

# Mt Cook School Pānui

TERM 4 WEEK 7

28th November 2024



**Dobar dahn, Nabad, Ciao, Ni hao, Namaste, Valttukkal, Abhinandan, Subhakansalu, Griṭigaza, Talofa, Bonjour, Χαίρετίσματα, Grüß, Zdravím, Приветствия, Sawasdee, Konnichiwa, Pozdrowenia, Selamlar, Guten Tag, 안녕하세요, Salaam Aleikum, Marhaba, Nay Hoh, Ayubowan, Xin Chào, Kia Orana, Shalom,**

Tēnā tātou katoa e te whānau,

Mt Cook School has had another busy year and as this is one of our last pānui for the year it is time to outline and celebrate our successes, accomplishments, learnings and challenges.

Our staff have celebrated significant successes. Maddie, Myah and Harry have become fully registered teachers. Eight kaiako have completed their study in Better Start Literacy. We welcome our new Kaitiaki Anna and in 2025 we will also be welcoming Anne Gordon, Rosa Conway, Olivia Chrisp, Beth Bryson, and Claudia Morris to our teaching team.

We have seen the start and completion throughout the year of a few property projects. This year saw the completion of our administration area and staffroom.

We are currently replacing all the decking around the lower classrooms. In the holidays we will see the replacement of the ramp and the renovation of the sensory room completed.

This year we have focused on providing exciting learning opportunities for our ākonga.

2024 had a science focus for Mt Cook School and to support our amazing programme we engaged with The House of Science. This has meant that our ākonga have had the opportunity to try all sorts of very cool experiments and grow their curiosity and science knowledge.

Mt Cook School tries to provide our ākonga with many opportunities to be successful; we have tamariki participating in many different sporting codes, Kapa Haka, Arohanui Strings, music lessons with Hannah and the Mt Cook Dance Crew.

We have also been successful in the EPRO8 challenge, Otago Maths challenge, Athletics, X-country and the Inter-school Speech Competition.

Our new approach to teaching literacy in the Teina Rohe has been a great success, with all ākonga making significant progress.

Mt Cook School is very lucky to have staff who really care about our tamariki, to have tamariki who are amazing and to have a community that cares!

Enjoy this fortnight's Pānui.

Adrianne McAllister







## IMPORTANT DATES IN TERM FOUR and 2025

### 2025 Term Dates

#### **Week Eight: 2nd - 6th December**

Monday Swimming for Year 7 & 8

Thursday: Swimming for Year 5 & 6

Thursday: Community Arts Festival 5pm - 6.30pm

#### **Week Nine: 9th - 13th December**

Thursday: Y8 Leavers Evening

Friday: Reports home

#### **Week Ten: 16th - 19th December**

Tuesday: Fun Day

Wednesday: 2025 Class Lists out

Thursday: Last day, school finishes 2pm

**Term 1** - Monday 3rd February - Friday 11th April

Public Holidays - Waitangi Day Wednesday 6th February

Easter is during the holidays as is ANZAC Day

**Term 2** - Monday 28th April - Friday 27th June

Public Holidays: King's Birthday Monday 2nd June, Matariki Friday 20th June.

**Term 3** - Monday 14th July - Friday 19th September

**Term 4** - Monday 6th October - Tuesday 16th December

Public Holidays: Labour Day Monday 27th October

**Teacher Only Days will be shared early in 2025**





## Our vision of a community where belonging, curiosity and creativity matters

### EPRO 8

Both our Year 5/6 and Year 7/8 EPRO8 teams made it through to the regional semi-finals which were held this week. This is an inter school challenge designed to give students a fun and rewarding introduction to science and engineering. Teams compete to try and finish a variety of interesting science and engineering based challenges.

A huge thank you to Bonnie's granddad Ted who has been volunteering his time to coach the Year 5/6 team.

### Cultural Exchange

It was very exciting to join together with the other central Wellington schools for a cultural exchange last week.

This used to be an annual event on the calendar pre-Covid and it was fantastic to bring it back for 2024. We were treated to amazing Kapa Haka performances, beautiful music and our Mt Cook Dance crew had another opportunity to showcase their talent.

Hawakiin and Natalie did a wonderful job of hosting the event and making everyone welcome. Ka rawe!

## 2024 - 2025 Enrolments

If you know of new whānau planning to come to Mt Cook School for 2025, please let us know asap or ask them to contact Briar in the office. This will help us with our planning.



## Grocery Raffle

The Senior Students would like to run a Christmas Grocery Raffle at the Community Arts Festival to raise money for senior camp in 2025.

We need your help! We are asking for the donation of one grocery item from each family so we can make some awesome raffle baskets. Some ideas for donations: Christmas treats, chocolate, coffee, tea, biscuits, cans, chips, cereal, juice.

You can drop your items into the boxes in the office until the morning of Thursday 5th December.





## 2025 Mt Cook School

### Class Arrangements for 2025

#### Teina Rohe

Pekapeka Year 0/1: Kate LM and Shona

Kererū Year 0/1: Rose and Marije

Mako Year 2: Rosa

Kiwi Year 2/3: Myah

Katipō Year 3: Sarah

#### Tuakana Rohe

Takahē Year 4: Anne

Hoiho Year 4/5: Lisa

Tuatara Year 5/6: Gina

Manaia Year 5/6: Sam

Kākāpō: Year 6/7 Claudia

Kōwhai Year 7/8: Linda

Harakeke Year 7/8: Olivia

Learning Support Kaiako: Silvia

Classroom Release Kaiako: Harry

ESOL Kaiako: Beth

Working across the school: Adrianne,  
Kate and Marije

Office Manager: Briar

School Librarian: Lucy

Kaitiaki: Anna

Kaiako Māori: Nanaia

Learning Support Teacher Aide: Asuka  
Individual support Teacher Aides: Sarah,  
Swapna and Rachel

### UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

Many of you have changed your addresses and phone numbers so it is time to ensure that we have your most up-to-date contact information.

You can email this new information to Briar in the office at [office@mtcook.school.nz](mailto:office@mtcook.school.nz) or call and leave a message on 04 3859432.

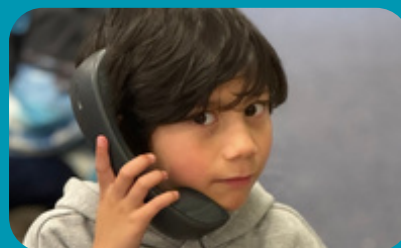


### TAMARIKI AWAY

Please contact Briar in the office or your tamariki's kaiako on the day that they are absent with the reason your child is not at kura.

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with your child's name, the reason why they are away and when they will return to school.







## Our Values

### Waewae Kai Kapua, Mana Tamariki, Manaakitanga, Auahatanga

Manaakitanga champions for this fortnight are: Adriu, Natalie, Matthew, Phong, Kadesh, Garvit, Tilda, Gene, Mason, Grayson, Liana, Lily, Vedant and Shreyas.

Mana Tamariki champions for this fortnight are: Kota, Ivan, Eva, Billy, Anna, Vy, Billy T-N, Rawan and Zayna.

Waewae Kai Kapua champion for for this fortnight is:  
Ada

Auahatanga champions for this fortnight are: Wolfgang, Jasper, Mabel, Elise and Taiman



### Keep our community health!

There are many different types of bugs going around at the moment from tummy bugs, and Covid to Whooping Cough.

We are doing our part to ensure that Mt Cook School limits the transfer of these bugs by ensuring surfaces are regularly wiped, there is plenty of air flow.

Please keep your tamariki at home for 48 form the last time your saw any symtoms.

If you have immune compromised whānau members please let us know so we can inform you.



### Reminders:

This is a great time of the year to up-date our whānau contact details as things could have changed throughout the year.

It is very important to have current emergency contacts so please update these too.

Please check that the school has your correct address, home and work phone numbers.





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We can assess swimmers during their school sessions to help place them in the right level for our Term 1 after-school classes.

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# JOIN THE WELLINGTON PIRATES

- JOIN OUR 12U TEAM (10-12 YEARS)
- KIDS OF ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME
- WE HAVE ALL THE EQUIPMENT YOU'LL NEED TO GET STARTED!

## HAVE A GO AT BASEBALL!

The Pirates are all about kids having fun playing baseball with friends! We practice Thursday nights from 5:30-7:30 at Ian Galloway Park—indoors if it's raining. We'll start playing games on Sundays in the new year with other teams in the Wellington region.

Get in touch and come out for a few training sessions to see if baseball is the sport for you! We'd love to have you on the field with us!

Get in touch at [wgtncitypirates@gmail.com](mailto:wgtncitypirates@gmail.com), or...

Register at [piratresbaseball.nz](http://piratresbaseball.nz)



# *English With Allie*



## **Online After School Lessons for Students:**

- ~ Years 5 -10
- ~ Online group lessons (maximum of 4 students)
- ~ Online one to one lessons

**Course 1: Academic Written Language & Skills**  
**(For Fluent & Near Fluent Speakers)**

**Course 2: Academic English Language (ESOL)**  
**(Not Yet Fluent Speakers)**

**\*\* Enrolling Now for Term 1 2025 \*\***  
***Limited Spaces Available***



### **Allie Rankine:**

- Qualified & Registered New Zealand Teacher
- Over 35 years of teaching experience (primary, intermediate, secondary, tertiary & adults)
- Specialising in English, ESOL, IELTS, TESOL
- Former Director of Studies

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