

Mt Cook School Pānui

TERM 1 WEEK 9
3rd April 2025



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

Kia ora e te whānau,

It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of a fantastic first term. Some special highlights have been:

Welcoming 39 new tamariki to our Mt Cook community and noticing the manaakitanga shown by our current students towards their new friends.

Attending senior camp and seeing our wonderful rangatahi challenge themselves and support each other in a new environment.

Our soggy adventure to Shorland Park where, despite the rain, kaiako and tamariki had big smiles on their faces and lots of fun together.

Seeing the sensory room, new stairs and verandah looking great and being used by everybody.

Getting to know our five newest staff members: Anne, Liv, Beth, Rosa and Rosalie. Already, they have added so much to our kura with their skills and talents.

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In Term Two, we have a lot to look forward to including: electives, the start of winter sports, learning about the history of our kura and our Matariki celebrations.

Finally, we would like to say a big thank you and farewell to Harry who leaves for Sydney at the end of this term. He has been an outstanding kaiako and a great colleague; we wish him all the very best.

Enjoy this fortnight's pānui!

Adrienne McAllister





Belonging and Manaakitanga

Kapa Haka Performance

Our Kapa Haka rōpu had their first performance for the year at the Pukeahu Play Festival.

We have some amazing young rangatahi who have stepped into leadership roles this year and they were supported by our wonderful Whaea Nanaia.

The audience were treated to an impressive bracket and we felt so proud of our tamariki as their voices rang out loud and clear across Anzac Square.

We were also blown away by the whānau support on the day. Thank you for being there for your young people and encouraging them to be involved in our Kapa Haka rōpu. Ka rawe!

ESOL Portraits

Many of our Year 4-8 tamariki have extra support with English language learning from our ESOL kaiako, Beth.

The ESOL room is often a special place of belonging for tamariki who are new to our country and our kura.

Beth has been spending time this term supporting her students to make connections with each other and getting to know our school environment.

Check out the amazing portraits below that tamariki have created and shared.

Ka pai tō mahi koutou!





Matiu Somes Island Adventure

Last week, our Year 4-6 tamariki headed out to Matiu Somes Island to explore and discover the rich history of the island. Before departing, Ricky, from Pukeahu Education Center, came and shared snippets of history and information.

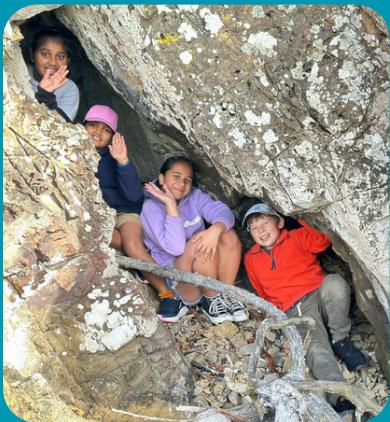
On the day, after a smooth sailing across the harbour, the kids bundled off the ferry, organised themselves into their groups and set off to explore the motu.

When super silent, many groups were able to spot skinks, geckos, kākāriki and pīwakawaka. Games were played around the old bunker and lots of interesting information was gathered from the information center. A surprising fact was learning how big paua shells have to be before harvesting.

"The best part of the trip was the lookout because you could see the water. It was really blue and we could see a guy fishing" Summer Jah

"The most interesting part of the trip was this little monument at the top and there was a little grave of the people who had died on the island. One of them was Kim Lee. I felt honoured to see the history being preserved" Aditya and Theo

A HUGE thank you to all the whānau who came along to support this trip. Tu meke!





Connecting with our Community

Year 8 Mural

Our Year 8 Mural team are up and running early this year. Kelly had an enthusiastic response to her call for applications. We have 11 creative tamariki who will be creating our mural this year.

Congratulations to:

Alastrina, Angela, Dominic, Felix, Ivy, Pepper, Sacha, Sara, Thomas, Whitney and Zara

Last week, the team went for a hīkoi around the CBD to get inspired. We are lucky to have our vibrant city just outside the school gate for our tamariki to connect with and enjoy.

The mural theme for this year is diversity and inclusion and we are looking forward to seeing another masterpiece take shape.

Huge thanks to Kelly, once again, for leading this project and ngā mihi to Silvia for joining the creative crew this year.





Term Two Electives - Can you help?

Each year we run electives across four Monday afternoons from 1.30 - 3pm. This year the dates are Monday 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th of May.

Teachers offer activities for small groups from Year 1 - 8. We are looking for parents / caregivers / relatives who would be interested in running their own elective for the four afternoons with a group of tamariki. We are able to help you source and pay for resources and organise a space for you at school. In the past, we have had whānau run electives such as baking, science experiments, watercolour painting, gardening, chess, a walking group ... anything is possible!

We would also appreciate any whānau who are able to support a teacher to run their elective.

If you are able to help or would like some more information, please contact Kate by emailing kashby@mtcook.school.nz

Our Values

Waewae Kai Kapua, Mana Tamariki, Manaakitanga, Auahatanga

Manaakitanga champions for this fortnight are:
Zaenab, Elvia and Yuki

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

Waewae Kai Kapua champions for this fortnight
are: Anesiah and Fox

Auahatanga champions for this fortnight are:
Jax, Ashwi and Taiaho





IMPORTANT DATES IN 2025

TERM TWO

Term 2 starts: 28th April

Pōwhiri first Monday at 9.30am

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: 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





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.

Community Notices



The Prehistoric Earth

April School Holidays
12-27 March

Visit wcl.govt.nz/kidsholidays
to see what's on at your local
library!



Creative Writing Workshop

Get creative at Katherine Mansfield House & Garden!

Are you a 10-14-year-old who loves writing? Find inspiration and learn new tools for getting creative at our April School Holidays creative writing workshop.

Morning session: 14 April, 9.30am to 12.30pm
Afternoon session: 14 April, 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Or make a day of it and register for both! \$25 per session, includes snacks, writing materials and a qualified tutor.

Find out more and register at
www.katherinemansfield.com

INNER CITY ART STUDIO
School Holiday Art Workshops 
For kids that love art

A Day of Clay Beginners Hand Building
1 day beginners clay course, April, 14th 9am-3pm
A Day of Clay 2 Beginners Clay April 16th, 9 am - 3 pm.
Ages 8 -14 Cost \$130 materials included

Sculpted Animal Dish - Students Learn Sculpting methods
turning 2D images of an animal into a fabulous 3D ceramic animal Bowl
1 day course, April 15th, Ages 10- 15 years old,
9am - 4pm, Cost \$150 materials inc


Dreamscape Dioramas Create your own world in 3D,
Painting and sculpting in mixed materials, 1 day course
April 17th, 9am-4pm, Ages 8-14, costs \$135 incl materials

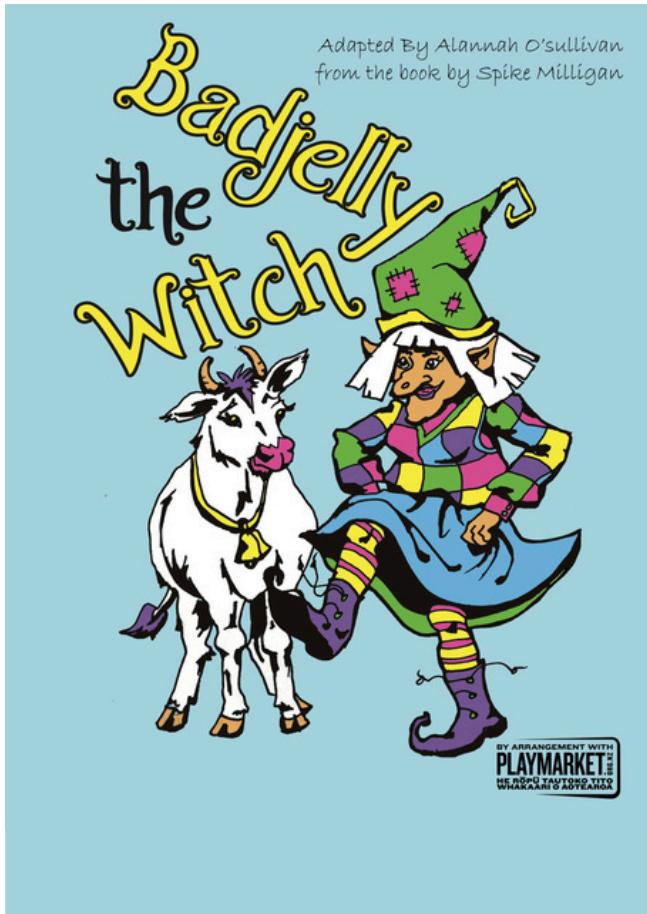

French Cafe and Art Scene - Drawing and inking like the masters
1 day course, April 22nd, 9am - 3pm. Ages 8 -14
Cost \$90 materials and a hot chocolate included


Animal Botanical
Painting an animal into a botanical scene the studio
will be filled with flowers to observe and draw on large paper
1 day course, April 23rd 9am - 4pm, Ages 8- 14
Cost \$90 materials Included


Clay Creatures - Scientifically study an insect and recreate it in clay
1 day course, April 24th 9am - 3pm.
Ages 11-15 Cost \$90 materials included


All bookings and enquiries
www.innercityartstudio.com, Innercityartstudio@gmail.com,
[FB:@ InnercityArtStudio](https://www.facebook.com/InnercityArtStudio) [Insta:@Innercityartstudio](https://www.instagram.com/Innercityartstudio) Ph: 0226407506
Paintings and sculpture on this poster made by kids (the turtle and clay was made by the tutor)

Community Notices



The RNZB is pleased to offer school students and their families \$10 tickets to our upcoming performances of Dazzlehands: The Ballet. In Wellington on 12th and 13th April, Kāpiti on 16th and 17th April and Upper Hutt on 23rd April.

Use the code "SCHOOL25" when booking. Get tickets at [Add a little bit of body text](#).

Ts&Cs apply. Discount cannot be applied to existing bookings.

THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS KIDZSTUFF THEATRE FOR CHILDREN ARE PRESENTING BADJELLY THE WITCH, ADAPTED BY ALANNAH O'SULLIVAN FROM THE BOOK BY SPIKE MILLIGAN,

WHAT: BADJELLY THE WITCH

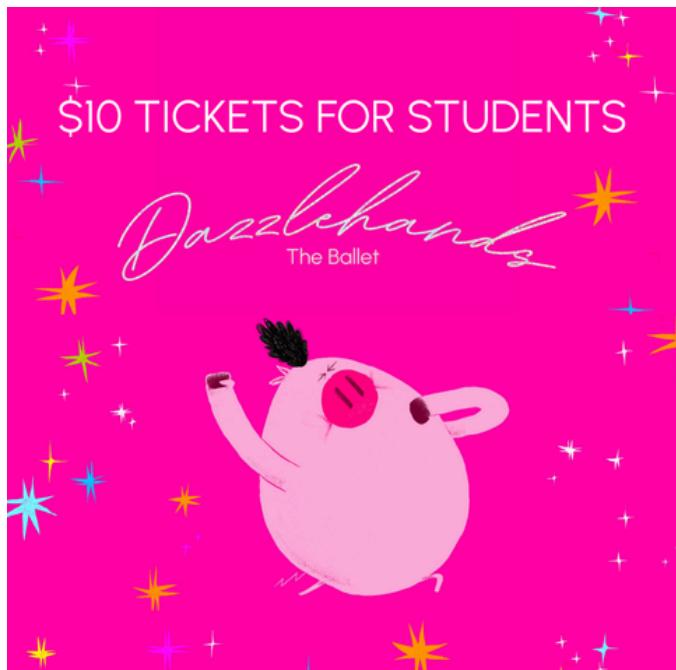
WHEN: 12TH - 25TH APRIL 2025

WHERE: TARARUA TRAMPING CLUB, 4 MONCRIEFF STREET, MT VICTORIA, WELLINGTON

TIMES: WEEKDAYS 10AM & 11:30AM, SATURDAYS 10AM, NO SHOW SUNDAYS
TICKETS \$16.00PP,
CHILDREN UNDER 2 FREE.

BOOKINGS:

[WWW.KIDZSTUFFTHEATRE.CO.NZ](#)



Park 2 Park

Guided social rides • Sunset bike cruise
Build bike confidence and skills



Try out the new southern bike
connection between Waitangi Park
and Shorland Park, Island Bay

12 noon-7pm
Saturday 5 April

Rain Date: 6 April

wcc.govt.nz/park2park

Absolutely Positively
Wellington City Council
Me Heke Ki Pōneke