

# MAYFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No. 1 - 30/07/2026



Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2026

## Principal's Message

**Kia ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Namaste, Fakaalofa atu, Bula, Kia orana, Mauri, Nihao, Salam, Sawasdee, Kumusta Kayo, Hola, Xin chao, Vanakkam, Choum reap sor, Ming-gah-lah-bahr, Akkam, As-salaam 'alykum**

Welcome to Term 3! I hope you all enjoyed a restful break and had the opportunity to spend quality time with your loved ones. We are excited to begin another term of learning, growth, and celebration together. A very special welcome goes to the new students and families joining our Mayfield Primary School community this term. We are also delighted to welcome our new teachers, learning assistants, and staff members to our school. We know you will quickly become part of our caring and vibrant school whānau, and we look forward to the many gifts and strengths you will bring to our community.

Term 3 is one of our most exciting terms as we celebrate the rich languages, cultures, and identities that make Mayfield Primary School such a special place. We look forward to celebrating Cook Islands Language Week, Maths Week, Tongan Language Week, and later in the term Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. These celebrations remind us of the importance of embracing who we are, honouring our heritage, and learning from one another.

This term we will continue to place a strong focus on Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. These are the foundations for lifelong success, and we ask for your continued support at home. Reading with your child every day, encouraging them to write about their experiences, and practising basic maths facts together will make a significant difference to their learning and confidence.

Attendance remains one of our highest priorities. Every day at school matters. Students who attend school regularly are more connected, achieve better academically, and build stronger friendships. We encourage all families to make school attendance a priority unless your child is genuinely unwell. Together, we can help every child achieve their very best.

Thank you to our incredible parents, caregivers, staff, Board members, and wider community for your ongoing partnership and support. The success of our school is built on the strength of our relationships and our shared commitment to providing the very best opportunities for every child.

As always, our vision is for every student to feel safe, valued, challenged, and inspired to succeed. We are looking forward to another wonderful term filled with learning, celebration, achievement, and many memorable moments.

Thank you for being part of our Mayfield Primary School family.

Ngā mihi nui,

Mrs Meritiana MacShane

Principal

## Important Dates

|                                                                  |                                        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> July                                   | Swimming Lessons                       |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> July                                   | Cook Island Parents Meeting at 3:10pm. |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August to Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> August   | Cook Island Language Week              |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> August to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> August | Maths Week                             |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> August                                | Mathex at MPS                          |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> August                                   | Maths Celebration Assembly             |
| Thursdays                                                        | Whole School Assembly 9:15am           |

## Thank you to all the Parents & Families

that attended our Parent/Caregiver Talanoa Evening this week. Thank you for your support





## ATTENDANCE

### WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS - "The Power of Showing Up"

Showing up isn't just about being in a seat; it's about engagement, building trust, and creating a vibrant community. To celebrate the collective effort, it takes to get to school every day, we have some exciting rewards this term. Please support your children by ensuring they attend school every day.

| When your child misses just... | that equals...    | which is...       | and therefore, from Kindy to year 12, that is.. | This means that the best your child can achieve is.. |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 day each fortnight           | 20 days per year  | 4 weeks per year  | Nearly 1 ½ years of school                      | Equal to finishing Year 11                           |
| 1 day a week                   | 40 days per year  | 8 weeks per year  | Over 2 ½ years of school                        | Equal to finishing Year 10                           |
| 2 days a week                  | 80 days per year  | 16 weeks per year | Over 5 years of learning                        | Equal to finishing Year 7                            |
| 3 days a week                  | 120 days per year | 24 weeks per year | Nearly 8 years of learning                      | Equal to finishing Year 4                            |

| Attendance Week 1 |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Year 0            | 95% |
| Year 1            | 84% |
| Year 2            | 79% |
| Year 3            | 84% |
| Year 4            | 85% |
| Year 5            | 91% |
| Year 6            | 89% |

**GIVE YOUR CHILD EVERY CHANCE TO SUCCEED!... EVERY DAY COUNTS!**

*Introducing some of our new staff that joined Mayfield School this term*



Mrs Kumar - Teacher  
Room 3



Mr Ballado - Teacher  
Room 6



Mr Adjei-Sasu - Teacher  
Room 10



Mrs Su'a  
Learning Assistant



Mrs Tiatia  
Learning Assistant



Mrs Nga  
Learning Assistant

*Mihi Whakatau - Term 3 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2026*



Ngā mihi nui  
Mrs Meritiana MacShane  
TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL





Come join us for our  
**Launch Day**

**Epetoma i te reo Māori Kūki Airani**  
**Cook Islands Māori**  
**Language Week**

**Monday 3rd August**

**Time: 10.30am**

**Where: Flag Pole**

The background of the poster features a large, stylized representation of the Cook Islands flag, which consists of a white field with a red cross and a blue field with white stars. This flag is surrounded by a decorative border of tropical flowers, including pink and orange hibiscuses, yellow plumerias, and green foliage with red berries.

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