

MAYFIELD SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Week 1 Term 4- 2025

Principal's News

**Kia ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei,
Fakatalofa atu, Bula**

Welcome back to school for term 4. We had a lot of student and staff sickness over the last 4 weeks of term 3 but it appears we are back feeling well and on track for a busy term 4. The spring weather has been a bit up and down and we are looking forward to when it settles and warms up. Chris, our caretaker will have the school swimming pool ready to go by week 6 and the students will be swimming if the weather is warm enough. This term is 11 weeks long and there is a lot happening as we race towards the end of 2025.

Staff Changes

At the end of week 3 we will be farewelling Mrs Webb, who has resigned from her position at Mayfield School and is leaving to focus on some family projects. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Webb for her contribution to Mayfield School and her support of staff and students over the past 16 months and we wish her well with her future endeavours.

I am pleased to advise that **Kylie-Anne Conley** will be joining the team to lead Pohutukawa class through to the end of this year. Whaea Kylie-Anne has been teaching in Marlborough schools for several years and has recently been working as a Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour (RTLb). We are looking forward to getting to know Whaea Kylie-Anne during her time with us. Nau Mai Haere Mai.

Nationwide Strike by school staff

You may have heard that NZEI Te Riu Roa members recently voted to take strike action on 23 October. Many of our teaching and support staff (as well as myself as principal) are NZEI Te Riu Roa members and will be joining the strike. I want you to know this decision was not made lightly. Throughout our collective agreement negotiations (where we negotiate for improvements to our working terms and conditions) we have raised several issues that would make a big difference to support our students' learning, but we don't feel that the Government is listening to us or is understanding what schools and students really need. This includes recognising that our learners need more support, including a teacher aide for every classroom. We're also asking the Government to value all school staff for the work they do. We want to attract and retain great people in our classrooms rather than seeing them leave for Australia. A strike means a day without pay but that is a sacrifice we are making to try and get the Government to hear us and give us what we need to support all students. I have looked at our ability to stay open for instruction on 23 October based on how many teachers and support staff we will have onsite who are not union members. Regrettably we will not have the enough staff to effectively and safely stay open for instruction and the school will have to be closed on 23 October.



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School Hangi

A small group has formed to start organising the school hangi. We intend to have the hangi in week 4, Thursday 30 October. Keep an eye out for further information about this event. If you are keen to get involved in the organising group, come along to the Whānau Hub in the hall next week on Wednesday at 2 pm.

Welcoming new people to our whānau

We are excited to welcome new students to Mayfield School.

Nikau Room - JacQuelyn Mana-Roddick, Phoenix Mana-Roddick, Jone Niubalavu
Pohutukawa Room - Samar Singh

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.

Here are the events we have in our calendar for term 4.

14 October - ERO onsite visit
16 October - 9.30 am - Shake Out NZ - National earthquake drill
20 October - 5.30 pm - Board of Trustees meeting
21 - 23 October - Yr 5/6 Camp to Wellington
22 October - NZSBA Training - 6 pm - Welcome on Board - New board members workshop
23 October - School closed - Teachers, Principals, Support Staff, Nurses, Health Workers - Strike
27 October - Labour Day - School Closed
28 October - Yr 5/6 Athletics
28 October - 6 pm - Mayfield School Choir perform at the Primary School Music Festival
30 October - School Hangi
3 November - Marlborough Anniversary day - School Closed
11 November - Marlborough Primary Schools Athletics (Yr 5 - 8)
20 November - 11.15 am - Yr 6 Bohally visit
1 December - 9.30 am - Yr 6 Orientation visit to the Marlborough Technology Centre
2 December - 9 am - Road Patrol Training with Constable Charlotte
8 December - 5.30 pm - Board of Trustees meeting
12 December - 2 pm - Final Assembly
12 December - Yr 6 Leavers Dinner
17 December - School End of Year Picnic
18 December - Last day of school

Sun Hats

Wearing a sun hat at Mayfield School during term 4 and term 1 is compulsory so please ensure your child has their sun hat at school everyday. Our school sunhat is just a plain navy blue bucket hat and can be purchased at The Warehouse for \$15.

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.

Ka kite ano
David Nott
Principal

Term Three 14th July - 19th September

Term Four 6th October - 18th December