



Motupipi

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S KŌRERO

What a great start to Term 3 we have enjoyed. The classrooms have been alive with learning, creativity, enterprise and sporting endeavours. We have been working hard focusing on our school value of Responsibility this term, with questions we explore each week to deepen our understanding of this school value.

We began the term creating beautiful artworks for the Fundraising Calendars. It was wonderful to see our tamariki exploring and engaging their creative side. The Fundraising Committee also put on a fantastic Disco recently, a big thanks to the team for the time and energy. The tamariki had a great time, and we now know who our dancing Kings and Queens, plus Limbo experts are!

Our students have been busy planning their Daffodil Day stalls as part of our enterprise topic. They have worked hard to imagine and plan their activities they'll be running. We are looking forward to raising money for The Cancer Society and contributing based on our school vision of "Making a Difference Together".

Currently the School is working with our Education Review Office (ERO) Evaluation Partner as part of our regular school evaluation. It has been great to be able to showcase our school and discuss what our next steps are. We have robustly reviewed school policies and procedures and our Staff and a group of R1/2 akonga have had a great kōrero with our partner. We look forward to continuing the process and setting our evaluation direction for the next few years.

Our Miniballers continue to compete with great sportsmanship each week, supported by our school Coaches and parent Managers. A big thank you to everyone who supports our tamariki after school each week. On the football front, our students are loving training each Wednesday with Coaches from GB Football and we are looking forward to creating our Y3-6 interschool Football Tournament teams for entry next month.

We look forward to seeing you all at Daffodil Day tomorrow, from 12pm. Bring your cash, feel free to dress up and let's make lots of funds to support The Cancer Society.

Ngā mihi,

Rachel Evans
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Ben, Aliana, Riffen, Chloe, Laura, Nixin, Tilly, Adelyn, Isaac, Emilia, Mori, Frankie, Zoe, Jackson and Marlee, who have all celebrated birthdays recently.



Welcome & Goodbye!

Welcome to Aliana, Ben, Chloe, Fox and Riffen who have started school in Room 5. We are so happy you're here!

We also say goodbye to Rosie and Zen, good luck at your new school!

CALENDAR ART

Forms have gone home this week if your child completed the calendar art. Each form is unique for your child—please contact Pip in the office if you misplace your form.

Orders are due Wednesday 31st August



SCHOOL CALENDAR

- 25 August** Daffodil Day
- 28 August** R4&5 Firefighter visit
- 29 August** Kids for Kea visit
- 30 August** Calendar Art & Scholastic due
- 8 Sept** Y3-6 Football Tournament
- 15 Sept** Optional Ski Trip
- 22 Sept** Last Day of Term 3
- 9 Oct** First Day of Term 4
- 10 Oct** R1&2 Science Roadshow
- 11 Oct** School Photos
- 23 Oct** Labour Day—no school
- 28 Oct** Plant Sale
- 15 Dec** Last Day of Term 4

**SCHOLASTIC
ORDERS DUE BY
WEDNESDAY 31ST
AUGUST**



PARKING



We have noticed there are still people parking in the bike lanes at drop off and pick up times. Please be aware that the bike lanes help to keep our cyclists safe—we do have children biking to and from school. A reminder to also please stay clear of the bus parking zone—this is for a quick drop off or pick up, not for parking. Thank you for keeping our tamariki safe!

Motupipi School Plant Sale

Mark your calendars—October 28th!

We are looking forward to the Motupipi School Plant Sale! This year it will be on Saturday 28th October, from 10am - 2pm.

This will be the 4th Plant Sale the fundraising team have run. In the past it has been hugely successful and by far the biggest part of our fundraising. Previously we have raised money to help heat the school pool, and this year we would like to raise money for some sports/playground equipment.

This is the time to pot up or drop off to the Motupipi School: Native seedlings, flax and grasses; All herbs that can be divided up: thyme, chives, oregano etc; Herbaceous perennials, hosta, iris, daylilies etc; all berry fruit especially strawberries, indoor pot plants, and anything that has self sown like swan plants.

We can pot them up for you or you can collect compost from the school gate.

Do you have any animal feed bags you could drop off for us to put compost in?

The Kings Seeds of Support Fundraiser launched last week is a great way to purchase seeds to grow for the plant sale - this can be a great learning moment for the children too! The order form is attached for this in case you missed it.

Please ask around your friends, whanau and neighbours and see if they have anything - a lot of the community do donate plants for us to sell.

We are also looking for raffle items to raffle off in advance at a stall at Fresh Choice, and then finishing selling them on the day of the plant sale. If you have anything you think would make a great raffle item, please get in touch with Abbie or Pip. We will also need people to man the stall at Fresh Choice for the day (Friday 13th October).

Closer to the time we will have a sign up sheet for volunteers on the day, so we would appreciate you keeping the day free to come and help out. There are many different roles that will need filling! We will also need a few people in the week leading up to it, for help with setting up, and also for any baking for the cafe.

We look forward to having another successful plant sale!



Principal's Awards

Congratulations to our recent Principal's Award recipients:

Joseph for displaying such confidence and leadership in class

Emilia for showing kindness and empathy at school

Rosie for sharing her humour with the school

Sam H for showing great leadership and responsibility at school and on the court

Liam for his kindness shown to friends and enthusiasm to learn

Ka pai tō mahi!

Congratulations to the following students awarded certificates at our recent assemblies

Room 1: Rosie, April, Danny, Gracie, Hendrix, Zoe, Mori, Jett, Jackson, Paige, Jed, Frankie, Marlee

Room 2: Willow, James, Isaac, George, Izzy, Maia, Nico, Bodhi, Jolie, Blair, Ziv

Room 4: Maisy, William, Hazel, Lilah, Tilly, Tui, Stella, Eve, Arli

Room 5: John, Nina, Aliana, Meg, Ben, Frieda, Riffen, Amara, Beau, Chloe

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



What's Happening in Room 1?

Sustainability

This term Room One has been working on our trash to treasure projects, the whole class has been making flowers out of old bottles to repurpose them, as our inquiry topic this term is sustainability. We are learning to help make the world sustainable by reusing old trash to make something different. The flowers have turned out fantastic. Room One students are very proud of themselves. Have a look at the front gate where they are on display. Kya says that "I enjoyed painting the flowers and decorating them" and Hendrix says "I enjoyed cutting the flowers and petals out."



Daffodil Day

This Friday is Daffodil Day where we will be raising money for the Cancer Society. We are having a massive festival with lots of different stalls to entertain families and students. There will be food stalls to give you energy for the day. Room One has worked very hard to plan their stalls, so come along. We hope you enjoy the day. Frankie says that "she likes seeing all the smiles on peoples' faces on Daffodil Day."

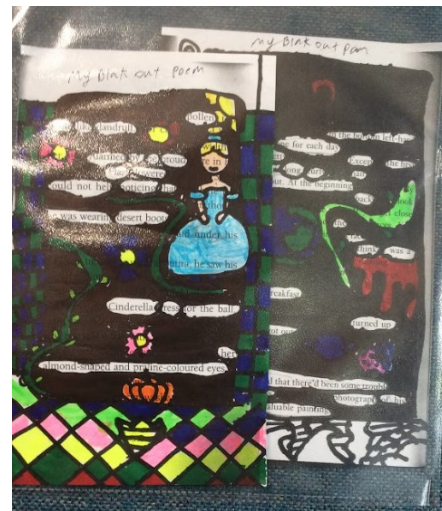
Literacy

This term Room One has been focusing on poetry. We recently did blackout poetry. Most of us enjoyed it a lot! We recently started doing a book club as well. We are all in set groups and read a certain book, mostly everyday we join together in our groups and read a page or paragraph each then we decide where we read up to next. Lots of people are into the books! Paige says that "the book clubs are enjoyable and exciting" and Jed says "I enjoyed the blackout poetry."

Football & Miniball

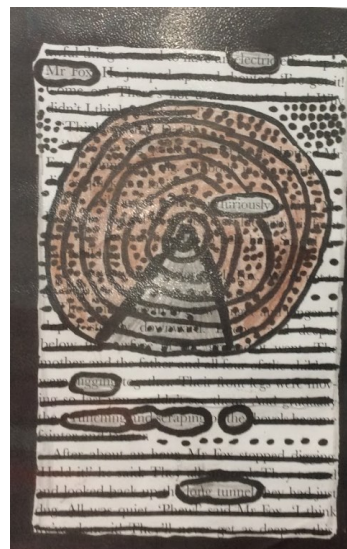
Every Wednesday for the next 4 weeks we have Mia and Chris coming in to train us for an upcoming football tournament with all the primary schools. They split us up into two teams, one goes with Mia and the other team goes with Chris. They do shooting practice, dribbling practice and lots of other ball drills and then at the end we play a big game against the two teams. All of the classes do it!

Basically every term we have a sport that we focus on. This term it is on football and miniball. For miniball there are 2 teams for the year 5's and 6's called the Dragons and the Rockets. Tarn says that miniball "is an amazing sport. Incredible" and Sophia says that "football is fun, exciting and entertaining".



Goodbye to Rosie

Last Friday was a sad day as one of our classmates left to go over the hill. We had a shared lunch to say farewell to Rosie. As she left she got lots of warm hugs from Room One. We really enjoyed having Rosie as a part of our team, we will miss her so much but we wish her a happy time over the hill!



What's new in Room 2?

Room 2 have been busy this term engaging in their learning. We have created some wonderful special person poems and some lucky fathers might be receiving these for Father's Day. The students have been thinking carefully about their language choices in their poems and have developed a good understanding of descriptive language.

In the last couple of weeks we have had a focus on fractions, we have been extending our understanding and working together to solve problems. The class has been also exploring measurement with the beginning of the term focus on length and will move to volume soon.

Jennifer from Bricks in the Bay has been providing an exciting program for our Year 4 students each Monday. The students are so motivated and excited each week, it is wonderful to see their creations. While the Year 4's are getting creative with lego the Year 3's have been learning to use watercolours to blend and create interest. They have created a number of small pieces, building their skills each week.

For our technology project Room 2 has discovered after a visit from Claire from TDC that there is a problem in the Motupipi Estuary, we think we know what the causes are and are in the process of coming up with a solution. Watch this space!

By displaying our Motupipi School values, we managed to fill our jar - which meant we got a slime party! Everyone had so much fun, we are busy working out what the next reward will be!



This week there is much excitement with our Daffodil Day planning. The students have had some fantastic ideas and will now work together to ensure their stalls will work smoothly.



Awesome Room 4!

Room 4 have been busy creating a beautiful mural that is now up on the wall. Everyone had a part in creating it and it has been beautiful to see it come together.

We are looking forward to Daffodil Day and we are excited to see you there!



Once upon a time in a magical village far far away, a lonely girl was trapped in a clock tower!

It was a beautiful day, the sun was shining and the clock tower was ticking. The lonely girl stepped off the cogs of the clock, then opened the tower window to have a look at the beautiful sky and the colourful balloons floating in it.

The girl danced down the steps and walked out of the door. Suddenly everything turned grey, and time stopped! The balloon stopped floating, she walked along and touched the balloons. Slowly she returned to the tower. She got back on her cog and suddenly everything came back to life.

By Tilly



Kia Ora from Room 5!

Room 5 has been enjoying the winter term with a wide variety of activities. We have been looking at sustainability and our school forest. Did you know we have a school forest? We have visited the forest often and listened to the birds, named plants, looked at bugs, and enjoyed ourselves! We also have our own forest art up on display in Room 5.

Football with outside coaches every Wednesday has been fun. Well done to everyone giving it a go!

And lastly we have been busy getting ready for Daffodil day. We look forward to seeing you there!



Interschool Book Quiz

The Book Quiz happened on Tuesday 1 August and we had 2 teams of 4 students competing. The Book Quiz is open to Year 5 & 6 pupils and there are 3 books that the questions were based on and one round of general knowledge questions. The 3 books were:

- Wild Coasts - exploring Aotearoa's marine reserves
- Pipi & Pou and the River monster by Tim Tipene
- The last fallen Star by Graci Kim



We are so proud of our students for all their great reading. Special thanks to Jodie and Rosanna and families at home who supported our students in their reading.

Congratulations to Gracie who was awarded best dressed, and the Motupipi Magicians team who placed second overall!



Envirogroup

The Envirogroup has been meeting each week to further our understanding and interest of the nature around our school and beyond.

Help us save the environment at Motupipi School. To help us we need materials such as grass seed, spades, hand trowels, flower seeds, swan plants, bulbs and lavender plants. We want to make a better garden so bees can have more pollen to make your honey. It would be good to have volunteers to help us.

By Hendrix and Rata

If you have any donations of time or supplies please come to the office at school or Natasha in Room 5.



Come join the
Dancing Disco

Saturday
26th August
1pm
@Senior
Citizens Hall

For
Koha

**FOR KIDS AND THE
YOUNG AT HEART**

HOSTED BY ALI TYLEE
SUPPORTED BY
THE BLUES BUSTER MOHUA PROGRAM

Kōkiri ki mua –lead forward, together

Mohua / Golden Bay

TAMARIKI MA!

WHĀNAU

FUN DAY!

SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER, 10.30am- 2.30pm
Golden Bay Rec Park Centre, Takaka Valley Hwy

Come join a day of fun with giant bouncy castles,
music, old school games, stalls and prizes to be won!
Free health and immunisation checks and much more for all the whānau!

**NAU MAI
HAERE MAI**

FREE EVENT

Golden Bay Community Health
Te Hauora o Mohua

Golden Bay Workcentre Trust

Heartland Services

Te Piki Oranga
Nelson Bay Primary Health
Te Whatu Ora

GOLDEN BAY TENNIS CLUB

OPEN DAY

SATURDAY - SEPT 16 2023
(RAINY DAY 17.9)

FREE COACHING TIMES:
9.00am - 'Red Level' - ages: 5-7 years old
10.00am - 'Orange Level' - ages: 8-10 years
11.00am - 'Green Level' - ages: 11-12 years old
12.00 - Teens
1.30pm - Adults

- BBQ - GEAR PROVIDED -

**COME AND
HAVE A GO!**

Facebook: golden bay tennis club
<https://clubspark.kiwi/GoldenBayTC>

School holiday childcare at Tess' Place

- Includes Tess the Clown face-painting and balloons on Tuesday 26th Sept.
- 8.45am - 3pm (or longer by arrangement) Half days also possible.
- \$55 per child per session, 10% discount if book for more than one day or for more than one child.
- Primarily for school aged children. Older preschoolers may be possible if space in ratio.
- Open Tuesday-Friday both weeks of holidays.
- Central location at 9a Rototai Road.
- Fun and relaxed.

Contact Tess James on 027 362 5598, tess.james@xtra.co.nz for further info or to book a space.

