



# Mauriceville School

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**Week 2**  
**24 July 2023**

**Term 3**

Kia ora Koutou Katoa,

Welcome back to a term that looks to be extremely busy and exciting. Some of the great things we've got in store this term include Matharapa, online Language lessons, Maths week, Breadcraft Art Expo at Aratoi, Science Roadshow, Have a Go day and a series of music workshops at Solway School towards the end of the term. Watch this space for information about these events and photos of things we're involved in.

It would be great if children could bring a warm jacket each day, even if the weather doesn't look too bad. We like to get outside, even if it's a bit cold, so that we can get rid of some of the built up energy these children have and more often than not, the kids want to be outside as well. At least with a jacket they can wrap up warm and make the most of those times when it isn't raining.

Ngā mihi,

Kim

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## Students of the Week



**Lochie** for showing determination while working independently on literacy tasks.

**Awhi** for having such a wonderful attitude to learning.

**Quade** for being responsible while working on science activities and sharing your science knowledge with others.

**Eli** for being such an excellent helper in music time.

## What's coming up...

**7 - 11 August**  
**Maths Week**

**Friday 11 August**  
**Foodbank Appeal**

**Wednesday 16 August**  
**Matharapa - Year 7**

**Friday 25 August**  
**Designcraft**

## Welcome to our new LSC

This term we welcome Nikki Irwin as our Learning Support Coordinator. Nikki is filling in for Allison Boyce while she is on extended leave for 12 months. Nikki's role as LSC is to ensure children and young people with disability and additional learning needs have access to the services they need. She will work closely to help us access services and provide supports/resources for our students. I'm sure everyone will make Nikki welcome and she'll soon love our little school, just as we all do.

## IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

As I've mentioned before, the Ministry of Education has a focus on improving the attendance rates of New Zealand students. As part of this strategy they regularly gather data from us about student absences and reasons for those absences. **When your child is absent you need to ring or notify school, every day, on the day of the absence, with the reason.** If we are not given a reason, then that student is marked as Truant. As well as this it is now a requirement that schools report to the MOE on the specific ways (interventions) they are addressing situations where students are absent for 5 or more unjustified days. Unjustified is an absence that is either unexplained or, explained, but the explanation is not within the school's policy as an acceptable reason for the student to be away from school i.e. birthdays away, holidays during term time, family visits etc.

## Language Lessons

During term 3 & 4 our older students are participating in online language lessons. We have students learning Spanish, Te Reo Māori and Japanese. They had their first lesson last week and were pretty excited to be learning a new language. These lessons were made possible by a grant from the Wellington Methodist Trust.

## Duffy Books in Homes

Students are bringing home their latest Duffy Book picks today, these books are theirs to read at home.

# **Mauriceville Country Fair AGM**

**Wednesday 26th July at 7.30pm**

**Mauriceville School and Community Hall**

**All welcome especially those who would like to help on Fair Day in December**

## Scholastic Book Club

The latest catalogue is included with your newsletter. If you'd like to order some books please have all money and orders to school by Friday 4 August.

## Designcraft

We have 4 sessions of Designcraft this term starting on Friday 17 August.

## Board of Trustees Meeting

Our next Board meeting is at 6pm on Monday 21 August.

## Foodbank Appeal

On Friday 11 August we are participating in the local schools food bank collection. Children are asked to bring non perishable items to donate.

## Sport, Education, Community and Cultural Foundation (SECC)

At the end of last term some very lovely people from the SECC foundation dropped in to our school with a boot load of sports balls for our students and a hockey set. Absolutely amazing, they turned up out of the blue and we were quite blown away! A huge thank you to the foundation for their generosity and commitment to sport. We received a sports bag each of rugby balls, volley balls, basketballs, footballs and netballs...we might need to invest in an electric ball pump!

## Shoes and jackets

Just a reminder that we are fortunate to receive support from the Kidscan Charitable Trust who provide free shoes & socks and jackets for our tamariki. If you would like to place an order please give the office a call. Sometimes it can take a while to receive orders as they are very busy, it might pay to plan ahead.



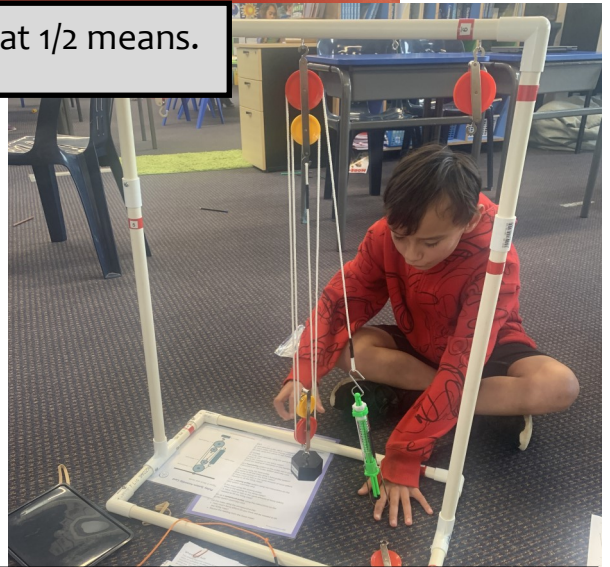
**9.00am to 11.00am**  
**Mauriceville**  
**School & Community Hall**  
**August sessions:**  
**Thursday 3 August**  
**Thursday 17th August**  
**Thursday 31st Aug (REAP)**



Eli, Kyon and Awhi - learning about fractions, what 1/2 means.



Awhi - showing numbers 1-10 with blocks



Quade - demonstrating how a pulley works and how much force is needed to move a weight. (From our Simple Machines Science Kit)

## **Firewood For Sale**

**Old Man Pine - \$100/cubic metre**

**Wattle - \$120/cubic metre**

**Seasoned wood - All excellent burning**

**Phone Sandra or Dave on 3725646**

**Mauriceville Community Association**