

# Tawhai School News

## Week 9 Term 2!



Monday 23 June 2025

Wow! What a busy week we had last week! Thank you for all your support.

We had a fantastic group of parents come along to our whānau hui – thank you to the whānau who attended and for all your participation and valuable feedback.

Some of the common themes discussed were:

- **Family Centrality:** the importance of celebrating with family. For many, traditions like Chinese New Year, Matariki, Easter, Christmas, New Year's, and birthdays. These are deeply tied to gathering with loved ones, sharing food, playing games, and simply spending quality time together.
- **Cultural Connection:** Beyond specific holidays, parents highlighted the significance of cultural connection. This included reconnecting with Marae/awa/whenua, and celebrating customs like Chinese New Year that are passed down through generations.

We have a lot of exciting ideas and plans to move forward and are already looking forward to reconnecting with this group (and anyone else who would like to join us).

### A Grand Opening for Our New Library!

What a truly wonderful day we had celebrating the official opening of our new school library! It was an absolute delight to see so many of our students dressed up as their favourite book characters, they all looked fantastic and brought such a vibrant, imaginative energy to the day.

We're thrilled to report that the library is already being incredibly well-used by our students, bustling with activity and eager young readers. The initial feedback about their new space has been overwhelmingly positive, confirming what a special and valuable addition it is to our school.

### Matariki

We had such a lovely Matariki celebration on Thursday morning, a big thank you to Dave Whiteman and all the help from the Upper Hu College First XV rugby boys. A huge thank you for supporting this event and making it such a special time together.

### Upcoming Learning Conversations

Get ready for our **Learning Conversations** in Week 2 of next term! Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 July.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to connect with your child's teacher. You'll receive a copy of your child's report and have a chance to discuss their progress and achievements in detail. It's also the perfect time to look at their hard work and ask any questions you might have.

We're really looking forward to seeing you there!

You can book now using the code 53z84 at [School Interviews](#)

## From the PTSG

Gate combo is this Friday 27 June. Orders are now available via the Kindo app -

<https://shop.kindo.co.nz/app/login>

A packet of chips, small boxed fruit drink, and a small chocolate for \$3.50.

They will be delivered to your child's class before 3pm.

Kindo will close off at 1pm on Friday.

Also just a reminder about our Frozen Cookie Dough fundraiser, last day for orders is Sunday 29 June.

Any queries email, [ptsg@tawhai.school.nz](mailto:ptsg@tawhai.school.nz).

Thank you

## School Docs

We welcome you to participate in the policy reviews for this term.

Pop on the link and follow the review instructions [School docs](#)

Username : tawhai

Password: empowering

## What's coming up?

- Tuesday 24 June - School Board Hui
- Friday 27 June - End of Term 2 Gate Combo (see details above)
- Monday 14 July - **Beginning of Term 3**
- Monday 21 July and Tuesday 22 July - Learning Conversations (please see above)
- Week 6 (August 18-22), School Photos
- Week 7 (August 29) - Multicultural Day
- Week 10 - The Dental Van will be on site
- Week 10 - Friday 19 September - **Last day of Term 3**

**Ngā mihi nui,**

**The Tawhai School Team**





## **TRANSITIONS MATTER!**

One of the best things that you can do as a parent to set your child up for success is to get them enrolled early.

The schools in Upper Hutt work closely together and are committed to providing effective transitions between schools. The shift from a Primary School to an Intermediate School and then on to Secondary is a significant change for all our young people.

Schools do their very best to ensure our young people are placed carefully with any supports and resources they may require. This is a huge process and the sooner we know who is coming to our school, the sooner we can begin the transition process.

All our schools are happy to meet with you and help answer any questions you may have.

If you know which school your child will move to in 2026 please

**ENROL NOW!**



# Maidstone Intermediate

Te Kura ō Hinepōhatu

## SCHOOL IN ACTION EVENING



**Thursday 24 July 2025**  
**6:00 to 8:00 pm**

### IN ACTION

- Enrichment
- Classroom Learning
- Technology and Arts

### OUR VALUES

- Whanaungatanga
- Manaakitanga
- Kaitiakitanga

**Maidstone Intermediate Te Kura ō Hinepōhatu**

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