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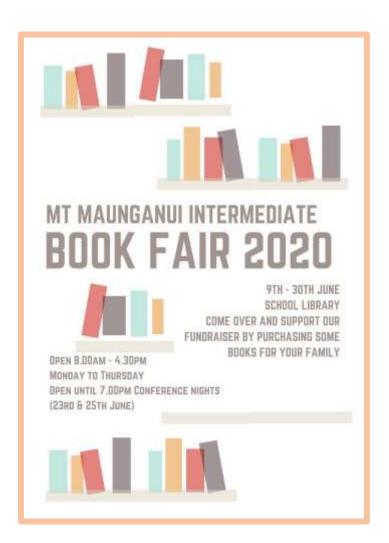
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PLEASE return overdue library books



A number of library books are still outstanding from before lockdown. Please take some time and look for these books and return them to the library.

COMING EVENTS			
2020			
	JUNE 2020		
9-30	Book Fair - Library		
23 & 25	Learning Conferences 3-7pm		
26	Super 11 Mountain Biking		
29	PSG Meeting 7pm		
JULY 2020			
2	Cross Country – Block 1		
3	Term 2 ends		
20	Term 3 begins		
AUGUST 2020			
3 -7	Sports Camp		



Kia ora whānau,

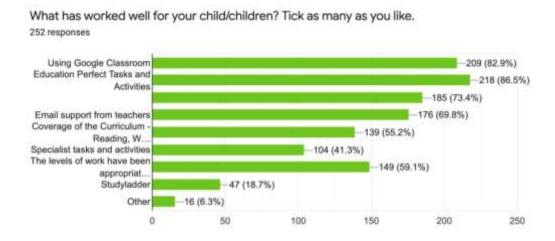
Learning Conferences and Reporting

In response to the disruption of COVID-19, we have made some changes to our midyear reporting cycle. Next Tuesday and Thursday, we are holding our midyear learning conferences. We are holding these after school, so as to not interrupt learning time. These conferences are compulsory and form part of our midyear reporting process. Your child will not receive a mid-year written report. Instead, your child's assessment data and learning reflections will be uploaded onto seesaw. Seesaw is an online collaborative digital portfolio used to showcase learning. What is Seesaw? Introduction for Families

At the learning conferences, there will be an opportunity to discuss your child's achievement and progress, from terms one and two, and to set goals moving forward. Please make sure that you book in for your child's learning conference. If not, your class teacher will make contact to make another time. There will also be opportunities to make times to talk with your child's specialist teacher. These appointments are to discuss your child's progress and achievement in the arts or technology and to talk through your child's ability to work with more than one teacher, which is important preparation for secondary school.

Online Learning Surveys

Thank you to all students, staff and whānau who completed the surveys. The purpose of the survey was to 'check in' regarding online learning over the Rāhui/Lockdown. The surveys were overwhelmingly positive regarding. Of the 249 Whānau Surveys 99% of students engaged in online learning.



The surveys indicated that the significant majority of whānau, over 80% - 90% felt that over COVID-19:

- There was good communication from your child's teacher
- You felt satisfied with the school's communication over
- Online learning was manageable as a parent
- Your child was able to self-manage online learning and learn independently.

Most of the feedback was very positive. The constructive feedback was varied and classroom specific. Some whānau felt that there should have been greater consistency across the 26 classes, whilst some acknowledged the need for differentiation for individual students and different classes. Some of you also requested that online learning continues post lockdown. All of the comments and feedback has been shared with your child's teacher. You can find the survey graphs later in the newsletter. Since COVID-19, 400 students have brought in their own devices. This

enables greater access to online tools in the classroom. Staff will continue to use google classroom and Education Perfect for Maths.

The student surveys were also extremely positive. Some of the comments included:

"I think my teacher did an awesome job with getting everyone on task and focused even when we were at home."

"It was nice that he worked hard to keep our work going throughout lockdown."

"I loved my specialist activities, they were one of my highlights during lock-down."

"Yes my teacher was great and amazing and awesome and cool and fun and nice and positive and creative and funny ©"

"I liked how my teacher helped me when I was stuck."

"Yes my teacher was very good at communicating with me"

"She was committed to helping everyone with their online work."

"I required some help getting started and my teacher helped heaps."

"I think the teachers did a great job regarding no one knew what would happen. They made online learning really fun and everything was well explained so thank you very much."

"Thank you so much Matua. You have been such a support .Thank you for helping me with all my mahi throughout lockdown. Nga mihi kia pai ai te kaiako!"

Community Consultation

Thank you so much for engaging in our community consultation. We value your input and perspectives immensely. Over the next week the Board of Trustees will be seeking student voice data, staff and community views on the qualities required for our new principal.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Ngā mihi

Lisa



ABSENTEES

If your child is going to be absent please do not email your classroom teacher as at times they may not pick up your email. Please use the following to record your child's absence:

Text - 027 232 0446 Phone - 575 5512 ext 1 Email - absentees@mtint.school.nz Beep APP

Thank you.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW PRINCIPAL FOR MMI

Kia Ora Whanau,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to update you where we are up to with the tough job of finding our school and community a new principal. It's a huge job, we want the best for our school and so, for those reasons, we have brought in the expertise of Bex Kilgour, an Educational Employment Consultant. Bex is helping and guiding the Board with structure, compliance, processes and advertising of the role, however, at the end of the appointment process, it is still the Board of Trustees that will make the final decision on whom our new principal will be.

We very much value our staff, students, iwi and caregiver thoughts on what you consider to be some important key attributes that our new principal should have. Today, we have sent out an email with the link to a short survey and would appreciate if you could complete this, to let us know what is important to you and your whanau, in a new principal. There is space to write anything additional if we have not covered it, so please feel free to include any thoughts.

We will collate all input from you as caregivers, staff and students' thoughts, to help us with the appointment process. We will then advertise the role across the country and assess applications as they come in. We expect the process to take around 2 months. We will keep you updated as we go.

As I mentioned we want the best for our school and community and we want to make sure that we are leaving no stone unturned to find the best person for the position.

Thank you for your support.

Nga Mihi Shane Southby Board of Trustees Chair

PASIFIKA GROUP

Pasifika Group is back again and EVERYONE is welcome!

Come and learn more about our neighbouring Pacific Islands through dance, song and food.

We will be doing some workshops and collaborations with Mount College.

Meetings held in Whanau 14, every Thursday, at lunch with Whaea Emma.

COASTAL VALUE CERTIFICATES 2020 Term 2 – Week 10			
1	Noah Lord	For a settled start back to school after an extended lockdown and a great attitude towards learning.	
2	Gwyn Loye	For an engaged and focused approach to your learning this week. Ka pai.	
3	Zaniqua Pratt- Smith	Going above and beyond during learning time, using spare time to work on your goals. Ka pai to mahi!	
4	Jimmy Marshall	For a consistently cheerful and engaged attitude to your class work.	
5	Nathan Tutt	For your effort and participation in all our class sports teams and all learning activities. Congratulations on an excellent Science Fair exhibit.	
6	Rawiri Aitken	I am so impressed with how hard you have been working lately. You are asking questions, adding to classroom discussion and helping those around you. Keep up the hard mahi. I am very proud of you!	
7	Neeve Lourie	A fantastic week of attitude and effort in all areas of school life. It has been a pleasure to see you so focused and engaged. You have had a fantastic week. Well done.	
8	Jiwoo Son	For making an effort to have a more conversations with the teacher and her peers, helping her English language skills improve.	
9	Callum Corlett	For your great listening during future problem solving, you share thoughtful ideas with the class and work hard to be an effective team member.	
10	Tilly Cook	For your great support, kindness and caring for those around you. You make everyone's day brighter!	
11	Zavia Van Duin	For your contributions to our class sports team and for showing improved focus when completing work. Ka mau te wehi!	
12	Aiden Koot	Trying your best in all areas of schooling with a smile on your face! I am so impressed with your diligence. He whetū koe!	
13	Torana-Lee Paraire-Cribb	Being focused and positive in class. Mahia te mahi kei tamariki ana!	
14	Cassius Hawker	For always being ready to tautoko other students and for giving your best always! He rawe tō āwhina mai!	
15	Olivia Laidlaw	For resilience shown when dealing with many obstacles . You have managed yourself well showing maturity and strength.	
16	Sara Bell	For your constant effort to go out of your way to help others. You are so kind and caring, well done Sara! Keep it up.	
17	Mikey Tahere	For your settled and calm attitude. Kei te whakahīhī au ki a koe!	
18	Ruby Perry	For your great organisational skills and help around the classroom.	

19	Harriet Daly	For growth in self-belief and involvement, which is enabling improved work outcomes. Keep it up.
20	Yeji Im	For your fantastic efforts with your writing and reading. You are making great improvement Yeji! Well done!
21	Aaron Zhou	For your kind and friendly attitude, you are a valued member of Whanau 21. Kei te whakahīhī au ki a koe!
22	Devyn Berryman	For improving your self-management by listening to instructions and staying focused on your learning. Keep up the awesome attitude!
23	Alex Crean	For being a conscientious learner who puts 100% into everything you do. Keep up the fantastic work.
24	Morgan Sinkinson	For being a positive and dedicated learner. You take pride in your learning and continually complete tasks to the best of your ability. Tino pai tō mahi Morgan!
25	Jarvis Mills	For great focus on your learning and displaying leadership by helping your classmates manage problems. Tu meke Jarvis!
26	Yoon Kim	For your emerging leadership within our class. You are a highly respected and valued member of Room 26, keep working hard to demonstrate those positive leadership skills.
Visual Arts	Bella Holmberg Room 17	For a conscientious attitude and displaying superb pastel blending and care with all her work.
Digi Tech	Mikey Tahere Room 17	For your persistence and attention to detail when creating your house design on Tinkercad.
Music	Jimin Kwon Room 17	For your helpfulness with translation from English to Korean. Your thoughtfulness and consideration of others is much appreciated. Thank-you.
Dance & Drama	Neisha Nielsen Room 25	For stepping into a leadership role this week with confidence and encouragement. This was awesome to see! You are a fantastic leader. Keep it up:)
Food Tech	Lily Pearson Whanau 1	For always being considerate and helpful to others. I really appreciate it!



ICAS TESTING INFORMATION FOR 2020

We have received information regarding the 2020 International Competition & Assessments for Schools (ICAS) for Science, Spelling, English, Digital Technologies and Mathematics. Unfortunately Writing will not be offered in 2020.

Student involvement is voluntary and not a school requirement. Every year a large number of our students choose to sit these tests. Involvement allows our students to challenge themselves in specific learning areas, and to gain a measure of their achievement levels against other New Zealand students. Entering these tests can, for many year 7 and 8 students, be perceived as taking quite a risk – it may well be the first time they take on such a challenge in an academic area. We encourage them to take up this academic challenge. Please be aware we do not do any in-school tutoring for these assessments.

This year the assessment period has changed. All tests are now online and are spread over three weeks in late August/early September.

Each student who participates will receive a certificate and a detailed results letter indicating which questions they answered correctly, as well as the average mark for students from New Zealand who sit the test.

Those students from our school who achieve High Distinction and Distinction are acknowledged and congratulated in front of their peers at assemblies. These students, along with those who achieve Merit are acknowledged in our school newsletter.

Competition dates and costs are as follows:

Assessment	Date
Science	18 August
Digital Technologies	25 August
English	26 August
Spelling Bee	1 September
Mathematics	3 September

Each ICAS Assessment cost is \$16.00.

The closing date for entries of Mount Maunganui Intermediate School students is Friday 24 July (Term 3 Week 1). This is to allow administration time for ordering and payment of entries.

Privacy notification

UNSW Global stores, uses and modifies the ICAS Assessments data in order to generate reports, conduct research and analysis, and improve its products and services. UNSW Global will not hold or use ICAS Assessments data that constitutes personal information for longer than 15 years. As the parent or guardian of a student who intends to sit ICAS Assessments, you consent to the school collecting the ICAS Assessments data that relates to the student, disclosing it to UNSW Global and to UNSW Global's use of it in the manner outlined above. You also consent to the school assigning this consent to UNSW Global.

We are proud to partner with UNSW Global in offering the ICAS Assessments, and look forward to some fantastic results later in the year.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions.

If you wish to enter your child in any of these competitions, please complete the online form (link below) and follow the instructions to make payment to our school account (you cannot pay via this link).

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfxnCaT4S7zwRTScLmTdlTiY6FoITkTVHnXJuYYzhQVarLWyg/viewform?usp=sf_link

HOCKEY TRAINING AT SUNRISE







MMI, Yr 8 Orange training Tuesday morning with their orange hockey balls and orange sunrise (photo taken by a parent)

Student, Parent & Teacher Learning Conferences Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th June, 3pm to 7.15pm

Our expectation is for 100% attendance for classroom parent/student/teacher learning conferences. 15 minutes will be allocated for each learning conference.

Our specialist programme (Digital Technology, Visual Art, Hard Materials, Food Technology, Dance & Drama and Music) teachers will also be available and we encourage you to make a booking to speak with your child's <u>current</u> specialist teacher. Please check with your child as to which specialist subject they are presently attending.

Appointments for our Sports Co-ordinator and our SENCo teachers are also available. Please note: The Sports Co-ordinator is only available until 4.45pm.

The facility for parents to book online is available from today or, for those without internet access, phone bookings for interview times will be taken by Jen Pearson, week days from 8am – 2.30pm. Please call Jen on 575 5512 ext 701. We would appreciate bookings being made by: 12pm, Friday 19th June.

All students are required to be present at their learning conference, in full and correct school uniform.

TO REGISTER:

Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Enter our school code of hq9un Press "GO".

Enter your name.

Enter your email.

Select how many of your children you would like to book for.

Enter student's name(s).

Select – Subject – highlight your child's room. If you would like a conference with any of our Technology/Arts teachers you can also opt for them.

Select – Teacher – highlight your child's teacher or technology teacher (only one option is available).

Press "GO".

Select the day and time you would like for your conference.

Press "GO".

Click "Finished".

You will receive a confirmation email of your conference time. You may revisit the website if you would like to amend your booking, or simply call our office.

YEAR 7 VISION TESTING OPT OUT FORM BELOW

Please return this form by Wednesday 12 August, if you **DO NOT** wish your child to have their vision tested.

YEAR 7 VISION SCREENING

Dear Parents/Caregivers

On **Monday 17 August 2020**, the Vision Hearing Technicians, from the Bay of Plenty District Health Board, will be visiting our school to carry out routine **distance vision** screening. All students in Year 7 are included in this as part of the National Screening Programme.

The screening test used checks **distance vision** only. It is **NOT** a full eye examination. (If you have concerns about close vision, please take your child to an optometrist).

- The student covers one eye and reads letters from a chart at a distance of 4 metres.
- You will be notified, by post, **only** when the screening results require further testing by an optometrist.

If you **DO NOT** wish to have your child's vision tested for any reason, please sign the form below and return it to school before the testing date. Students who already have prescription glasses, do not need to be tested but **DO** need to return the below form.

Please cut h	ere and	return	slip
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REQUEST FOR 'OPTING OUT' OF VISION SCREENING
I do not wish my child to have a vision test at school.
Parent/Caregiver's name:
Signature:
Room Number:

SPORTS INFORMATION

CROSS COUNTRY RACES & TAURANGA RAMBLERS WINTER PROGRAM

We have restarted our cross country training at Waipuna Park, Kaitemako Road, Welcome Bay, the home of cross country running in Tauranga. Training are on Mondays, at 4:00pm, with Michael Pugh, Ray Wakeford and Malcolm Taylor. All ages are welcome. The training is fun, with the aim to make races more enjoyable and teach skills needed to run. There are opportunities for runners of all ages to take part in club and events in the wider region.

With most of the primary schools races cancelled and secondary school events being postponed to September 2019, Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty have made their Waikato Bay of Plenty Cross Country Championships (to be held at Waipuna Park on 1st August 2020) open to all runners of all ages in association with Athletics Tauranga Inc (Tauranga Ramblers).

Sessions are an hour long and there is no cost to the training sessions. Parents and caregivers are welcome to take part, or go for a walk or run in the lovely surroundings.

We will be continuing through the school holidays as well as in terms two and three.

Malcolm Taylor Athletics Tauranga Inc. Tauranga Ramblers Mobile 027 292 4411





When:

Holidays Week 1

Three days: Mon July 6th - Wed July 8th

From: 9am - 3pm

Held here at M (Drop off from 8am, pick up by 3.30pm)

For:

Ages 6-12

Where:

Mt Maunganui Intermediate School

Steelo's 3 Day Package \$110 or \$40 p/day

What to bring:

- · Boots/running shoes, water bottle, mouthguard, lunch and snacks, pencil case.
- · If wet please bring a change of clothes, jacket and towel.

Children must have mouthguard and footwear if they wish to do any tackle. No mouthguard no tackle All of our safety regulations will align with the ministry of health and New Zealand rugby for Covid-19.

Our super coaches will cover:

- Ball skills
- Hand eye coordination
- Evasion games
- · Speed and conditioning
- SAFE tackle techniques (age specific)
- · Games sense
- Steelos values
- · Lots more!

Action packed fun days designed to lift all aspects of your game on and off the field.

To book your spot visit steelos.co.nz

For enquiries contact Liam liam@steelos.co.nz or +64 21 071 3440

LIMITED SPACES GET IN QUICK!

BOOK NOW!

SMART SCHOOL-TO-HOME COMMUNICATION WITH "BEEP"

We are pleased to advise that we are now setup to communicate with you through BEEP. This smartphone app is from School-links, New Zealand's leading communication provider and.....it's FREE!



This will enable you to:

- receive news, newsletters, emergency alerts and important messages straight to your Smartphone
- receive group messages for teams, clubs and special interest extra-curricular groups
- securely send in an absence note for your child to the office

You may also find your other children's schools and early childhood centres using the Beep app – all communications in one place!

To download the FREE app:



1. Go to Google Play (Android)

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=nz.co.beep.android.beep

or the App Store (iPhone)

https://itunes.apple.com/nz/app/beep/id1201078200

Enable push notifications in your settings:Settings > Notifications > Select Beep > Allow Notifications

How much will it cost you?



The Beep app is free and the push notifications to your phone will use only a tiny amount of your mobile data, or you can use your home Wi-Fi network.

You don't have a Smartphone?

The School-links software recognises those caregivers who have not downloaded Beep and will send emails instead of the Beep notifications.

We will continue to send all emergency alerts and absence notifications via email, as well as Beep, to ensure that we get critical messages through to you.

Want to learn more?

To learn more about School-links or Beep visit https://school-links.co.nz/beep-notifications/







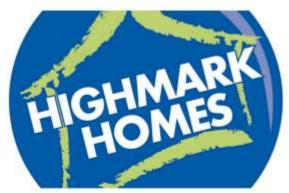






































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