

The 2018 school year has come to a close.

Thanks to all who have helped us in any way over the year. We are certainly blessed with such a supportive community. The Room 1 & 2 camp that was to go to Totaranui had 20 parents available to camp out with us, which is amazing.

We wish everyone a safe and happy festive season.



Final Assembly

Yesterday we had a final assembly to say goodbye to Helen, who is heading to Auckland to attend a full immersion Maori course and Rose whose fixed term position finishes this year. There was also a surprise part, which celebrated my being at Motupipi for 25 years. I was a bit shell shocked as it wasn't suspected and the words from the kids, the cards and the song were pretty special. It was cool to have a crowd of ex-Motupipi students there and Anju who was in my first class here. Thank you to all who attended it was very much appreciated.

The final part of assembly was the Year 4 and 5 students farewelling the Yr 6 students, Helen and Rose out of the hall with a haka.

Yr 6 Dinner

On Monday evening we held the Yr 6 dinner in the Motupipi Hall. This was a chance to farewell our Yr 6 students who were heading to Golden Bay High School next year as well as schools in Nelson and Christchurch.

The evening started with drinks and nibbles followed by dinner and dessert. Parents were then invited to items put on by the children followed by presentations and comments about each child moving on.

This year we presented two special trophies which were donated by David & Jo Haldane the Motupipi School Sportsmanship Trophy and the Motupipi School Citizenship Trophy. The criteria for selection was

Motupipi School Sportsmanship Trophy

The achievements and attributes of the recipient may include:

- Being a positive role model on and off the field
- Working co-operatively with adults and team members
- Demonstrating character in competition and practice
- Consistently demonstrating fair play
- Playing by the rules of the game
- Being an excellent ambassador of Motupipi School
- Having a positive work ethic at games and at training
- Being gracious in both success and/or defeat
- Respecting opponents and the judgement of referees and officials



The winner was Archie Darwen

Motupipi School Citizenship Award

The achievements and attributes of the recipient may include:

- Being a good role model for other students
- Being involved in school activities
- Having the courage to do what is right – even when no one is watching
- Thinking of and displaying empathy and compassion for others
- Accepting diversity and difference in others
- Representing the school in a positive manner (in all aspects)
- Being friendly and helpful towards others
- Being willing to accept responsibility
- Determination to build up, preserve; not to destroy
- Having a positive attitude to meeting challenges, by doing and being the best they can



The winner was Emily Connell

School Camps

A highlight for the kids are the school camps at the end of the year. It is a chance for them to step out of their comfort zone from time to time and have a go at activities they might not normally have access to.

Room Five had a great school based camp with kayaking and paddleboarding at Wainui as well as fishing at Waitapu Wharf.

Room Four stayed at Pakawau camp and explored that side of the Bay with yachting, kayaking and paddleboarding at Parapara, Wharariki sand dunes and seals and lots of beach games.

Room One and Two were to go to Totaranui, but the weather forced a change of plan and we set up tents at school. We biked Motupipi Hill, orienteered around Clifton Cemetery, yachted, kayaked and paddleboarded at Parapara and at Tata Beach as well as sea biscuiting.

All camps had night games so late nights were the order of the day.

*I loved the sea biscuiting. I did it with Isla and we were going so fast I couldn't feel my legs. I really liked how we got to go with Rm1 as we all got along well together. **Ruby***

*I thought it was the best of all the camps and I didn't mind camping at school. I found the biking really hard but still fun. The night games I loved playing. **Bella B***

*The last day was fantastic. It was sunny, warm and I got to take my Dad on a paddleboard. The funniest thing was when Bella's Mum, Cindy, fell off the paddleboard in her clothes. **Lola***

*I really enjoyed the sea biscuiting as it was my first time. I was quite scared at the start and kept putting my thumb down to go slower. After awhile I got more confident and went faster. Biking Motupipi Hill was great fun. **Charlie***

*I was disappointed not to go to Totaranui, but I put it behind me and had good fun at school. Seabiscuiting was my favourite because I love water and going fast. I had to hold on tight especially when we went in a circle. Sardines was the best of the night games and I was one of the last to find the group that had hidden . **Malika***

*We got chased by a seal at Wharariki when we went into one of the caves. It was exciting. Corey tried to scare it away. **Leroy***

*I really liked camp. Kayaking was my favourite and I was good at paddling. I got a little silver fish. Mum is good at fishing. I loved sleeping in the tent, but I was scared when it got dark. **Finn***





Friday School Lunch

Thanks to everyone that has helped and contributed towards the lunches this year.

The children love Friday lunches and it is a great way to fundraise and support school.

Money raised helps subsidise camps and trips plus provides resources to classes over and above the MOE funding.

If you are interested in helping next year all you need to do is let Jane in the office know. It is a great way to meet other parents, the staff, and of course the kids plus it is always a lot of fun!

No experience is required and we have an account at Fresh Choice so ingredients can be purchased. Likewise if you have spare produce please let us know as we can incorporate it into our menu.



Aonghus won the Intermediate Tennis Trophy

Spotlight!!

"Quinn, over here, Anju's coming.
 Spotlight Dash. Spotlight Sanai. Spotlight Kelly.
 Spotlight Ryder.
 Oh Hi guys. We're playing Go Home, Stay Home, wanna play?
 Spotlight Que. Shhhhhh get down!
 Who's that?
 Spotlight Quinn.
 Come on!!
 Quick!!
 Get down over here."
 By Leroy.



Last week when we went to Wharariki Beach we played some touch and played a game where kids got to get the ball off the grown ups. I loved it and it was hard to get the ball off me! When we saw a cave, we walked to it and investigated it. There was a Seal in it sleeping. "Phew! It is asleep!" I said. Then we saw another cave and walked over to it and we saw a big Seal and it was awake, staring at us. Kian drew a line that we couldn't go past, to keep us safe. Then the Seal jumped up and started to walk to us. I climbed up onto a big rock and other people were already on the rock. We thought it might start chasing us, but it was just curious. I loved everything about the camp.
 Thanks for helping us on camp.
 From Wirimu.

On camp we went to Wharariki Beach. There were lots of sand dunes there and they were really hot because of the strong sun streaming down on the dunes.

"Look out, I'm coming down!!" I yelled as I zoomed down the sand dunes.

We walked on and came to a big cave with a Mumma seal sleeping in it. The adults told us not to disturb the seal, but some boys ignored them and teased the seal until it woke up. I felt a bit scared when the seal started to come towards us. Afterwards we realized that the seal wasn't chasing us, it only wanted to get to the sea. I love camp, especially all the adventures, the bonfire, spotlight and playing card games with my friends in my cabin.

By Amira.

On last Wednesday we went to Wharariki Beach. We went to explore the caves. In one cave we saw a seal. I hit the throttle when the seal was chasing us. It was soooo scary that I screamed my head off.

(Exaggeration for effect!!) Actually the seal lunged towards us, but didn't actually chase us!!

My best part was when I ran down a huge sand dune and it was soooo boiling that there was steam coming off my feet. I roly pollied half way down the sand dune.

Next we went to find purple rock crabs. We found a big rock crab and it stuck its claws up to protect itself. We let it go when the waves came in and it swam into another hole. Me and Dash and Corey climbed up a huge rock to look at all the kids down below.

In my cabin I had Dash, Sanai, me and Corey. It was so fun playing spotlight in the dark. We had a bonfire. Corey showed us how to make a fire with two sticks. We all had a go. Mrs Cullen called Corey Bear Grylls. We brought really big marshmallows and we cooked them until they were really sticky.

We put the Kontiki out into the sea. The kontiki is a motorized shark that takes the hooks and line out to sea. We waited for a while and then a caught a rig shark. We ate it for dinner. We also caught a black sting ray and a big brown eagle ray. We let them both go and they swam out to sea. The next morning there was a dead eagle ray on the beach, with half its body and wing chomped by an orca bite. We think the orca must have come near in the night. I think I heard some splashing in the night. I felt really happy but really tired. It was an awesome camp!!.. By Ryder.

School Calendar

13th Dec	End of Term Four
28th Jan	School Starts 2019
4th Feb	Nelson Anniversary
5th Feb	School Closed
6th Feb	Waitangi Day

