



Motupipi

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 10 February 2022

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou,

What a terrific start to the year. There's a real buzz in the air... classes are full of smiles and excited chatter, both from students and from staff. We have a lot of new faces around this year: Stella in Room 5; Braxdyn and Takirau in Room 4; Frankie, Kiera and Sophia in Room 2; Sam and Tyler in Room 1. We've also welcomed Scott Ralston (Mr. Ralston) in Room 2 and Lesley Jephcott (Whaea Lesley) in Room 4. Pip Giblin, who has been working in our library since last year, is working as a teacher aide in Rooms 4 and 5 for six hours a week. Welcome to everyone above, and to their families. We hope that you'll love Motupipi as much as we do!

We really appreciate you continuing to sign in and don your masks when entering the school grounds. Big thanks to Jude and Elissa for the new signs on each entry point. They're a great replacement for the laminated signs which kept getting wet and falling to bits. Should you forget your mask, we will try to have a couple outside on the main gate for you -- failing that, there are always heaps in the office. Thanks to those who have let me know that they have exemptions. Because we are in red, we do ask all parents to keep their visits on the school grounds as short as necessary. We love having you here, but we are also cognisant that we are in Red and we are wanting to keep our learners as safe as possible. Should there be an outbreak of Delta or Omicron at school, we will be guided by the Ministry as to our next steps (and will let you know immediately).

Again, I'd like to thank each and every one of you for the support you give to our school. As a school, we are really looking forward to getting back to the "old normal" when we can mix, mingle, sit together, fire up the pizza oven and have a staff/whanau evening. Unfortunately, I won't be here, but I do encourage you to pop by to say goodbye before my last day.

Until then, should you have any questions, concerns or feedback - please get in touch with me in the first instance. I also encourage you to contact your child's teacher, either by popping in to see them directly after school or through email:

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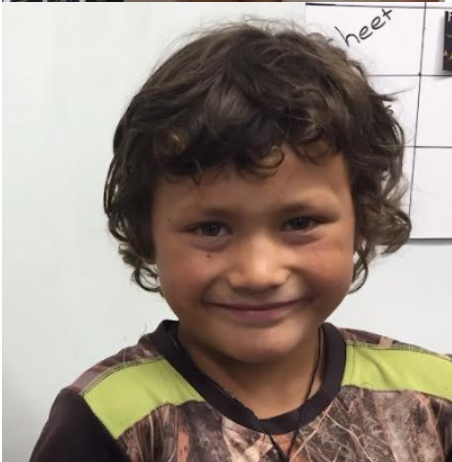
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Ngā mihi, Lisa Malones



Room 2 Starts the Year with a Splash!

Room 2 has had a fantastic start to the year. The class has enjoyed swimming and getting to know each other.





Room 1 Jungle Warriors

Room 1 went deep into the jungle (school garden) on Monday. We experienced swarms of mosquitos and the odd wasp. We were nourished by grapes and had to work together to create some order. Once the weather improves we will get back in there again so that all the classes can begin to plant.




School Lunch Volunteers Needed!

Please sign up in the office to help out with school lunches. We're happy for you to contribute in any way that works for you—whether that means doing the whole lunch, one item, dropping off food in the morning or even just coming in to serve at lunchtime (12.45pm). It all helps and your contribution enables us to keep school lunches happening. Any questions please ask Anita or Lisa in the office, thanks!

Overdue School Library Books

Many students have overdue books from our school library. Please check your bookshelves and return books as soon as possible. If students have overdue books they will not be able to take any more books out.

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18th February

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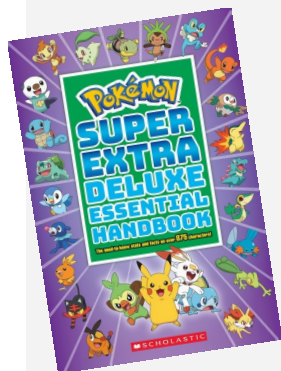
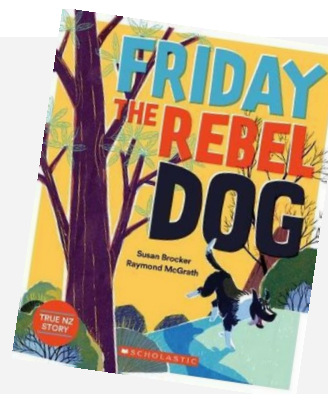
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Our latest Scholastic Book Order Form came home at the end of last week. Every order earns rewards that we use to put books directly back into our School Library! Orders can be made online using the Book Club LOOP App or via the Scholastic website. Let Pip or Anita know if you need assistance with your order. Check out Pip's Picks from the latest catalogue below:

Pip's Picks

Friday The Rebel Dog

A true NZ story, of a notorious sheep stealer and his loyal dog, Friday the collie sheepdog. Ages 5+ (Page 3).



Pokemon Super Extra Deluxe Essential Handbook

A must for Pokemon fans, this has all the facts to help you learn your meowths from your bulbasaur. Ages 7+ (Page 4).

100 Things To Know About The Planet Earth

Loaded with fascinating facts, including ways we can help our planet. Ages 8+ (Page 7).



Also the latest from David Walliams, Wings of Fire, and Diary of a Minecraft Zombie.

TERM 1 CALENDAR

18th Feb	Scholastic Orders Due
18th Feb	Swim for Life Classes
21st Feb	School Baseball Coaching
10th Mar	School Triathlon

14th Apr	Last Day of Term 1
2nd May	First Day of Term 2