

Motupipi

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 23 August 2022

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What an extraordinary couple of days for our community! We know that many of our families have been affected by the floods and our thoughts are with those who have been evacuated or had properties damaged.

No doubt the next few weeks will see big work going into assessing and repairing damage, cleaning things up and making everything safe again. We expect to see high volumes of vehicles on the roads with emergency services and contractors being busy. Please take extra care getting to and from school.

Fortunately for us, thankfully our school buildings have all been fine and our grounds have remained safe (if a little sodden).

If your child is worried or upset about the events of this week and may need extra support, please talk to your class teacher. We do know that in most cases, getting back into the normal routine of school is often the best way for children to manage through disruptions such as this.

We are excited about our upcoming Daffodil Day fundraiser on Friday (from 12pm). Students will be running their enterprise stalls at our market to raise money for The Cancer Society. Please see information sent out in Hero and in this newsletter. Thanks in advance for your donations and support for this important charity fundraiser. We hope to see you on Friday with cash to support the students' markets. Please note, our rain date is scheduled for the following Friday (2nd September), we will advise via Hero if we need to reschedule our special day.

Although our current school value of focus at present is 'responsibility' I am sure many of you will have been utilising a lot of 'resilience' lately also! Kia kaha.

Rachel



Room 5 self portraits

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School Calendar



Events

We now have our school calendar up and running on Hero—look for this icon and you'll be able to see any important dates or events that would be helpful for you to keep track of.



Ka pai tō mahi!

Congratulations to the following students awarded certificates at our assembly last week:

Room 1: Dash, Thomas, Heidi & Cody

Room 2: Tomer, Pipi, Jackson & Izzy

Room 4: Nico, Ziv, Mabel & George

Room 5: Eve, Tilly, Adelyn, Nixin & Albi

This term we are focussing on responsibility, one of our school values.

Do you have any Motupipi shirts lying around at home? We would love to get these back as they are needed for our sports teams. Please return them to the office.



Change of clothes

With the continued wet weather, please ensure you are sending a change of clothes in their bag to school every day. Don't forget to label them!

Both our BBQ gas bottles have gone missing, which makes sausage sizzles challenging! If you have a spare one you no longer need, let Pip or Abbie know.



A reminder to please return any reading books, or library books, back to school, so they can be enjoyed by other students.

TERM CALENDAR

26th Aug Daffodil Day market

31st Aug Ski trip

16th Sept School Disco

30th Sept End of Term 3

17th Oct Start of Term 4

18th Oct Class photos

29th Oct Plant Sale

Daffodil Day

Te Rā Daffodil

Market



DAFFODIL DAY
FUNDRAISER - Friday
26th August from 12pm
(rain date Friday 2nd
September from 12pm)

We are very excited about our up and coming Daffodil Day Fundraiser for The Cancer Society.

The classes have been busy as part of our enterprise topic, planning and creating items to sell and designing games to play for the afternoon.

Daffodil Day has been a wonderful annual tradition in the Motupipi School Calendar. The object is to raise money for The Cancer Society. Last year we raised over \$1000. Cancer has touched the lives of many families and this year the school has an extra special reason to support this fundraiser.

Students will be running food stalls and games as well as having time to participate in the games and food. We will be asking for donations from the school community (please check Hero for details) so that the students have items for their stalls that they have decided to run.

Please mark your diaries to come and join us for the afternoon - Friday 26th August, from 12pm. Bring cash (exchange for tokens on the day) to purchase items and food from stalls - with all profits going to support The Cancer Society. Feel free to also share our fundraising link to friends/wider whanau who will not be able to join us: <https://daffodilday.org.nz/motupipischool>

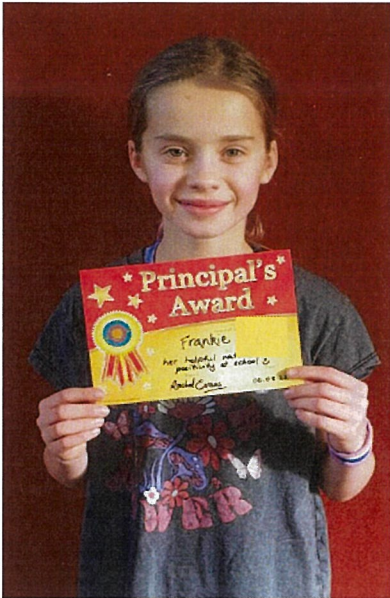
All students are also invited to wear yellow/orange/green for the day, which will also feature a Parade of outfits.

Come join in the awesomeness, dress up and bring your cash to support a wonderful cause.



MINIBALL

The Motupipi Cheetahs have made an awesome start to the season, showing great sportsmanship and skill. They won their game last week 36-26 against Collingwood.



Principal's Award

Congratulations to our recent Principal's Award winners—Frankie for her helpful nature and positivity, and Sam H for his kindness and compassion towards another student.

Well done!



Anna & Blair sharing some common ground!

Our newest boys at the school—Albi, Nixin & Oskar



Hailie, Hazel, Eve & Jazmin were showing the great Motupipi school value of responsibility, and picked up lots of rubbish during their lunch break one day. Well done and thank you for keeping our school clean and tidy.



A big Motupipi welcome to our newest students in Room 5—welcome Albi & Laura!

Tessa and I went to Anchorage for an ATYA (Abel Tasman Youth Ambassadors) trip.

Golden Bay High, Ngatimoti School and Waimea High were there. The high school kids stayed one night before us. They welcomed us with waiata. After we ate some food we set off on a walk. It was pouring down with rain, so we had to put on our wet weather gear. We had to put out traps, but not the trap that you know. It's a new trap the DOC has developed that has mayonnaise in it. There is an electric motor that lasts five years that is set to pump the mayonnaise out every 24 hours. The stoat will come and eat some. It will come everyday and eat the mayonnaise eventually it will come to them on a regular basis. Then DOC will figure out how to kill it. We placed them out along the track deep into the bush to allow better footage from the camera placed hanging from the top. We then went back to Anchorage Hut and went to bed very late. In the morning we packed up and caught the sea shuttle back.

It was very fun and we enjoyed it very much.

By Hendrix age 9



FLOOD DAY

Last Wednesday we had 22 students at school due to the weather, so everyone had a great time together! The challenge was to build a bridge out of newspaper, and see how much weight it could hold. Congratulations to Tarn & Zoe who built the strongest bridge—holding more than 12 dictionaries, as well as some other books!



DOG POLICY

The School Board would like to remind everyone of our dog policy at school. No dogs are permitted on school grounds, unless they have prior approval from the Principal. This includes outside of school hours, holidays and weekends. If you do receive approval, there are guidelines to follow. If a dog is found at school in breach of the policy, you will be asked to remove the dog from school, or if no owner can be found, dog control will be called. Our children do not enjoy finding dog “presents” on the grounds, let alone stepping in it. Please get in touch with us if you would like a copy of this policy.

FUNDRAISING

A HUGE thank you to our amazing fundraising team for all they do! Without our collective fundraising efforts, we would've had to close our school playground, if they hadn't stepped in to pay for the bark recently. Thank you, families, for supporting us to help our students!



Another big thank you to those of you that help keep our Friday school lunch ticking along! It is so appreciated by the students—as you can see our recent burger lunch was very popular! On average, at least 50% of the school order Friday lunch. If you would like to get involved, but aren't sure how, please get in touch with Pip in the office.



Saturday, 29th October

Motupipi School Plant Sale

If you haven't already, if you are able, we would love you to think about starting cuttings, seedlings, etc for us to sell at the plant sale. Please talk to anyone you know who might be able to contribute some plants—there are lots of green fingers out there—Thank you!

Everything we make from the plant sale goes towards bettering our school for our children.