

# MAYFIELD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1- 2026  
Week 7



## Principal's News

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula

We are now in week 7 and we are 2/3rds of the way through term 1. This term is a relatively short term - 9 weeks, and next term is a longer term - 11 weeks. We have been making the most of the short periods of hot weather and we will keep the school swimming pool open and the kids swimming for as long as the weather allows.

Welcoming new students to our whānau

We are excited to welcome new students to Mayfield School.

Noah Sowman-Michie - Nikau

Kauri Paul - Pohutukawa

Kamiloleli Funaki - Pohutukawa

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.

### Staff movements

Kowhai class - In week 6 we made a few staff changes to better meet the needs of our students and our staff. Mrs Mitchison has moved from teaching in Kowhai on Monday and Tuesday each week and is now covering the teacher's classroom release time. Mrs Bonnie Jones has moved into the Kowhai teaching role and will be teaching the Kowhai tamariki on Mondays and Tuesdays with Mrs Glover teaching in Kowhai on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Pohutukawa class - We have had to make a change in Pohutukawa for the rest of term 1 as Ms Jordan has needed to take sick leave and will be returning in term 2. We wish Ms Jordan all the best and we look forward to her return in term 2. We are pleased to advise that Mrs Karen Roulston has joined the team and will be teaching the Pohutukawa students for the remainder of term 1. Mrs Roulston joined the team in week 5. Nau mai haere mai Mrs Roulston.

### Welcome to our new Social Worker in Schools (SWiS)

We are pleased to welcome Brooke Smith to our Mayfield School whānau as our new SWiS. Brooke will be delivering the same service that Sarah Coffing provided in our school community, supporting our tamariki and whānau. Nau Mai Haere Mai Brooke. We are looking forward to getting to know Brooke and working with her alongside our tamariki and their whānau.



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## **Ride On Cycle Safety Programme**

Last week we had the team from Ride On Marlborough - Cycle Safety come to the school to work with our tamariki who want to improve their cycling skills and cycling road sense. This programme is very relevant to our tamariki as many of them bike from the Riversdale area, crossing the railway line and State Highway 1. The team also did bike safety checks and a few of our tamariki's bikes need a bit of work. Please ensure your child's bike is safe to ride.

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

On Friday 13 March we had our annual whole school beach day at Whites Bay. We took a gamble on the weather and it paid off, everyone enjoyed a great day at one of Marlborough's best spots. Thank you to Ms Demlyn for organising this event and thank you to the staff and parents who made the day run smoothly.

## **Curriculum and Assessment focus**

You may be aware that the government and the Ministry of Education put out a 'refreshed' maths and english curriculum in October last year and are also 'refreshing' assessment of student progress and achievement and reporting to parents. The staff will be taking part in professional development for the new curriculum and assessment procedures this year, as we worked to implement the changes. We will continue our focus on providing the best education to our tamariki, targeting their needs and taking into account their individuality, while bringing in the changes directed by the Ministry of Education.

## **Education Review Office (ERO)**

The Education Review Office is responsible for evaluating school performance in all aspects of the New Zealand education system. Last year we worked with our evaluation partner from ERO and this was to continue in term 1 2026. However, we have demonstrated to ERO that we are well and truly on track and ERO has determined that they will not need to come back to Mayfield School until further notice.

Ka kite ano  
David Nott  
Principal