

# Mt Cook School Pānui

TERM 4 WEEK 9

12th December 2024



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

At Mt Cook School, we pride ourselves on ensuring our ākonga have a strong sense of belonging, showing curiosity in the world we live in and creativity for solving the world's problems. Our ākonga meet challenges with kindness, passion and confidence.

Our ākonga are a confident, inquisitive and curious bunch of young people. They understand the importance of relationships, they support and help each other. They are passionate about fairness, our environment, their cultures and their whānau. They care for things that are bigger than themselves, for people other than themselves, and for places where they have not been.

An important part of every school is its whānau and our whānau community is amazing! Thank you to all our whānau, tamariki, kaiako and friends for being part of Mt Cook School this year. We are very lucky to have 38 different nationalities, hear many different languages and celebrate traditions from around the world. It is truly a taonga to have such a beautiful multicultural community.

Having great staff is key in making a great school. Mt Cook is a school that is full of staff who are driven, passionate and determined to do the best for our students. A staff who provides the best education, despite the ever changing needs of our community. A staff that truly care for our tamariki, whānau and each other. Our staff are all an incredibly dedicated and hardworking team.

Mt Cook School has a core group of parents who re on our Board. Thank you to Orla, Michelle, Stephanie, Sou, Emma, Kate our Staff Rep and Briar, our secretary. Thank you for supporting our Kura.

I am the luckiest Principal in the world because I get to work alongside a great staff, with awesome young people and whānau. Thank you for all your support over 2024 , we wish you all the best for the summer break.

Enjoy this fortnight's Pānui.

Adrianne McAllister





## Tātarakihi

In terms 3 and 4, Hoiho class have been lucky to have regular visits to our education centre at Pukeahu Park and be a part of an exciting project. The project was led by Violette Squire and Ricky Prebble, experts in our local histories and community planning. The tamariki looked closely at Tātarakihi (cicadas), symbols of children due to their lively nature and changing forms. The aim was to connect people to Pukeahu, foster deeper connections to Mana Whenua histories and engage tamariki with art. The outcome is a series of painted images of Tātarakihi to map out important areas around and within the park. Next time you're there, listen carefully and you might hear the faint chattering of children alongside the fluttering wings of the Tātarakihi!





## Community Arts Festival

The Community Arts Festival was such an amazing evening. We loved seeing our community come together to celebrate our cultures, share kai and marvel at the incredible artwork created by our tamariki.

A HUGE thank you to our whānau who supported the evening with incredible cooking, delicious baking, helping hands and grocery raffle donations.

We also want to say thank you to Moore Wilson's and Wellington City New World who generously donated to our raffle







# MT COOK SCHOOL

2025 marks the 150th anniversary of Mt Cook School. This is a huge milestone and we are looking forward to celebrating throughout the year both through our learning programmes and with our wider community.

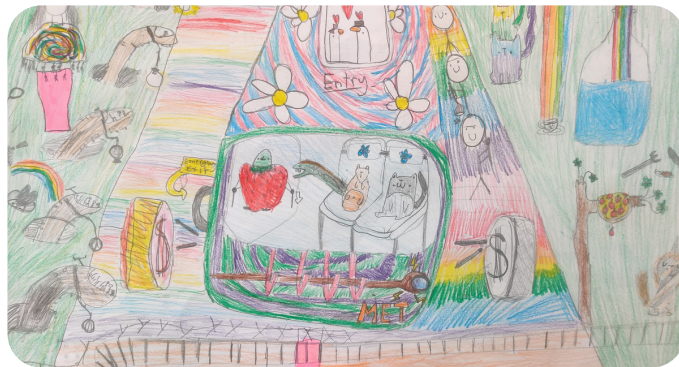
Our special celebration weekend will take place on the weekend of August 30th/ 31st 2025.

Mark the date in your calendars! It will be a time for students, whānau and staff from the present and the past to come together to share stories and memories ... and of course kai!

If you have memories, photos or contacts for past students or staff then please pass them on to Kate [kashby@mtcook.school.nz](mailto:kashby@mtcook.school.nz)

We will be updating the school Facebook page with stories and information as well as our 150th anniversary Instagram page @mtcook150. Follow along to keep updated.

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## 2025 at Mt Cook School

### **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

Food Technology: Scott

Hard Materials Technology: Simon

Electronics / Design Technology: Jason

Soft Materials Technology: Louise

Digital Technology: Kelly

## Term Dates

### **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**

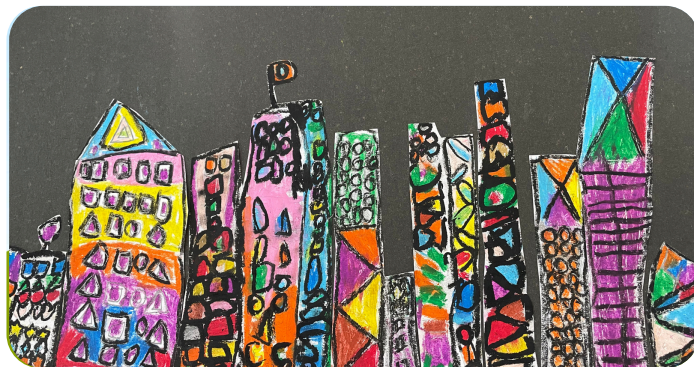
Public Holidays: King's Birthday Monday 2nd June, Matariki Friday 20th June.

### **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 Values

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

Manaakitanga champions for this fortnight are:  
Joshua, Lakshanya, Cia, Fearne, Adam, Abira, Lulu  
and Mabel

Mana Tamariki champions for this fortnight are:  
Jerry K, Lulu, Vedant, Pepper, Ameya and  
Fatimah

Waewae Kai Kapua champions for this fortnight  
are: Hawakiin, Harper and Azeil

Auahatanga champions for this fortnight are:  
Angela, Shuyi, Shweyee, Kidsan, Edith, Zakaria,  
Tyrone, Piiata, Jerry J, Chloe and Emilie





Read books | Complete quests | Win prizes

Pick up the Adventurer's Guide from your local library, and visit [wcl.beanstack.org](http://wcl.beanstack.org) to get started. The Adventure awaits for readers aged 5–105!

Nau mai rā tātou katoa  
Everybody is welcome.



[wcl.govt.nz](http://wcl.govt.nz)

**Wellington  
City Libraries**

**Absolutely Positively  
Wellington City Council**  
Me Heke Ki Pōneke

**Are your kids loving their school swim sessions? Build on their skills by joining CitySwim for after-school lessons.**

Our programme is designed to help swimmers of all levels gain confidence through personalised instruction, small class sizes, and a focus on fun and technique progression.

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

If you're interested, email us at [contact@cityswim.co.nz](mailto:contact@cityswim.co.nz)





# 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*



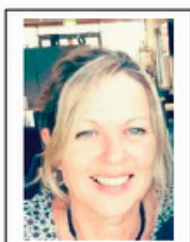
## **Online After School Lessons for Students:**

- ~ 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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