

Friday 21st August 2026

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Namaste, Fakaalofa atu, Bula, Kia orana, Mauri, Nihao, Salam, Sawasdee, Kumusta Kayo, Hola, Xin chao, Vanakkam, Choum reap sor, Ming-gah-lah-bahr, Akkam, As-salaam 'alykum

Celebrating Our Learning, Culture and Community

August has been a wonderful month of learning, celebration and connection at our school. We are incredibly proud of the way our students have embraced opportunities to learn, celebrate their cultures and share their talents with our wider school community.

☀ Celebrating Our Cultural Weeks

One of the highlights of August has been celebrating the rich cultures and languages that make our school community unique.

🌺 Cook Islands Language Week

We proudly celebrated Epetoma o te Reo Māori Kūki Āirani – Cook Islands Language Week. Students had opportunities to engage with the Cook Islands language and culture through classroom learning, workshops, music, dance and cultural activities.

Our Cook Islands Celebration Assembly was a wonderful opportunity for the whole school to come together and celebrate. We extend a heartfelt meitaki maata to our Cook Islands families and community for sharing their language, culture, food and traditions with us.

🇹🇴 Lea Fakatonga – Tongan Language Week

We have also celebrated Lea Fakatonga – Tongan Language Week, recognising and celebrating the beautiful Tongan language, culture and traditions within our school community. Our Tongan families have played an important role in supporting the celebrations, including preparing food and participating in special events. Our Tongan Language Week Celebration Assembly provided a special opportunity for students, families, staff and guests to come together.

A special mālō 'aupito to everyone who contributed to making these celebrations memorable for our students.

🧮 Maths Week – Celebrating Mathematical Thinking

August has also been a fantastic opportunity for our students to celebrate Mathematics through Maths Week.

Our learners have been encouraged to explore mathematical ideas, solve problems, think creatively and develop confidence in their mathematical thinking. Maths Week has provided opportunities for students to see that mathematics is not just about numbers—it is about thinking, reasoning, problem-solving and making connections with the world around us.

We were pleased to hold a Maths Open Morning, giving our families an opportunity to see mathematics learning in action. Students also took part in Mathex, putting their mathematical knowledge, teamwork and problem-solving skills to the test.

We celebrated our Maths Week learning with a special Maths Week Celebration Assembly.

A huge well done to our students for embracing the challenges, working together and showing that mathematics can be fun, exciting and rewarding! 🧮🌟

🌈 Amazing Learning and Achievements

Across our classrooms, our students continue to demonstrate curiosity, creativity and a willingness to learn.

We are celebrating the many achievements of our students—big and small. Whether it is making progress in reading, writing and mathematics, developing new skills, showing perseverance, participating in cultural activities or supporting others, every achievement is important.

We are proud of the effort and commitment our students continue to show.

🗣 Your Voice Matters – Parent Survey

Our partnership with parents and whānau is incredibly important to us.

A Parent Survey will be distributed today with your child. We encourage all parents and caregivers to take the time to complete the survey and share your thoughts, ideas and aspirations with us.

Your voice is important in helping us understand what matters most to our families and community. The feedback we receive will help inform and support our strategic direction and ensure that the priorities we set reflect the needs and aspirations of our students, families and wider community.

🌺 Celebrating Who We Are

Our cultural celebrations and learning experiences remind us of the importance of identity, language, culture and belonging.

When our students see their cultures and languages valued at school, they know that who they are matters. We are proud to be a diverse and culturally rich school community, and we look forward to continuing to learn from and celebrate one another.

Together we learn. Together we celebrate. Together we grow.

Thank you to our students, staff, parents, whānau and community for your continued support.

We are proud of our students and all that they are achieving! ☀

Ngā mihi nui | Meitaki maata | Mālō 'aupito

Meritian MacShane - Principal

Important Dates

Every Thursdays	Swimming Lessons Last lesson – Thursday 17 September 2026
Thursday 3 rd September	OSC Football
Monday 14 th – 18 th September	Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
Fridays	Whole School Assembly 9:15am

MATHS WEEK



Tongan Language Week

"Ko 'etau hiva, ko e fe'unu mahu'inga ia ki he mo'ui 'a e Tonga", which translates to "Our music is a vital strand of our Tongan culture."



ATTENDANCE

WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS – “The Power of Showing Up”

Showing up isn't just about being in a seat; it's about engagement, building trust, and creating a vibrant community. To celebrate the collective effort it takes to get to school every day, we have some exciting rewards this term. Please support your children by ensuring they attend school every day.

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to year 12, that is..	This means that the best your child can achieve is..	Attendance Week 4 & 5	
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11	Year 0	76%
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10	Year 1	77%
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7	Year 2	83%
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4	Year 3	82%
					Year 4	86%
					Year 5	85%
					Year 6	87%

Congratulations on your 1st Year Anniversary as Principal of Mayfield Primary School Mrs MacShane



Thank you for your continued service and dedication to our tamariki, our school, and the wider community. Your commitment, care, and support are greatly appreciated, and we are grateful for the positive impact you make every day. Faafetai tele lava Mrs MacShane!

Cook Island Language Week Celebration



Ngā mihi nui
Mrs Meritiana MacShane
TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL