



Motupipi

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome to 2023!

Hopefully you are well rested and enjoyed a great summer! The holidays were long for some, and far too short for others! It is great to have all our tamariki back at school and connecting with each other. We have loved catching up with all the holiday stories, and of course seeing lots of smiling faces.

This year we welcome back Jodie Grant to the teaching team, and also welcome Rosanna Clarence. Jodie has returned after a year's leave and is excited to be back teaching in Room 1 part time. Rosanna worked at Motupipi School last year in a variety of capacities so it is great to have her part of our team, also teaching part time in Room 1. Both teachers bring excellent qualities, enthusiasm and experience to our school and we are fortunate to add them to our team. Welcome also to our new students who have started with us this year - we are glad to have you join our learning community!

This term as part of our School Values, we are focusing on our value of Respect - "We will honour the rights and feelings of each other, our community and our environment". Teachers have also sent out Class Newsletters detailing the learning for the term. Thanks to our Teachers for all the hard work they put in to preparing for the term's learning over the break.

Over the holidays the back fence to the pool has been replaced and is now looking tidy. A big thank you to Dan Darwen Builders for the build and School Board Member, Richard Houston, for coordinating the project. A reminder to all Pool Key holders that private swimming lessons will take place on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays after school, so please ensure your children are well supervised and swimming in the correct lanes during this time. A great chance to also reinforce our School Value of Respect!

In January, the School Board held an internal appointment process for the permanent Deputy Principal role. This was created due to Jodie's resignation from the role and needed to be filled internally due to staffing. On behalf of the Motupipi School Board, we thank Jodie for her input during her extensive time on the team in past years. A huge congratulations to Anna Elworthy who has been successful in gaining the permanent Deputy Principal position. Anna was the Acting Deputy Principal at Motupipi last year and she has lots of great ideas for the school, as well as some goals to achieve. Well done Anna.

Thanks to our School Whanau who completed our School Consultation Survey at the end of last year. I thought I would share with you the responses to the question "What THREE words would you use to describe Motupipi School?" in the image attached. The largest words are words that were repeated and mentioned by other parents also. As a Staff we have begun to unpack the results and celebrate and make changes based on these. Thanks to those who completed the Survey - our largest amount of responses so far!



Looking forward to a great Term 1, please keep in touch!

Ngā mihi

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Sam H, Joy, Beau, Jett, Louie and Poppy, who have all celebrated birthdays recently.



FUNDRAISING MEETING

There is a fundraising meeting at 3.15 on Thursday 16th February in the Staff Room. We would love to see you there to brainstorm some ideas.

Remember—many hands make light work!

SCHOOL BUS

If your child will not be getting the school bus home, please call the office before 12.30pm to let us know. Thank you!



HELP IN THE BOOK ROOM



Do you have a free hour a week either during school, or after school? We would love some help with keeping our bookroom up-to-date and organised. Please contact Anna if you could help out!

WELCOME!

A big Motupipi welcome to our new students! We have Paige, Gracie, and Odinn in Room 1, Ava in Room 4, Louie & Beau in Room 5, and Tui and Lilah visiting. We love having you with us!

TERM CALENDAR

15th Feb	School Assembly 2.30pm
16th Feb	Fundraising meeting
17th Feb	St Johns in Schools
12th Mar	Weetbix TryAthlon
22-24 Mar	Room 2 Camp
28-31 Mar	Room 1 Camp

Lunchtime fitness

On Tuesday we had Lisa & Tom come and take a fitness class for anyone who was interested. The kids had a blast, and some opted to sign up for the Young & Fit class at the Rec Centre on Tuesday afternoons. Any interested students took home a piece of paper with details—more are available in the office if needed.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Issue 1 went home last week, and Scholastic have an amazing offer this time! Spend \$30 and get a free book, spend \$50 and get 2 free books, or spend \$70 and get 3 free books.

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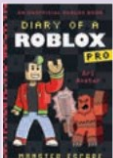





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Did you know that 20% of your order comes back to our school in rewards, to enable us to update our library books and resources!

FUNDRAISING

Every year we have a fundraising committee who organise all the different fundraising events, to enable us to buy all sorts of extras for the school. Over the years we have done things such as school discos, selling pies, school lunches, calendars, tea towels, and of course our big Motupipi plant sale. These efforts have meant we have been able to contribute money to camps to help reduce costs, purchase some equipment for classrooms, help pay for learning subscriptions, buy new bark for the playground, and heat the swimming pool, among other things. We wouldn't be able to achieve this without the support of our community!

We would love you to come along to our fundraising meeting on Thursday the 16th of February at 3.15pm, in the staffroom. We would love some fresh ideas, and of course some hands on deck to pull them off! Please see Pip or Abbie if you have any questions.



SWIMMING POOL ACCESS

A reminder to key holders that lessons do happen in our school pool outside of school hours. You are welcome to swim while the lessons are on, however please be mindful that there are children having lessons during the following times:

Monday 3.10pm-6.50pm

Wednesday & Friday: 3.30pm-6pm

Saturday: 9am-12.30pm



What's for lunch?

This is a very common question in the office! Kids LOVE having school lunch on Fridays, they really look forward to it every week. Without our wonderful volunteer parents, this wouldn't happen! We encourage you to sign up (in the office) and help make it a great meal for the students. Maybe you are a good baker? Or are capable of going and buying a few boxes of juicies? Can you bake a tray of mac and cheese? Or do a build your own burger bar? We aim to supply a savoury and a sweet item every week. Some people make both items, and serve—some people just do one part—savoury, sweet, or serve. All help is appreciated! If you come once, you'll see how much they love it. We have lots of Ideas if you need help, and ingredients can be charged to our account. Please come and chat to Pip or Abbie, and don't worry if you haven't done it before—we are here to help!



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