

MAYFIELD SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Week 5 Term 3 - 2025

Principal's News

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei

We are half way through term 3 and we can already feel the hours of daylight starting to lengthen. Bring on Spring! You will be aware that we are in the midst of the triennial Board of Trustees (BoT) elections. We have 5 parent representative members to elect for our BoT. As we have only had 5 nominations, our 5 nominated community members are duly elected. It is my pleasure to welcome **Andy Rowe and Jess Thin** back onto the board, as experienced BoT members. It is also my pleasure to welcome our new members - **Talimoana Alamoana, Emma Thin and Catherine Houston**. I looked forward to working with you all in your governance role for Mayfield School. Thank you for stepping up - Ngā mihi nui.

Here are the events still to come in our calendar for term 3.

- Wednesday 20 August - Union meeting for some staff. The meetings will involve 2 teachers and 3 support staff split over two meetings off-site. The affected classes will be split while the teachers are out of the school.
- **Friday 22 August - School Disco**
- Monday 1 September - Yr 4/5/6 Tackle 7s Rugby
- Thursday 4 September - Cricket Sessions
- 8 - 12 September - Book Week
- 12 September - Book Week Dress Up Day and Poetry Slam
- Saturday 13 September - Pasifika Festival
- Monday 15 September - Board of Trustees meeting
- Friday 19 September - last day of term 3.

Welcoming new people to our whānau

We are excited to welcome new students to Mayfield School.

Rata Room - Aliza Zalal Ahmad

Pohutukawa Room - Isaac Fraser

A warm welcome to you and your families. We hope that your time at Mayfield School will be an enjoyable and happy time of new friends and new experiences and successful learning.



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Attendance Support Liaison

Gemma, our new Attendance Support Liaison has been working with me to further develop our process for supporting tamariki to be at school everyday. The government has introduced the STAR (Stepped Attendance Response) and we have aligned our procedures to the guidelines in the STAR. We have published on HERO a graph showing the expectations that are on parents, the school and the Ministry of Education when a student is away from school for up to 5 days, up to 10 days and up to 15 days in a term. If your child fits into any of these categories you will receive contact from Gemma to support you to have your child at school everyday.

The government has set the goal for regular attendance at school at 80% of students attending school 90% of the time, which equates to 5 days or less absent each term. Our current % for regular attendance at Mayfield School is 46% of students attending school 90% of the time. Our target is to have 80% of our students achieving 90% attendance. We all have some work to do and it starts with you at home. Please reach out to the school if you need help in any way to have your children at school everyday.

Whānau Community Hub

I have started to develop the Whānau Hub schedule for events, guest speakers, activities, with the intention of providing you with prior notice of upcoming Hub topics that may be of interest to you. Here are the first few events/topics.

- Week 7 - (2 pm Wednesday 27 August) - our topic will be to discuss the organisation of a school Hangi, to be held early in term 4. If you would like to be part of helping with this event, please come along.
- Week 8 - (2 pm Wednesday 3 September) Hangi Organisation - continuation.
- Week 10 - (2 pm Wednesday 17 September) Whakapuāwai - Behaviour Management and Trauma Informed Practice at Mayfield School. How do we support our tamariki who have challenging behaviours? How do we support our staff to understand and support tamariki with challenging behaviours?
- Term 4 - Potential Topics - Structured Literacy - What is it, and how do we teach it at Mayfield School?

More topics to come.

Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform everyday. We keep the uniform stock onsite so if you need new items of uniform please come and see Kelly in the school office. We now have available a Black Half Zip Polar Fleece Jacket up to Size 10 and stock of the Green Polo fleece in sizes 12,14,16. There will be a reasonably long period where we will have students wearing both the green and the black polos until they are completely sold out. The cost remains at \$53 for either of them.

The correct uniform your child should be wearing is our Mayfield polo shirt and polo fleece with black pants, shorts or skirt. We are noticing that we have a number of children wearing non-uniform sweaters or jeans which are not part of our uniform, we will be asking children to remove non-uniform items which may mean a call to the parents to come into school with the uniform. If your child is missing their old polo fleece you may find it in the lost property outside the library. Our Mayfield School uniform is part of who we are and identifies us as proud Mayfielders.

Thank you for supporting your tamariki in coming to school everyday in the correct uniform.

Lunch Containers for our School Lunches

A quick reminder to our whanau about giving your child a lunch container. It doesn't need to be new and amazing, just a simple plate/bowl/lunch box would be enough to hold any of the meals, so please make sure your child brings it each day of the week.

School Lunches in 2026

From term 1 next year, all contributing primary schools (years 0-6) will transition to the government's cost- efficient school lunches model. We have been reassured that our lunches will still be prepared by our dedicated iwi/hapū meal provider and will continue to meet the same nutrition standards as they do now. We'll continue to take great care to accommodate children with allergies, intolerances or religious and ethical dietary needs – just as we always have. There are no changes for our students with complex special dietary requirements. Their meals will continue and will be provided and funded at the current settings.