



Friday 11th September 2026

Principal's Message

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

Kia ora koutou katoa,

What a fantastic couple of weeks it has been across our school community! There is so much to celebrate, and it has been wonderful to see our students, staff, parents, caregivers and whānau continuing to come together to make our school such a positive place to be.

We are incredibly proud of our senior students who have been participating in soccer. It has been wonderful to see them representing our school with enthusiasm, teamwork and determination. A huge thank you to our staff, coaches and whānau for supporting our students to participate, get involved and give things a go. Your encouragement makes these opportunities possible for our tamariki.

A very special thank you to Sistema Aotearoa and music teacher Claire for the wonderful experience they have provided for our Year 2 students. Our students have had the opportunity to learn violin and explore some beautiful music. It has been fantastic to see their excitement, confidence and willingness to try something new.

We are also very excited to welcome Mapu Maia to our school community. They will be supporting our start-of-the-day activities every Tuesday and Friday, including Buddy Reading in the library with our junior students.

A friendly reminder to our Junior parents, caregivers and whānau — nau mai, haere mai! You are warmly invited to join us from 8.30am for our SODA Buddy Reading time. We look forward to seeing you in the library, connecting with one another and supporting our tamariki as they begin their school day with positive relationships and a love of reading.

Over the past couple of weeks, we have also been inviting our parents, caregivers and whānau to share their voices and experiences with us. We have had a fantastic turnout, and we are grateful to everyone who has taken the time to come along, share, listen and talanoa with us. Your voice matters. Your feedback helps us understand what we are doing well, where we can improve, and how we can continue to strengthen our relationships with our school community.

We will continue our talanoa with our Pasifika families next week:

Monday 14 September | 3.00pm | School Library

We warmly invite our Pasifika parents, caregivers and whānau to join us as we continue these important conversations together.

I have also had the privilege of speaking with our student leaders and two students from each class to hear directly from our tamariki.

We asked them three important questions:

- What do we do well at our school?
- What would you like to see more of?
- How can our staff best communicate with you and your parents and caregivers?

It has been wonderful to hear their ideas, perspectives and experiences. Student voice is an important part of shaping our school, and I look forward to sharing an update with our wider school community by the end of the term, including what we have heard and the next steps we will take together.

Today we also held a practice emergency earthquake drill. Our students and staff followed the earthquake safety procedures and instructions very well. It was fantastic to see everyone taking the drill seriously and knowing what to do to keep ourselves and others safe. Well done, everyone, and thank you for following instructions so carefully.

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

Next week, we will celebrate Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori — Māori Language Week. The 2026 theme is “Ake, Ake, Ake — A forever language.”

This theme celebrates the resilience and adaptability of te reo Māori and reminds us of our shared responsibility to support its learning, use and growth for future generations. Our tamariki will have opportunities throughout the week to celebrate and strengthen their knowledge of te reo Māori. We look forward to seeing our students embrace the language, share what they know and celebrate its richness together as a school community.

Kia kaha te reo Māori! Take care, everyone, and go mighty Warriors!

Ngā mihi nui,

Meritiana MacShane

Principal, Mayfield Primary School

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.

GIVE YOUR CHILD EVERY CHANCE TO SUCCEED!... EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Attendance Week 7 & 8

Year 0	72%
Year 1	80%
Year 2	87%
Year 3	81%
Year 4	88%
Year 5	83%
Year 6	90%



MOVIES

REWARDS FOR OUR STUDENTS WITH 100% ATTENDANCE



Important Dates

Monday 14 th September to Friday 18 th September	Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
Monday 14 th September	Māori Language Week Launch - 9:30am
Monday 14 th September	Parents/Caregiver Pasifika Talanoa at 3:00pm in the Library
Tuesday 15 th September	Marae visit for Māori students
Thursday 17 th September	Class and sibling photos
Friday 18 th September	Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori Celebration
Monday 21 st September	Principal's Golden Assembly at 9:15am under the Canopy
Monday 21 st September	100% Attendance Rewards
Friday 25 th September	Last day of school School will finish at 2:00pm

GARDEN TO TABLE



Congratulations to our award winners at today's whole school assembly.



Sistema Violin with our Year 2 students



Ngā mihi nui
Mrs Meritiana MacShane
TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL