

# MAYFIELD SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

Week 2 Term 1- 2026

## Principal's News

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei

Welcome back to school for 2026. I hope you have all had a great Christmas and New Year break. 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 got together over the break to welcome our new staff members and work together to get ready for the start of the year.

### **Welcome to new staff**

We are excited to welcome our new team members to the Mayfield School staff. I mentioned at the end of last year that Wiki Chilvers has joined the Mayfield Team as our new Deputy Principal. Wiki has hit the ground running and has been working alongside me as we worked on appointing teachers to the vacancies we had for 2026. Our new teachers are Hannah Jordan - Pohutukawa class, and Denise Mitchison and Susie Glover - Kowhai class. We also have Bonnie Jones covering teacher release in Pohutukawa and Totara class, and Miriata Oranje who will be delivering our structured literacy support programme. Welcome to Mayfield School. We are looking forward to getting to know you all as we start a new school year.

We have had a flurry of activity in the week before school started back with 11 new students enrolling last week. We are pleased to welcome:

Kepu Ofanoa - Totara  
Ula Ofanoa - Pohutukawa  
Sebastian George - Pohutukawa  
Kahu George - Totara  
Vika Faaoa - Kowhai  
Winter-Rose Heyworth - Kowhai  
Aniyah Hall - Kowhai  
Azarie Rangihuna-Hall - Nikau  
Rijahn Rangihuna-Hall - Pohutukawa  
Layla Myles - Totara  
Alex Coleman - Pohutukawa  
Rhita Te Amo - Kowhai  
Manaaki Rangihuna-Wealleans - Kowhai  
Nur Halimah Osman - Nikau

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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### **Sun Hats**

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.

### **New Enrollments**

We have several pre-school children enrolled, who will be starting in our new entrant room as the year progresses. If you have any pre-school children who will be coming to Mayfield School, please let us know so that we can pre-enroll them and plan their transition and successful start at Mayfield School. This includes your 3 year olds also - it's always good to have this information nice and early. Enrollment packs are available from Kelly in the school office. If you are wanting to find out more about Mayfield School, and what we can offer your child, please contact the school and make a time to meet with me for a chat.

### **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.

### **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 2026. This will hopefully take some 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 13 March (week 6). Put this date in your calendar and hopefully we will have fantastic weather for a school community day out. More information will come home closer to this date.

### **Parent/Teacher meetings**

We are planning to hold a Meet the Teacher afternoon on Thursday 12 February, from 2.30 pm to 3 pm. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and hear a bit about how the class will run in 2026.

### **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 in a timely manner 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. Ngā mihi

### **Attendance**

Our student attendance data for 2025 improved greatly over term 4 2025. However, the data still shows us that as a school community we need to do more to make sure our kids are at school everyday. We know that everyday a child is away from school has the potential to set 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.

Have a great term everyone and please make yourself known to your child's classroom teacher and if you have any questions about your child's learning or time at school, please don't hesitate to make a time to talk to the staff.

Ka kite ano  
David Nott  
Principal



**Term Dates for 2025**

**Term One 02 Feb - 2 April 2026**

