

Mt Cook School Pānui

TERM 2 WEEK 5

29th May 2025



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

This term at Mt Cook School, we've been focusing on strengthening tuakana-teina relationships across our kura. Tuakana-teina is all about creating a space where positive, supportive relationships can grow — between students and across our whole school community.

We see it every day at Mt Cook — Briar, Kate, and Marije supporting me, teachers backing each other, and tamariki learning and growing together. It's also been awesome to have our whānau sharing their skills during electives — a great way to connect and build community.

We have seen our ākonga getting involved in all sorts of leadership and support roles — from peer mediation and Fruit Monitors to Big Buddies, and helping out with games and activities during break times. It's been awesome to see their confidence grow as they step up and support others.

We've had a busy fortnight packed with sports, cultural events, and lots of learning! The annual Central Zone cross country took place this week. A big thanks to the whānau and staff who braved the cold and muddy conditions to support our tamariki.

Netball season is underway, and our teams are doing really well and having fun. Huge thanks to our amazing coaches and managers and a special shoutout to Silvia for organising MCS sports.

Next week, we look forward to celebrating Pride Week with our community. Lots of fun events are planned including a dance party, chalk drawing and on Tuesday, a colourful dress-up day!

Enjoy this fortnight's pānui!

Adrianne McAllister





Sharing who we are with our wider community

This term, our learning has a special focus as we celebrate 150 years of Mt Cook School! All classes are working closely with Wellington Museum and Wellington Library to explore Aotearoa's histories, with a strong focus on Mt Cook School's histories.

It's an incredible opportunity to work alongside passionate and knowledgeable experts who are helping to bring the past to life in meaningful ways.

Our teina group (Years 1–4) is exploring mātauranga Māori and creation stories through art, storytelling, and discussion. Meanwhile, our tuakana rohe (Years 5–8) have each selected a 25-year time span — starting from the school's beginnings in 1875 to now — to investigate how Mt Cook School and its community have changed over time.

There's a real sense of excitement and pride as our tamariki connect with local history and see how their own stories are part of a much bigger picture.

We're looking forward to sharing more of our discoveries as the term continues!

A huge thank you to our wonderful whānau for all your support during our electives.

It's been so special seeing our tamariki working alongside their whānau—whether it's cooking, creating, building, performing, or just spending time learning together. The smiles, laughter, and sense of pride from both the tamariki and the adults have shown us just how valuable these moments are.

Our tamariki have told us how much it means to them to share these experiences with you. It helps them feel connected, supported, and proud of who they are and where they come from.

We're incredibly lucky to be part of a community that comes together to uplift one another. Your time, energy, and presence make a huge difference—not just in the electives, but in building the kind of school where everyone feels like they belong.

Thank you for walking alongside us. Together, we are growing something really special.





This Week at Mt Cook School



The Magic Library - A Quick Write

The magic is so real, you can see it. Look up at the roof, it reflects the sky above. Now, the roof is pure black with shades of blue and purple. Every day, owls fly around to rearrange the books. You'll never see them and you'll never find the book you want, but you will find a book you like. The light in the library is like glowing honey that floats. Cats hide in the nooks and crannies. The mice don't nibble the books — they make the books! Ivy grows on the walls outside so it's hidden and you just stumble across it.

By Ava, Tuatara Class



Sketches of Mt Cook School by Harakeke tamariki:





Our Values

Waewae Kai Kapua, Mana Tamariki, Manaakitanga, Auahatanga

Manaakitanga champions for this fortnight are:
Jahed, Iva, Nafanua, Eric C and Brody

Mana Tamariki champions for this fortnight are:
Aditya, Louis, Mithra and Zaenab

Waewae Kai Kapua champions for this fortnight are: Edison, Calvin and Harley James

Auahatanga champions for this fortnight are:
Edith, Rachel and Eddie

Tamariki voice from
Kowhai:
"Mana Tamariki is
leadership, supporting
each other and
developing
independence"



Tamariki voice from
Kowhai:
"Trying new things and
meeting challenges."





IMPORTANT DATES IN 2025

TERM TWO

Term 2 starts: 28th April
Electives Monday afternoons
 5th May - 26th May
Year 7 Immunisations 9th May
Teina Rohe Swimming starts 9th May
CZ Cross Country 20th May
King's Birthday 2nd June
Matariki Breakfast 19th June
Reports home 27th June

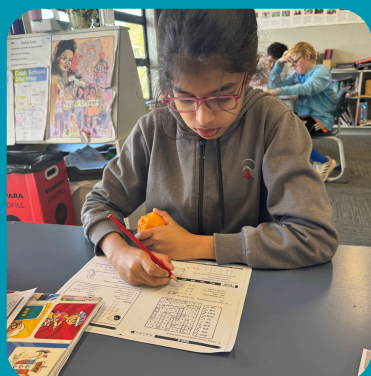
TERM THREE

Term 3 starts: 14th July
Pōwhiri 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 -19th Sept
School Performance 16th Sept



TERM FOUR

Pōwhiri 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



Ngā mihi nui

Thank you to our wonderful whānau, Steph, Clinton, Mariia, Maria, Angus and Greta, who volunteered their time to run electives for us. We are so grateful to you for sharing your expertise and passions with our tamariki.





School Lunch Orders

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

We have the following options available:

Tuesday: Sushi

Thursday: Vietnamesey

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.



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.

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?

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! You can register your interest by [filling out this form](#)

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.



1925 - 2025

100 years of WEGC

Te Kura Kōhine o te Rāwhiti o Te Upoko o Te Ika
Wellington East Girls' College

OPEN DAY

Thursday 12 June

3pm and 6pm

Please register your interest by booking a ticket on our website

www.wegc.school.nz

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