

# Mt Cook School Pānui

TERM 2 WEEK 3

15th 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,**

Welcome back to kura!

The weeks are flying by — we're already in Week 3!

Many of you have let us know how much your tamariki are loving their electives experiences. These sessions are such a valuable opportunity for our tamariki to explore new interests, develop new skills, and learn alongside others of different ages, strengths, and talents.

Electives are a chance to truly see tuakana-teina in action — living and breathing through shared learning, leadership, and connection. This year, we're lucky to have a huge number of whānau members getting involved — running their own workshops and/or supporting alongside our staff. It has been so special to see the variety of skills, passions, and knowledge being shared. What an awesome reminder of how talented and generous our whānau are!

*Support Staff Week – A Heartfelt  
Thank You*

This week is Support Staff Week, and we want to take a moment to say a big thank you to our incredible support staff who work tirelessly for our school. These dedicated women consistently give their best for all our tamariki, and we are so grateful for everything they do.

Thank you to:

Rachel Drew, Sarah Beale, Swapana Kokkonda, Sharnae Morrel-Hopa, Vijaya Nagalakshmi, Nanaia Martin, Anna Matushkin, Asuka Milne, Lucy Black, and Briar Hohua.

Your hard work, care, and commitment make a huge difference in the lives of our students every day.

Enjoy this fortnight's pānui!

*Adrianne McAllister*







## Sharing who we are with our wider community

Over the past four years, Mt Cook School has been working closely with our Education Review Office (ERO) partner, Mary Ely. In Week 6, we will be welcoming Mary Ely, Vic Irvine from Christchurch, and Emma Spooner to Mt Cook School. We are looking forward to share our amazing school with them!

The Board of Trustees, Kate, Marije, and I are really excited to share with ERO just how amazing our tamariki are. We're especially proud of the huge diversity at Mt Cook School, starting with the many ethnicities represented in our community.

Our students come from a great diversity of backgrounds including Sri Lankan, Thai, Indonesian, Vietnamese, Bangladeshi, Chinese, Taiwanese, Indian, Filipino, Japanese, Cambodian, Korean, Mongolian, Iranian, Lao, Burmese, Russian, Somali, Egyptian, Latin American, Tigrayan, Afghani, Saudi Arabian, Iraqi, Australian, Māori, German, Ukrainian, British, South African, Niuean, Cook Islands Māori, Greek, Samoan, Fijian, Solomon Islands, Fijian Indian, Tuvaluan, Tongan, New Zealand European, Canadian, and Syrian.  
WOW — we are so lucky!

### *Mt Cook School 150th Anniversary – Cultural Food Festival Invitation*

Many of you will be aware that we are celebrating Mt Cook School's 150th anniversary this year. To mark this special occasion, we are planning a very exciting weekend of events on the 30th and 31st of August.

As part of the Saturday celebrations, we will be holding a Cultural Food Festival, and we'd love for it to reflect the wonderful diversity of our Mt Cook School community. Inspired by the success of our Community Art Festival, we're inviting whānau to prepare and share a cultural dish that represents your heritage.

We're asking for your support to make this happen. If you are able to contribute a dish or help in any way, please get in touch with Adrienne or Kate.

All costs will be covered – we simply want our whole school whānau to be represented and celebrated. Let's make this a truly special Mt Cook School event together!

Ngā mihi nui,  
The Mt Cook School 150th Committee







## Our Values

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

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

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

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

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

**Tamariki voice:**  
"Manaakitanga is when  
we help each other"



**Tamariki voice:**  
"I am using  
Auahatanga when I get  
to make a LEGO  
creation."







## 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: 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](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.

## 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](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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TedX speaker

**Jo Robertson**

presents



# Parenting in the Digital Era

Practical solutions to protect kids from online harm  
For parents of kids 4-13+

## Thursday 22 May

Meow Nui, Vivian St, 7.30pm

JO ROBERTSON FEATURED ON

sevensharp

TEDx

Stuff

1 breakfast

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Limited tickets – Book Now at [MeowNui.com](https://MeowNui.com)

