



# MEEANEE SCHOOL

PREPARE TODAY TO MEET TOMORROW

Wednesday 20 October 2021



Welcome back to Term 4! So much to tell you this week.

We have had a great start to our last term of this year. For our Year 8's it is their last term at Meeanee School, so we hope you enjoy the little extras that we are doing for you at the end of the year. The term is a very short one with Labour Weekend this weekend and we finish up on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. We have a Teacher Only Day on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November to make up for the two we missed in Term 3 for working on Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L). So, in total only 39 school days this term.

Our kids have come back into school really well after their holiday. Top work families! We welcomed two new students to our Meeanee School family, TK and River. Everyone was rocking their school hats from the first day of term and it's great to see so many students heeding the message of being sunsmart. We have two sunscreen poles out in the playground and students can be seen applying this regularly. It's really important that students remember their drink bottle each day. We are reinforcing the need to drink water regularly.

Mrs McKay has set up a fantastic fitness rotation in the morning for Papakura and Moananui. The students have been excellent in getting stuck into this fitness routine. We also had a visit by Vicki from Brain Injury Education who came and talked to our students about concussion.

Students from Papakura and Moananui have also had sessions with our new Kapahaka tutor, Char. Hopefully this will lead to a full Kapahaka group next year. Well done Mrs McKay for finding us a tutor.

On the very last day in Term 3 we were able to use our new Multipurpose space. We can comfortably fit the whole school in and have excellent ventilation throughout the building. On Monday the first classroom used our new library space. Thanks to Mrs Kyle and Mr Evans for getting this up and running so quickly.



Our new front entrance started on time and is going well. Much easier to visualise what it's going to look like now rather than looking at a 2D image. The team at Angus McMillan Concrete have been working hard over the holidays and we had our first concrete pour on Monday. I will post more photos on Facebook of the progress. You can now see the 2 new gardens formed and the support walls for the pedestrian ramp and the new set of steps. We are also taking the opportunity while they are here to get 3 new slabs put in where it was uneven around the tree that "fell down" at the start of the year.

Thanks to those people picking up our children after school and using the back entrance (and road) safely. Students in Kiwi and Pukeko are walked down to the back gate and will only be let go when we see the adult there. Moananui and Papakura students will walk out and look for their adult and are instructed to stay outside the gate near me if no one is there to pick them up. Our Road Patrollers are out on duty out there so please continue to use them. Please only access the school site if you are masked up and please scan/sign in at the office. If you are not wearing your mask outside the gate, then please continue to social distance.

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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.

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The latest outbreak of COVID-19 is certainly throwing up some interesting problems. Sadly, after all Mrs McKay's and classes (including parents and family) hard work we have had to cancel their camp to Rotorua. The current guidelines around Level 2 make it too hard to ensure the safety of our students in some environments outside of school. Mrs McKay has been working hard over the holidays to find cool activities to do around Hawke's Bay for her class. I'm really looking forward to joining them for some of these activities. If Level 2 continues until the end of the year it will mean that we will have to hold prizegiving behind closed doors and send a video link out to those who request it to watch.

The announcement of having all staff vaccinated by the 1<sup>st</sup> January next year has also thrown up issues right across the country in education. We have not been given much detail behind how everything is going to work. From what we know those that need to be vaccinated include all staff (and others who work in a voluntary capacity or otherwise) who come into contact with children in schools. This has huge implications because this includes parent helpers as far as we can see. We will attempt to let you know more as soon as we are told.

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## COMING EVENTS:

- 22 Oct** - **Hawkes Bay Anniversary (school closed)**
- 25 Oct** - **Labour Day (school closed)**
- 8 Nov** - **School Photos 9am**
- 9-12 Nov** - **Senior School Outdoor activities**
- 15 Nov** - **Teacher Only Day**
- 8 Dec** - **Exciting School event (Covid levels permitting)**
- 14 Dec** - **Last Day Term 4 school finishes at 12pm**

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



We would like to extend a very warm welcome to TK and River who started with us on the first day of Term 4. TK joins Room 3 and River joins Room 1.  
*Welcome to Meeanee School.*

## School Photos



School Photos will be taken on Monday 8th November at 9am. If you wish to have sibling photos taken please see the office for a sibling photo form. If you have already filled one out I still have these in the office but feel free to phone/email to check.

## *HB Anniversary and Labour Day*

**Just a reminder that school is closed this Friday for  
HB Anniversary and Monday for Labour Day.  
Have a safe and relaxing long weekend**



## **Teacher Only Day**



**School will be closed for a Teacher Only Day on  
Monday 15th November.  
Please mark it in your calendars.**

## **School App and newsletter**

**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. Please advise the office if you no longer wish  
to receive a paper copy of the newsletter.**



## **Community Notices:**

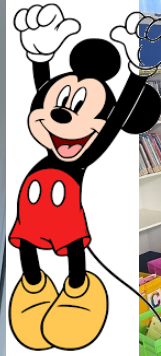
### ***Harcourts Halloween Hunt community event for kids aged 3-12.***

Looking for something to do for Halloween but can't go  
trick'or'treating? Then register for the Harcourts Halloween Hunt  
on 31 October, 2021 (only \$15) and we will bring a Halloween  
goodie bag to YOU! Plus if you dress up and send in photos or a  
quick videos of your "tricks" you will go in the draw to win some  
amazing spot prizes – Pak N Save vouchers (to buy loads of lol-  
lies), entertainment vouchers, hats, games and so much more.  
Check out [www.trihb.kiwi](http://www.trihb.kiwi) and click on Halloween Hunt.  
Registrations close on Tues 26 October so be in to win now!





# Our new library



## Front Entrance progress

Work is well underway with our new front entrance with lots of exciting progress!!

