



## Winners in Education

I am sure that everyone has been concerned and disappointed with the recent reports about student achievement in New Zealand. We know that the quality of teaching and learning play an important part in being successful. We also know that the two keys to success are attendance and getting to school on time.

These are keys that **parents** and **students** have in their hands. Let us give the children the best chance to achieve and succeed in their education.

**Please would you ensure/encourage/support your children with their school attendance.**

	Student Categories	Students with	Each Term
	Regular attendance	Over 90% attendance	Fewer than 5 days
	Irregular absence	81% to 90% attendance	Absent 5-9 days
	Moderate absence	71% to 80% attendance	Absent 10-14.5 days
	Chronic absence	70% or less	Absent 15 days +

	Regular attendance	Better opportunities to achieve well & succeed
	Moderate/chronic	Reduce opportunities to learn and achieve well
	Absence	at school

## Important Dates and Events in Term 3 (2024)

Date	Week	Event
22-26 July	Week 1	Big Welcome Back and Welcome to Mayfield
29 July – 2 August	Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swimming Classes start (30 July)</li> </ul> *Epetoma o te reo Maori Kuki Airani 2024 Cook Islands Language Week 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paris Olympics 2024</li> </ul>
5 – 9 August	Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paris Olympics (continue)</li> <li>Closing Ceremony (11 August)</li> </ul>
12 – 16 August	Week 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Book Week (Character Parade – 16 Aug)</li> <li>Maths Week</li> <li>MPS Mathex (15 Aug)</li> <li>Powhiri</li> <li>Councillors EOTC (16 Aug)</li> </ul>
19 – 23 August	Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Life Education (Weeklong)</li> <li>Balance Bike (Monday 19 Aug)</li> <li>OSC Soccer Tournament (22 Aug)</li> <li>BOT Meeting (Thu 22 Aug @ 4pm)</li> </ul>
26 – 30 August	Week 6	Life Education/ Swimming programmes continue Year 6 visit Ferguson Intermediate Poetry / Speech Competition
2 – 6 September	Week 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tongan Language Week 2024</li> <li>Tongan Language Week Celebration (6<sup>th</sup> September)</li> </ul>
9 – 13 September	Week 8	BSLA Year 1 & 2 whanau Hui (Tue 10 Sept) WERO (Rooms 13, 14, 15 & 16) AUT Millenium (Rooms 11 & 12)
16 – 20 September	Week 9	Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori BOT Meeting (Thu 19 Sept @ 4pm)
23 – 27 September	Week 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wig Wednesday</li> </ul>

## Epetoma o te reo Maori Kuki Irani 2024

The 2024 theme for Cook Islands Māori Language Week is 'Ātui'ia au ki te vaka o tōku matakeinanga - connect me to the canoe of my tribe'

This theme is linked to the big Language Week Series theme for 2024, which is 'Sustainability'. The goal is to sustain and enrich the culture of the Cook Islands. Mayfield School happily celebrated this special event .



Meitaki ma'ata Mrs Joseph for organising this special learning week and the celebration. Our thanks also to the parents who supported the event. We always appreciate the knowledge and skills of parents/whanau.



ayfield  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Pearl Baker Dr, Otara  
Phone (09) 274 9374

8 August 2024



Term 3 is well underway now and we welcome all new students who have joined us this Term. We are sure you will find Mayfield Primary School a very welcoming and positive learning environment. It is great to have you as part of Mayfield learning team.

### We also welcome two new teachers.

Miss Potangaroa is teaching Room 13 and joins Team Te Rangi in the senior school. She is a former student of Mayfield School and knows the community well. Miss Potangaroa has just completed her teacher-training and is looking forward to beginning her teaching career where she began as a student herself.

Due to a growing roll, particularly in the junior school, we have opened a new class. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Sneh Lata. She is an experienced teacher working in Room 4. Nau mai haere mai korua. We look forward to the sharing of knowledge and skills that you bring to Mayfield School.

**Changes** There are some significant changes that are coming to schools in New Zealand. We will be sending an information pack to parents about the changes.