

# MAYFIELD SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Week 1

Term 1 - 2025

## Principal's News

### **Kia ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei**

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Welcome back to school for 2025. I hope you had a great Christmas, New Year and Waitangi Day. It is great to see the children coming back through the school gate with big smiles and to see their enthusiasm for being back at school and it is great to see you, our parents, caregivers and whanau back in your kura. Nau mai haere mai.

Over these first few weeks we will be settling into our routines in our classrooms and also settling into our teaching and learning for term 1. The staff have been involved in professional development for the new maths resources we will be using with the students and we have a Teacher Only Day for the new Maths Curriculum coming up on 17 March. This term we also have the Education Review Office (ERO) starting our next scheduled review. Our ERO review partner will be onsite at our kura in week 4.

We are in the summer term so please ensure your child has a sun hat at school everyday. Our school sun hat is a navy blue wide brim or bucket hat and can be purchased at The Warehouse or Postie. It would also be great if you put some sunblock on the kids before they come to school and we have sunblock if they need more during the day. We will be outside as much as possible while the weather is good.

### **Whānau Community Hub/Hall**

The building work on the hall is coming along nicely and the building team appear to be on schedule for us to have our Hall back by the end of week 8 of this term.

### **School Swimming Pool**

We are hoping for some great weather for the rest of term 1 so that we can get the most out of our school pool. The school swimming pool is up and running and the children will be swimming everyday. Please make sure your child has their named togs and towel everyday. Swimming is part of our physical education curriculum so if there is a reason your child can't do the swimming programme please let your child's teacher know.



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## **Student Stationery**

We would once again like to thank the team from Oasis Church and TautokoTrust for the very generous donation of all the student stationery for 2025. This will hopefully take a bit of pressure off the start of the year budget for our families. The stationery was received during the break and we held a special assembly on Monday to thank the team from Oasis Church and Tautoko Trust. The stationery was once again received in bulk so that we can distribute resources to the tamariki as they need it.

## **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.

## **Whole School Trip to Whites Bay**

This trip is planned for Friday 28 March (week 8). Put this date in your calendar and hopefully we will have fantastic weather for a school community day out.

## **Parent/Teacher meetings**

We are planning to hold our term 1 parent/teacher goal setting meetings in week 5. We will provide more details closer to the time.

## **Your School**

Please remember this is your kura/school and you are welcome to join us for our events and activities. We will strive to make sure you know about happenings so that you can come along and join the tamariki and staff for events and activities. At the end of each school day we ask that you wait at the front of the school for the children to come out of their classrooms. The end of the school day is an important time for teachers and students to wrap up the day's learning, and let the children know what is coming up for the next day. It can also be quite disruptive for the children and teacher when whānau come into the classroom before 3 pm

## **Attendance**

Our student attendance data for 2024 has shown us that as a school community we need to do more to make sure our kids are at school everyday. The more days that a child has away from school sets them back in their progress and achievement and can impact their self-esteem and wellbeing when they realise that they are so far behind their age group. If your child is well they should be at school. If you need our help and support please talk to your child's teacher. I have attached a chart that shows the accumulated impact of time off school.

Ka Kite ano  
David Nott  
Principal



## **Term Dates for 2025**

**Term One 31st January - 11th April**

**Term Two 28th April - 27th June**

**Term Three 14th July - 19th September**

**Term Four 6th October - 18th December**