - Friday 22 October

**WE ARE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT YEAR AT
MT COOK SCHOOL.**

