



# MEEANEE SCHOOL

PREPARE TODAY TO MEET TOMORROW

15 September 2021

Welcome back to school under Level 2. COVID-19 certainly put a spanner in the works for all our sports and community activities for the term. However, your children have come back into school amazingly well. Behaviour in the first week back (admittedly only two days) was excellent. A lot of students showing great empathy towards others and displaying excellence. Thanks to all of you that looked after your children at home you have done an amazing job. If I can add to that the respect you have shown by wearing masks outside our school grounds as you pick up kids or if you have had to enter the school premises is fantastic. Jacinda talks about the team of 5 million, I'm pretty impressed with our Meeanee team – Whanau, Staff, and Students. The school has a great feel to it, and it is because of the fantastic support we are getting from our team. Enrolments are going through the roof at the moment for next year so it's important that you let us know if you have a child coming to our school in the next couple of years.

The staff are currently planning some really exciting events and opportunities for Term 4. A lot of this is the Music/Arts area for our school while continuing to ramp up our sporting opportunities. Set aside Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December on your calendar for a school event I'm sure you will enjoy.

I would like to commend our staff on their passion to provide opportunities for your children. It is over and above their normal planning and marking. Add to that the work they did over Level 4 and Level 3 of lockdown and I'm sure you'll appreciate what a great staff we have.

Our Board of Trustees meets tonight and will discuss our Working Bee and our Multipurpose space opening. Let's hope we can get back to Level 1 quickly so that we can welcome you all back into our school grounds. We will need a big crew for our Working Bee and it's a great opportunity to meet other families in our school if you haven't had a chance yet.

Projects brainstormed already include:

- Making a border and planting the garden outside Room 4.
- Pruning shrubbery
- Painting fence rails in the pool area
- Repairing tiered seating in the pool area
- Bark releveling
- Checking and fixing perimeter fencing if required
- Start creating Pump track (Cycle track addition)



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## FACEBOOK:

Please feel free to like and share our school facebook page under  
*[Meeanee School Community](#)*.



You are welcome to invite extended members of your family. It is an easy way for them to keep up with relatives here at the school.

## COMING EVENTS:

1 Oct	- Last Day of Term 3
18 Oct	- Start of Term 4
22 Oct	- Hawkes Bay Anniversary (school closed)
25 Oct	- Labour Day (school closed)
8 Nov	- School Photos (time to be confirmed)
8 Dec	- Exciting School event (mark date in your calendar)
14 Dec	- Last Day Term 4



*Unfortunately until we reach Level 1 parents/caregivers are unable to attend Friday's Assembly.*

## School Photos

School Photos have been postponed until the 8th November 2021. More details to follow once the time has been confirmed with us.

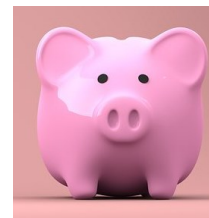


## Statements:

Statements will be coming out today with your newsletters.

For the children in Papakura the school camp donation has now been charged to your account to allow for you to set up payment for this. Please let us know if you have any queries about this account.

If you have any queries on your accounts please email [office@meeanee.school.nz](mailto:office@meeanee.school.nz)



## School App

Just a reminder to download our school app if you haven't done so already. You will find any updates or daily notices on here.



## Introducing our BOT members

*Introducing: Andrew Sim (Parent Representative)*

Hi, I'm Andrew, and I'm part of our family of six and we love getting out and about... From walking beaches and Doc tracks to cycling the pathways and exploring grandads farmland.

I grew up in the country (Eskdale) and went to a country school just like Meeanee.

I believe children benefit more from smaller schools which is why my children Lily, Carter and soon our youngest Elijah attend here.

I love the feel that Meeanee School has as its just out of the hustle and bustle of Hawke's Bays big city life. I've been a member of the Board for over a year now and wow have we accomplished some stuff in that time.

From seeing our very loved Mrs Scarlett, go to being apart of the team that hired our very bubbly Principal we have now, Mr Kinsey.

We deal with fun projects like the new playground and have overseen the development of the new multi purpose space.

At first I wasn't sure if being a board member was for me but actually it is, it's something small I can do to give back to our community.

So if you ever want to or just want to see what it's like, I welcome you to come and join us in our meetings... Just keep an eye out in the newsletters to know when they are.

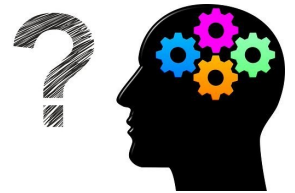
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## Quiz Night

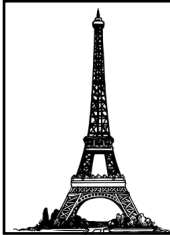
Once we reach Level 1 we will be able to set a new night for our Quiz Evening so please watch this space.



## Olympic cyclist 2024??

What do you think?

Will Mr Kinsey make the track cycling team at the next Olympics 2024 in Paris?





**Bike Safety**—On Monday we were lucky to have the lovely people from Sport HB show our children some valuable bike skills

