

Motupipi Triathlon—Postponed

I have decided to postpone the triathlon until later due to the forecast of rain for tomorrow. We need fine weather as it is a sort of picnic day as well as a sports day. Staff have commitments next Monday and Tuesday, which look fine, so we will wait for a clearance in the weather after that and go for it then. It will probably be the last week of term.

We have had lots of practice sessions so the kids are pretty good at the transition of getting shoes, helmets and shirts on.

Mountain Biking Group

Last week Daphne organized a ride from Harwoods Hole and down the Rameka Track, which took us a couple of hours to complete. Considering the terrain there weren't many spills and only one puncture to fix on the way.

Special thanks to Margaret Kwok, Andy Williams and Bryan Sowman for dropping us all off at the Harwoods Hole parking area. It is a good drive there and back to town, so thanks.

This week we did Motupipi Hill with a stop at the skid site so the kids could show off their impressive jumping skills.

I liked doing the Rameka best because there are a lot more jumps. My favourite is the One and Two Clicks as they have the most jumps.

Ashton S

I have just got a new bike and it is a lot easier because it is smoother and the suspension is better. It's easier to climb hills as well.



School Calendar

March

22nd Fundraising AGM 3.30pm
30th Good Friday

April

2nd Easter Monday
3rd Easter Tuesday
4th Assembly 2.20pm
13th Dress Up—Book Character
13th Term one ends
30th Term two starts

Netball 2018

Any students, Year 4 and up interested in playing netball this season (Sat mornings) please contact Kylie on 021 555 101. Season starts Term 2

Dear school families, as you may be aware the Motupipi School App (The Skool Loop App) has had a number of updates in recent days.

This is to ensure your experience of the Motupipi School App is smooth and seamless.

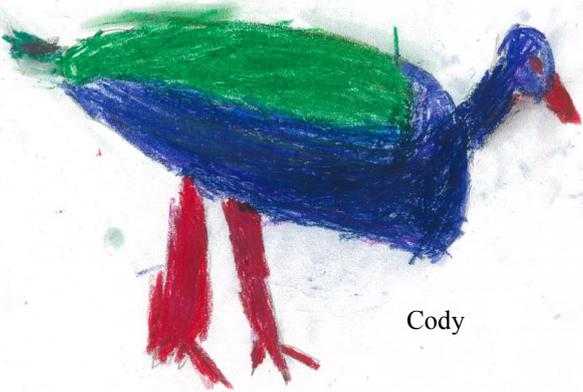
When you next open the school app there is a prompt which asks you to tap on the link to take you to the new and updated version of the Skool Loop app.

Please click on this link and download the new version of the Skool Loop App. Choose our region and school and the app will automatically stay on the Motupipi school app.

Once this has been done please delete the old version of the Skool Loop App off your phone.

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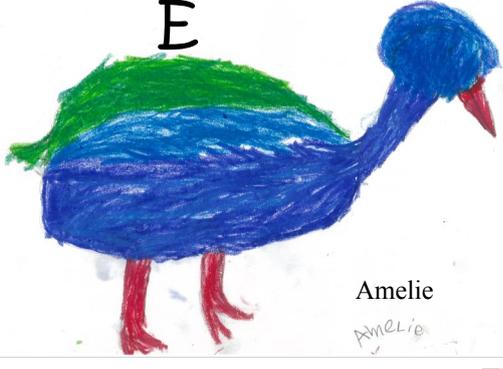
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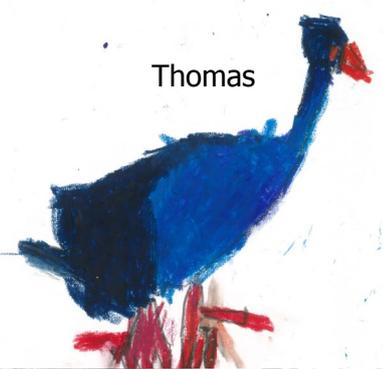
Dash



Olive



Amelie



Thomas

Helen and Olive went to the takahe powhiri at the Onetahua Marae on Tuesday and were lucky enough to see 3 of the 18 birds, which have just been released on the Goulard Downs. It would be pretty cool if you were lucky enough to spot one of the takahe next time you bike or wander through the Heaphy Track.

The takahe had coloured bands on their legs so you could tell them apart. One was called Lily. They are pretty big and their beak is bigger than my hand. The boy one was really still and you could get a photo of it easily.
Olive



Takahe

- Like grass
- Small family
- Nests on ground
- red beaks
- 4 toes

Pukekio

- Like swamp
- can not fly
- have more aunts and uncles to help look after chicks



Motupipi School Enviro Group

What am I? By Room Five

I am a special bird because there are not many of me anymore. Summer

I am an endangered species. I live in the mountains. Sanai

I have blue-ish, purple-ish green feathers on my back that shimmer. When I am a baby chick I eat insects. Amelie

When I am an adult I am a vegetarian. I eat the tussock grass. Ryder

I have short strong legs to walk up mountains. Cody

Answer: Takahe

What am I? By Room Five

I have blue and black feathers on my back and a few little feathers that are white under my tail. Que

I have long feet so I can walk through water. I like water. Olive

In the swamps is where I live. Thomas

I am a pest to farmers. Dash

I am the only native bird you can shoot in the duck season. Dash

Answer: Pukeko

2018 Dates

Term 1 30th Jan - 13th April

Term 2 30th April - 6th July

Term 3 23rd July - 28th Sept

Term 4 15th Oct - 13th Dec

Room One Make Kahikatea Animations!

Yesterday, Jodie and eight children from Room One were treated to an Enviroschools stop frame animation workshop, sponsored by the Living Wood Fair, learning to create and record their own animated movies!

The theme was based on a NZ native tree and as Motupipi has some protected Kahikatea trees we chose this tree. After studying information about the tree's growth, inhabitants and other fascinating related facts the children took on the challenge of turning their new knowledge into an animated story.

The workshop was run by two locals, Liv Scott, coordinator for the upcoming Livingwood Fair and Simon Gray, an artist, experienced film maker and part of Golden Bay Community Arts Council.

While the workshop timeframe didn't allow all the children to record their creations to completion, each child recorded some aspects and learnt the general process and will be able to teach their peers.





Tinburn Triathlon

Congratulations to Louis, Archie and Isla for taking part in the Tinburn Triathlon held at Pohara last weekend.

Archie completed the 300m swim with his Dad, who did the bike and the run.

Isla did the 5 km run in a team with Shanti and Theron and were 4th in the team category

Louis was in a team with his Dad and did the run and the swim.

This was a great effort from the kids, they believed in themselves and took the challenge.

It was also great to see many of our parents and ex pupils out there having a go as well, including Jane and Jodie who entered together as a team.



Tennis

A group of our children headed over to Nelson in the weekend to take part in a Hot Shots Tournament and achieved a lot of success. A huge thanks to Dave Lewis for the effort he has put into junior tennis over the years many of whom are Motupipi kids

*I played 7 games and won 4 of them. I'm top of the leaderboard at the Golden Bay Tennis Club. I'm really enjoying playing the games especially over the hill. Dave is a tough but fair coach and he teaches us a lot. **Trey***



*I played four games and won one. Dave is my coach and he teaches us how to serve and hit the ball hard. My favourite game is Out and my second is Skeleton. **Summer***

*I had to play five boys and only beat four of them. I got a silver medal. I like playing games the best. **Que***

*I played Que and she was tough to play but it was a close game. I came third and got a certificate. **Dash***

*I played against lots of people and won all my games and got the gold medal. **Wirimu***

Book Bags

\$15 each

Thank you Karen (Vevina's Mum) for making us beautiful and colourful cloth Book Bags. These are now available and you can get them from Jane in the Office.

All money raised is going towards books for the Library



School Lunch

Spaghetti Bolognese or Tasty Tomato Sauce \$3
(GF, Veg option)

Pikelets with School Grown Black Boy Peach Jam and Cream \$2

Thanks Fiona Whiting for making school lunch this week and organising lunches going forward.

Please let Fiona know if you are available to help her out on a Friday