



Motupipi

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Panui / Newsletter February 2024

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

Welcome back to 2024 and Term 1. It has been wonderful to have all our tamariki back at school, refreshed from their summer break and ready to learn. A special welcome to our new students and whānau who have joined our learning community. I have really enjoyed walking through the classrooms each day and seeing how settled our students are in their classes and learning programmes. A special welcome also to Julie McIntosh who is new on our teaching team this year. Julie teaches Monday to Thursday each week in Room 1.

This term we are focusing on one of our school values - Respect. This value focuses on honouring the values and feelings of each other, our community and our environment. Each week in classes we discuss a real life scenario and explore different ways that we could show our school value. It might be nice to check in with your child/ren about how they are showing/displaying respect at school (and possibly at home also!).

Our School Picnic was such a great evening! Thanks to all of you who came, played, cycled, scooted, swam, skated, networked, talked and ate! What a great opportunity for whānau to meet and network, we loved chatting with you all as Staff, too.

Our Room 2 students have recently returned from a really successful school camp in Nelson. They had special educator sessions at the Nelson Museum and Natureland, explored Ngarua Caves, swam at the beach and Aquatic Centre and even enjoyed a tour of the Pic's Peanut Butter factory. Students also enjoyed a good old-fashioned kiwi pastime cycling around the campground at Tahunanui. A special thank you to class teacher, Anna, for all her organising of the camp and our Teacher Aide, Daphne, accompanying her - a mammoth effort! To all our wonderful parent helpers, Richard, April, Michelle, Drew, Drea and Bryan, a huge thank you for your time and support on camp. What a successful, fun time everyone had!

With Governmental changes this year, each School Board has been asked to implement a "phones away for the day" policy. Please see the Motupipi School Board cellphone policy later in this newsletter.

A quick mention, finally, to some unsung heroes - our Fundraising Committee. A huge sum of nearly \$2,500 paid to subsidise Room 2 camp students and parent helpers for their adventures from their previous fundraising endeavours. This is a really important part of the mahi of the Fundraising Committee and so very much appreciated by our school.

Ngā mihi,

Rachel Evans
principal@motupipi.school.nz





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Jed, Connor, Tiago, Hazel, Rev, Beau, Leo, Louie, Kenzie, Rata, Rover, Joel, Maia, Tui, Lilah, Charlie, and Olaf, who have all celebrated birthdays recently.



PARKING

Despite our many pleas there are still parents parking in the bike lane.

This not only puts cyclists at risk (including our own children), but it severely impacts visibility for those leaving the turnaround area, and for people crossing the road.

The police will be visiting on occasion to issue tickets for those in violation.



EASTER

Have you spotted that we have a 5 day break over Easter this year? Pop the dates in your calendar—school will be closed from Good Friday to Easter Tuesday inclusive.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

10 March Weetbix Tryathlon

29 March Good Friday

1 April Easter Monday

2 April Easter Tuesday

12 April Last day of Term 1

29 April First day of Term 2

22 Sept Last Day of Term 3

3 June King's birthday

28 June Matariki

Welcome!

Welcome to Jude who has started school in Room 1, Nelson and Rev who have started in Room 2, and Leo, Tiago, Esme, Savi, Rover, Alfie, and Charlie who have started in Room 5. Welcome back to Caitlin and Connor who are back after their year away! We are so happy you're here!



Principal's Awards

Congratulations to our recent Principal's Award recipients:

Tali, for showing maturity, empathy, and compassion towards others

Pippa, for showing maturity, empathy, and compassion towards others

Kenzie, for showing such kindness and empathy towards others—thanks for being a great friend!

Louie, for displaying resilience and challenging himself while on the Room 2 camp

Ka pai tō mahi!

Congratulations to the following students awarded certificates at our recent assemblies

Room 1: Bodhi, Ziv, Sophia

Room 2: Lachie, Adelyn, Maisy, Amara

Room 4: Kenzie, Nixin, Liam, Chloe

Room 5: Karter, Kya, Rover, Esme

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



MEET JULIE MCINTOSH (Room 1)



What drew you to the Bay? We have holidayed here for many years, and we love the outdoor life, the beaches, and the relaxed feel.

Where would you love to go on holiday? I would love to do the Milford Track, and go to Spain. I also complete sections of the Te Araroa Trail every summer.

What are your hobbies? Our small lifestyle block keeps us busy, and I love growing native plants from seeds and see the native birds visit. I also love being on the water—kayaking, fishing etc. And the Bay offers that in abundance!

Room 1 Happenings...

Room 1's Newsletter Item

Room 1 has taken off on a great start this year. We have been working on some self portraits over the last week focusing on learning how to draw noses, eyes, ears etc. We have been using pencils, rubbers, and rulers all to help us make them realistic with shading. They look incredible.

We also went to Strike performance (drumming) and although loud it was the highlight of the week! We learnt lots about the drums like what they're called and how to use them etc. Sophia says she loved the kind of music they played, it was exhilarating and exciting.

We've loved having Julie in Room 1 and it's been good getting to know her. She has asked us to bring cereal boxes for math... not totally sure what for but we all know it will be fun so we're looking forward to the surprise! In Maths we have been doing bar graphs on which flavour Juicies people like most. We're looking at this so we can raise the most money for our camp in Term 4. Juicie sales are on Tuesdays as a fundraiser for school camp, make sure you bring \$2 along.

Ngā mihi
nui

By Marlee
and Tali.



What's happening in Room 4?

We are in full swing of what is becoming a busy and fun term. Structured literacy has been our main focus and all children are getting back into their learning routines. We are enjoying Whaea Helen teaching on Friday's especially with her passion for swimming. We are celebrating Liam's success with getting in the pool and discovering the joy of water!



Room 2 camp to Nelson

Room 2 had an amazing camp last week in Nelson. Thank you so much to the wonderful students whose enthusiasm, courage and positivity made such an enjoyable camp for all involved.

A special thank you to the parents who came and worked so hard to support us all. We really appreciate your commitment and dedication.

We had so many highlights from making music at the museum to experiencing a Kea walk on our arms. Biking around the campground was a highlight for many, Tahunanui has so many playground experiences. The Ngarua caves on the way home was a pretty exciting way to end. We also loved meeting up with the Year 2 students in our class.



Fun Fridays in Room 5

Room 5 has been having fun on Fridays, as well as our usual literacy and numeracy learning. We made muffins, had a popcorn feast, had fun painting, and we love swimming!! We look forward to more fun Fridays throughout the term!



A note from our Junior team:

This is a grumble and a request!

Some of our little **Pip and Tim** readers are being returned unusable. They have not been cared for at home. Please help your child to show respect for our precious resources by keeping them away from water, food, little siblings and pets.

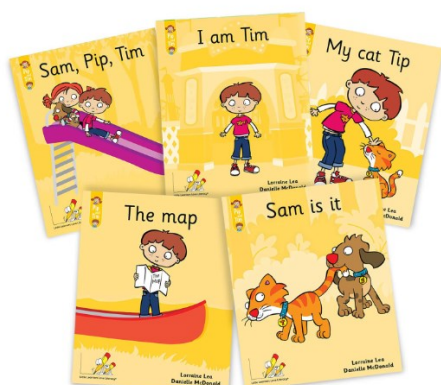
As these books are very expensive we only have a few copies of each one. We will always make sure the book leaves the classroom safely in your child's book bag. Please return them to the book bag after use at home.

We will be asking you for a **koha of \$10 towards replacement costs** if your child returns a book that is not able to be used again. We are very happy to send photocopied resources instead of the readers if this would help you. Please let us know if this is your preference.

Thank you for your support.

Ngā mihi

Trudi, Natasha, Lesley and Helen



**LOOKING FOR A
BABY SITTER?**

Are you long over due for a date, or looking to run some uninterrupted errands, maybe you just want to sit on the couch and do nothing for once! whatever the reason i'm here to help! My name is Malika and i'm fourteen. I have always been really good with kids and I have lots of experience with a wide age range, including infants and toddlers. Casual or regular, give me a txt.

References available
020 402 996 94



Community Notice—Sharing

Malika is Natasha's daughter! (Teacher in Room 5)

Abel Tasman Youth Ambassadors 2024

Kia ora e te whānau,

Last weekend we went on our second ATYA trip to Totaranui.

ATYA stands for Abel Tasman Youth Ambassadors. There are four of us from Motupipi and what we do is go around the Abel Tasman to different schools adopted sites and learn about the environment and the species of animal and native plants. We go for about 7 trips throughout the whole year.

On Friday the 16th we got to go to Totaranui for the weekend. All of us met at the Ngarata Homestead then when it got dark we went for a night walk and saw so many glow worms, it was amazing!

The next day we went to Hadfields clearing and set up some cameras to see what wildlife was in that area. There is a swamp there that we had to walk through and Gracie by far was the muddiest as her gumboot fell off and she had to pull it out of the mud. This was one of many of our highlights of the weekend. Now we just have a few acknowledgements. We would really like to thank Anna and Rachel for supporting us and making this happen, and also to Brooke for helping us with everything! Many thanks Jed, Frankie, Gracie and Rātā.

Written by Gracie and Frankie

Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Devices

A personal **digital device** is any privately owned digital device that is not part of any school-approved Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) programme.

Motupipi School does not recommend that students bring personal digital devices to the school. These are not necessary to have during the day. However, we understand that some parents like their children to have a device to communicate with them after school.

We discuss the school rules about personal digital devices at the beginning of the year, and throughout the year as needed. Any changes to our school rules are communicated to students and our school community.

Parent/Caregiver and student responsibilities

Smartwatches should not be used to communicate with parents/caregivers during classtime. If a parent/caregiver needs to contact their child urgently during the day, they should call the office.

If a student brings a personal digital device to our school, the following guidelines apply:

- The school does not accept responsibility for lost, damaged, or stolen personal digital devices brought to the school but investigates any issues as appropriate.
- Students must hand in their device to the office at the beginning of the day, and can collect the device at the end of the day.

Students may take certain digital devices on EOTC activities, but should check whether their device is allowed before the activity commences. These guidelines and other relevant school policies apply.

Students are expected to follow our **Digital Technology and Online Safety** policy when using personal digital devices on school property or the school network.

Inappropriate use

If we see a student using a personal digital device inappropriately, we confiscate it. After the student locks the device, we place it in the office to be collected at the end of the day.

Inappropriate use of a personal digital device may include:

- using the device when not permitted
- any sort of bullying, including **online bullying**
- taking photos or videos of other people without their permission
- forwarding inappropriate messages or content.

Inappropriate use of a personal digital device is managed through the school **Behaviour Management**, **Responding to Digital Incidents**, and **Surrender and Retention of Personal Digital Devices** policies and procedures, as appropriate.

CELLPHONE POLICY

Information for the school community

Staff, parents, and whānau.

About SchoolDocs

SchoolDocs was established in 2006 as a user-friendly policy platform for schools in Aotearoa. Based in Ōtautahi Christchurch, the SchoolDocs team partners with schools across the motu to develop policies and procedures that keep pace with the changing educational environment.

SchoolDocs sites make policy information accessible to the whole school community. Each site contains a set of policies and procedures that is tailored to the school, and feedback from community members helps to ensure that the site reflects how the school operates.

Using the site

SchoolDocs sites have a unique web address for each school. All members of the school community can access the site using these details.

Website	<input type="text" value="motupipi.schooldocs.co.nz"/>
Username	<input type="text" value="motupipi"/>
Password	<input type="text" value="motupipi"/>

SchoolDocs sites are organised into sections that reflect operational requirements. The table of contents shows the key policy for each section, with dropdown menus that show supporting policies and procedures.

- To find a policy or procedure, use the **search function** at the top left with a topic name or keyword. Related topics will appear in the table of contents window. Clicking on the topic you want to read and then closing the search will show where the topic sits in the table of contents.
- For a list of important policies and procedures, search for the **Quick Links** topics that are available for school staff, and parents and whānau.

Reviews and feedback

All SchoolDocs schools follow a 3-year review schedule that ensures content stays up to date. Each term, the school community is able to provide feedback on the content and implementation of policies and procedures that are under review.

The SchoolDocs team uses feedback from all schools, along with research and external consultation, to make changes to core content. The team notifies schools of any action that is required.

- Topics that are under review have a **review button**, which allows school feedback to be sent to both the school and the SchoolDocs team.
- All topics also have a **feedback button** that can be used to send general feedback or queries about a topic directly to the school.

[Start your review](#)



IN SCHOOL DANCE CLASSES WITH MILO! SIGN UP!



LITTLE FUNKERS

NOW AT MOTUPIPI ON WEDNESDAYS DURING TERM TIME!
IN SCHOOL CONTEMPORARY DANCE CLASSES WITH MILO FOR KIDS AGED 5-11

1:30-2PM LITTLE FUNKERS
 AGES 5-7

2-2:45PM LITTLE FUNKERS
 AGES 8-11

TERM 1 STARTS 6TH OF MARCH AT MOTUPIPI HALL
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KIDZ N TEEN THEATRE

Drama classes begin in Tākaka on Thursday 8 February
 Classes for all ages from 5 years.
 Fully qualified Drama teacher via Trinity College London
 and certified with Safeguarding Children NZ.
Phone/Text Ronnie 027 5555 937

GBAFC

Presents
Junior & Youth

FOOTBALL 2024 OPEN DAY

3:30pm to 5:30pm
DATE 6TH & 13TH MARCH
 Rec park football grounds

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Registration Link

<https://www.spory.co.nz/goldenbayafc/registration>
 Registrations close FRIDAY MARCH 15

