

Mt Cook School Pānui

TERM 1 WEEK 1
5th February 2025



Dobar dahn, Nabad, Ciao, Ni hao, Namaste, Valttukkal, Abhinandan, Subhakansalu, Gritigaza, Talofa, Bonjour, Хайретісімдік, 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,

Welcome back to school! We hope you had a relaxing holiday break and during this time you were surrounded by whānau and friends.

Our kaiako have had a restful break and have been busy planning exciting programmes and fun activities for your tamariki.

In January, all our staff attended a day with Huia Puketapu exploring Mana Whenua historical sites. We joined Te Aro School and toured around Te Whanganui a Tara visiting local sites that are important for Māori.

This professional development supports our Strategic plan by building our knowledge of Matauranga Māori, tikanga and te reo Māori.

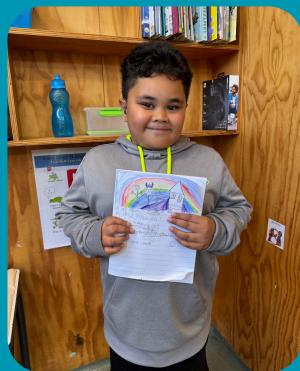
We also welcome back Sam Palmer who works with staff and Whaea Nanaia who will be supporting te reo Māori and Kapahaka in classes this year.

This week we have welcomed twenty new whānau to Mt Cook kura, alongside our five new kaiako. Thank you to Matua Hemara who guided and supported our Pōwhiri on Monday.

We look forward to reconnecting with all our whānau at our Community Sausage Sizzle next Thursday 13th at 5pm.

We are enjoying some warm summer weather at last here in Te Whanganui a Tara. Please remember to send your tamariki to school with a sunhat and waterbottle.

Enjoy this fortnight's pānui!



Adrienne McAllister



IMPORTANT DATES IN 2025

TERM ONE

Powhiri first Monday at 9.30am

Senior Camp info evening

10th Feb 5.30pm

Community Sausage Sizzle

13th February 5pm - 6pm

School Picnic 18th Feb

Teapot Valley Camp Y7/8

24th - 28th Feb

Whānau Hui 5th & 6th March

TERM THREE

Powhiri first Monday at 9.30am

Year 5/6 Sport Wellington Winter Festival 23rd July

Maths Week 11th August

Mt Cook School 150th Celebration

30th / 31st August

Year 3/4 Futsal 10th Sept

Year 5/6 Futsal 11th Sept

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 15th Sept

School Performance 16th Sept

TERM TWO

Powhiri first Monday at 9.30am

Electives Monday afternoons

5th May - 30th May

Year 7 Immunisations 9th May

Teina Rohe Swimming starts 9th May

Book Week 26th-30th May

Matariki Breakfast 20th June

Reports home 27th June

TERM FOUR

Powhiri first Monday at 9.30am

CZ Athletics 28th Oct

IZ Athletics 18th Nov

Community Arts Festival 27th Nov

Leavers' Dinner 4th Dec

Fun Day 9th Dec

Reports home 12th Dec

Last Day 16th Dec





Our 2025 staff:

We warmly welcome all our new staff who will be joining our team for 2025:

Olivia Chrisp, Claudia Morris, Beth Bryson, Rose Hill, Rosa Conway and Anne Gordon.

Tuakana Rohe

Harakeke: Liv Chrisp - Year 7 & 8
Kōwhai: Linda Martelletti - Year 7 & 8
Kākāpō: Claudia Morris - Year 6 & 7
Manaia: Sam Wilson - Year 5 & 6
Tuatara: Gina Newman - Year 5 & 6
Hoiho: Lisa Wollner - Year 4 & 5
Takahē: Anne Gordon - Year 4

Teina Rohe

Katipō: Sarah Shore - Year 3
Kiwi: Myah Miranda - Year 2 & 3
Mako: Rosa Conway - Year 2
Kererū: Rose Hill & Marije Knevel - Year 1
Pekapeka Shona Fort and Kate Le Masurier - Year 1

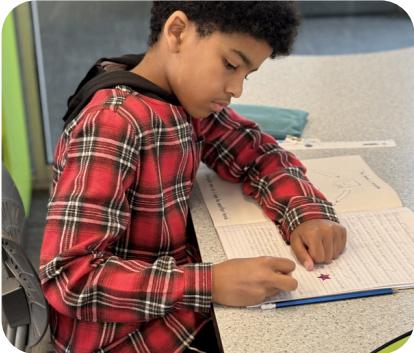
Technology Centre

Simon Depree - Workshop Technology
Jason Cadwallader - Electronics Technology
Scott McGregor- Food Technology
Louise Brownlee - Materials Technology
Kelly McArthur - Design Technology
Bridget Dixon - Design & Modelling Technology

Support Staff

Adrianne, Kate and Marije
Harry Fautley - Release Teacher
Silvia Meijer - Learning Support Teacher
Beth Bryson - ESOL
Lucy Black - Librarian
Briar Hohua - Office Manager
Sarah Beale - Individual support Teacher Aide
Asuka Milne- Learning support Teacher Aide
Rachel Drew - Classroom support Teacher Aide
Kaiawhina Kapa Haka Tutor- Nanaia Martin
Kaitiaki - Anna Matushkinia





Delivering Equity so that our community reaches their full potential.

We are lucky to have three specialist teachers and one specialist teacher aide who will be supporting small groups of learners this year.

Marije will be working with small groups of ākonga from the Teina rohe for reading and writing. These ākonga will receive small group teaching with Marije in addition to their already quality classroom teaching.

Silvia will be supporting learning in the Tuakana rohe in reading, writing and maths. Silvia's learning groups will provide short intensive support in order to boost their learning and close learning gaps.

Asuka will be supporting learning in the Tuakana rohe spaces to ensure that all our ākonga can access the curriculum.

If your tamariki is lucky enough to be working alongside these Kaiako please make sure that they are at school every day.

Pastoral care is an important part of our mahi and Kate and Marije will continue to do an amazing job of this in order to ensure that the barriers facing our whānau are minimised for our tamariki and their whānau.

If you require our support please get in contact with us.

Healthy Lunches

Mt Cook School is a water only kura, please ensure that your tamariki has a named water bottle.

We love seeing all the delicious types of lunches that our tamariki bring to school with them.

Last year we noticed that some lunchboxes are full of sugar. We welcome little treats but these sugary treats should be limited.



Every Day Counts

Well done everyone for prioritising attendance. MCS know that all our tamariki need to be at school to learn. We also know that in order to learn our tamariki need to be 100% well.

If your tamariki are away due to illness please contact Briar in the office. It is very important that you let the school know why your tamariki are not at school.

Tamariki can be away from school for a number of reasons and at Mt Cook School we can offer different supports to help with many of these reasons so please contact Kate, Marije or Adrienne to access these supports.



School Lunch Orders

School lunches can be ordered through
[EZ Lunch](#)

We have the following options available:
Tuesday: Sushi
Thursday: Vietnamese
Wednesday & Friday: Subway

Late Arrivals

The bell rings to start the day at 9am. Please make sure your young person is at school by 8.55am at the latest
If tamariki arrive after 9, they need to go and see Briar in the office before going to class so that they can be marked present.

Reminders:

Please ensure that we have up to date information for your tamariki as we know from time to time things change.

Have you let us know about any new medical allergies or medical conditions?

Do we have your most up to date phone numbers or address?

Are there any custody changes that the school needs to be aware of?



Communication

Important school information is sent out via HERO, our student management system. You will get notification of a new HERO message to the email address that we have on file for you.

If you need to update your email, please let Briar know (office@mtcook.school.nz).

We would like all families to set up their own HERO account. You will need to register using the email address that you have given to school.

You can also follow our Mt Cook School Facebook page for updates about what's happening at school.

Parking:

Please, when picking up your tamariki remember NOT to park in Te Papa's driveway or illegally on Pukeahu Park.

This practice is extremely dangerous and frustrating for Te Papa staff who are trying to go about their business.

Many cars have been ticketed and due to the behaviours not changing this will continue so please don't park in these spaces.



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

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.