

# Mt Cook School Pānui

TERM 2 WEEK 1  
◆  
1st May 2025



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

Welcome back to kura!

We have heard from your tamariki that many of you have spent time in the holidays with whānau and friends exploring Te Whanganui-a-Tara and other parts of Aotearoa. Our kaiako have spent their break planning an amazing term of learning for our tamariki.

One of the highlights this term is our Electives Programme, which will be held every Monday afternoon for four weeks, starting next week. This year, many of our whānau are joining the team to help run the electives. Thank you so much for your support!

The programme provides teachers and whānau with the opportunity to share and teach something they are passionate about.

This year's electives include:  
ASB Sports, Construction, Pottery, Kōwhaiwhai Design, LEGO Masters, Screenprinting and Skate Deck design.

We are also very busy planning our 150th Mt Cook School Anniversary celebrations. Please see the end of the newsletter for more information. You can register your interest for our celebration weekend on August 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> by filling out this form.

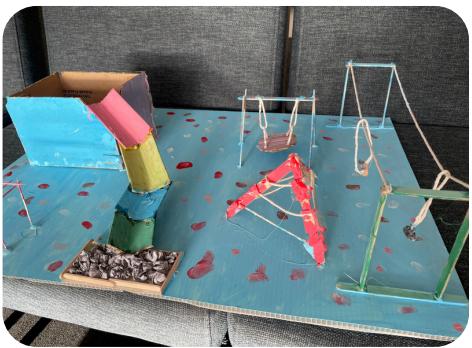
Additionally, we had hoped to have started our weather-tightness building project in the holidays. However, due to some unforeseen requirements, this project will now commence later this term.

Lastly, we are working hard towards securing a new school playground, which we are very excited about!

Enjoy this fortnight's pānui!

*Adrienne McAllister*





## Playground & Library

Kate, Marije, our BOT, and I are busy working towards getting a playground for our kura. Last year, our playground student group gathered information from tamariki about what they would like to see in our new playground. Last term, some Year 6 tamariki created a 3D playground models based on their ideas. We have also collaborated with Nuku Ora, who conducted a playground scan with our kids.

We are now working with two playground companies to develop these ideas into concept designs, with some of the initial designs pictured below.

We are currently at the stage of finalising a design, obtaining quotes, and preparing to apply for grants. We are very excited about the prospect of a new playground for our tamariki, whānau and hāpori!

You may have noticed that our library has been emptied — and a library without books does feel like a very lonely space! We're excited to share that our library is being upgraded. The improvements will include larger windows, enhanced weather-tightness of the exterior, and brand-new internal fittings.

Lucy, our amazing librarian, along with our tamariki, are thrilled about the prospect of having a beautiful, new library space. We can't wait to see it brought to life!

To continue fostering a love of reading, this term we will be taking groups of tamariki to Te Awe — Wellington Public Library on Brandon Street.





## Our Values

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

Manaakitanga champions for this fortnight are:  
Sarah, Louis, Putu, Adriu, Anna, Saaya and Gene.

Waewae Kai Kapua champions for this fortnight  
are: Gerrick, Anh, Liana and Xypher.

Mana Tamariki champions for this fortnight are:  
Ivan, Summer, Sri and Simon.

Auahatanga champions for this fortnight are:  
Louis, Mia Poppy, Khanak and Taiaho.





## IMPORTANT DATES IN 2025

### TERM TWO

**Term 2 starts:** 28<sup>th</sup> 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** 20th June  
**Reports home** 27th June

### TERM THREE

**Term 3 starts:** 14<sup>th</sup> 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





## 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](mailto: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! 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](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.