



Motupipi

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Panui / Newsletter June 2023

It has been a huge Term 2! Wow! Sometimes terms fly by and Term 2 is always action packed.

It was wonderful to gather together to mark the occasion of Matariki as a School Whānau. Matariki begins to rise in the last few days of May and into June, and has different timing every year. This symbolises the coming of the Māori New Year. Matariki has three themes - Remembrance, Celebrating the Present and Looking to the Future. Our students have enjoyed learning about the Matariki stars this term. Staff and Students enjoyed spending the evening sitting around the fires, singing waiata, eating delicious soup (and dahl!) and participating in the activities provided. Thank you to those who provided donations of vegetables and bread for the event. Aotearoa/NZ continues to have a Matariki public holiday this year, falling during the school holidays. We wish you all a happy Matariki and hope you take the time to connect with your families during this special time. We are keen to gather your feedback on this year's Matariki school event and use this as part of our drive to continuously improve. Please complete the form on the link - <https://shorturl.at/irM25>

We are super proud of our Room 1 and 2 students who have done a great job this term in their Writing and Oral Language (aka speeches!). Students have been learning to write persuasively and this has made for fantastic and robust discussions in the classrooms! It was my pleasure to assist with judging the speeches in both classes. I assure you that the standard was high and we have some future professional speakers in the making! Congratulations to all our students who took on the challenge and also to those who competed at the GB Schools Speech finals recently (more on this later in the newsletter).

As a staff, we are so proud of the progress we are seeing in your children's learning. It has been great to share this progress in our recent Whānau Connect event - Learning Celebrations. Your presence and participation during these meetings demonstrated your commitment to your child's education and willingness to collaborate with us in shaping their future. We greatly appreciate the time and effort you invested in attending these sessions. We hope you also have enjoyed reading your child's Mid Year Comments in Hero - do celebrate the success of your child over the break!

Sometimes as a school community we don't know how lucky we are. Our team of Support Staff - Office Manager, Teacher Aides, Cleaner and Caretaker, are integral to the culture and success of Motupipi School. This week is Support Staff Week around the motu. Support staff are often in the background, but they form the vital pieces of our School jigsaw. On behalf of our School Whānau, to our Support Staff team, thank you and we hope you enjoyed your treats provided from Staff and Students throughout the week!

As the school term comes to a close, we want to wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable break. We hope you have the opportunity to spend quality time together, rejuvenate, and create lasting memories. We look forward to continuing our collaboration in the upcoming term. See you all on Monday 17th July!

Ngā mihi
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PRINCIPAL'S KŌRERO



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Kya, Lachie, Fern, Frieda, Jolie, Zen, Ila and Meg, who have all celebrated birthdays recently.



Welcome & Goodbye!

Welcome to Fern, Frieda and Meg who have started school, and Riffen and Fox who have started visiting in Room 5.

We are so happy you're here!

We also say goodbye to Ava, good luck at your new school!

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!

Financial Statements

Statements were sent out today, we appreciate your prompt attention to these please. If you would like to set up a payment plan, please contact the office.

Donations

Motupipi School qualifies for the School Donations scheme. This means we receive some additional funding per student from the Government. Due to this we do not seek donations from whānau, except for overnight school camps and for compulsory items like school stationery. We utilise these funds for school visitors, events and activities, for example, recently, to pay for the buses for Rooms 1 and 2 to attend the GB Schools Cross Country in Collingwood.

As our school is still eligible for the programme, you'll be pleased to know we have opted IN to the scheme for the upcoming year and look forward to using these funds for more educational opportunities over the year.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

30th June Last day of Term 2

17th July Term 3 starts

25th July Miniball starts



Principal's Awards

Congratulations to our recent Principal's Award recipients:

Elisa for her fantastic enthusiasm and initiative shown as a tuakana

Isaac for his amazing kindness bracelet initiative

Bodhi for displaying resilience and bravery when delivering his speech

Pippa for showing bravery and resilience when presenting a brilliant speech

Paige for her responsibility shown towards her learning

Zen for running our Kickstart Breakfast programme every day this term!

Ka pai tō mahi!

Congratulations to the following students awarded certificates at our recent assemblies

Room 1: Jett, Rata, Frankie, Evalyn

Room 2: Jolie, Isaac, Willow, Bodhi, Zen

Room 4: Hazel, Albi, Maisy, Adelyn, Lachie, Joseph

Room 5: Amara, Fern, Frieda, Nixin, John, Meg, Liam, Beau

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



Speeches

Golden Bay Schools Speech Contest

Recently the Golden Bay Schools Speech Contest was held at the Tākaka Library. All of the Y3/4 and Y5/6 Speech winners from Collingwood Area, Central Tākaka, Tākaka Primary and Motupipi School competed over two days. It was a great opportunity for our students to hear a wide variety of speeches from other students of a similar age.

Our students were fantastic, demonstrating the School Value of Resilience and all represented our school proudly. We were fortunate to obtain several placings amongst all the schools. Congratulations to all of our finalists!

Placings from the Golden Bay Schools Speech Contest:

- Year 3 - Maia, 2nd place
- Year 4 - Sam L, 2nd place; Ila, 3rd= place
- Year 5 - Jed, 2nd place
- Year 6 - Sam H, 3rd place; Mori, Highly commended.

A special thank you to Central Takaka School for running the event.

The finalists were:

Year 6: Mori, Evalyn, Sam

Year 5: Jed, Zoe, Gracie

Year 4: Izzy, Ila, Sam

Year 3: Mabel, Maia, Nico

I am proud of coming 2nd in my speech competition. It was frightening before I did it but while I was doing it my fear slid away. There were twelve contestants competing. Danni, a girl who did a speech on big brothers came first, I came second and third tied. It was really, really fun. Me, Nico and Mabel were the 7 year old contestants from Motupipi.
Maia



Music is Better than Sports

by Evalyn.

Music changed my life forever. I'm Evelyn, and I'm telling you why music is better than sports.

Personally, I love music. There are so many different types of music, like pop, sad, happy rock, and so many more. I quite like sad songs. It makes me feel this calm sensation at home in my own world. Standing straight up, head held high, dancing away to my own jam.

You might not believe me yet, but I think what I'm about to say will change your mind. I have a question for you, would you rather not be able to ever listen to music or never be able to do sports? And you might think, sports all the way, but just imagine no Kapa Haka, no singing and no going into your own land of music. I don't think I could survive a day. I mean you basically listen to music every day, especially if you go to school.

Music has inspired me to even write songs of my own. I hope I changed your mind because music changed my life and I think it could change yours too, so give it a shot.



We enjoyed a great school Cross Country event recently. It was wonderful to see all students having a go and putting into practice their skills learned in their training over the many weeks. It is a challenging course and the School Value of Resilience was again needed! Thank you to the parents/whānau who came to support our tamariki. We especially thank those who assisted as marshalls on the day and Jodie who coordinated the event. We are grateful to the Hursts for allowing us to use their farm for the Cross Country event and practices. Ka pai te mahi!



Cross Country

GB Schools Cross Country

Collingwood School hosted 222 runners from Collingwood, Motupipi, Takaka and Central Tākaka Primary Schools. This was the GB School's first combined Cross Country event since the 2020 Covid lockdowns. The event was a great opportunity for our Room 1 and 2 students to participate with others across the Bay. Thanks to Collingwood School for hosting our students!

- Year 3 overall boys - 3rd, Ziv
- Year 4 overall girls - 1st, Ila

This term I liked the Motupipi cross country. Because you get fit and have fun. In Motupipi cross country you won't get lost because there is lots of people on the side of the track. If you don't come first you can still feel proud of yourself and say to yourself that you tried your best and next time I will try harder. If you come first you can say good job to the rest of the people and if you don't come first you can also say good job to the other people. That's why I like the cross country so much.
Emilia

This term I ran two cross countries. The first one was at my school and the other was at Collingwood. When I did the first one I came first and I came third in the Collingwood cross country. They were very fun and at the Collingwood one there were all the primary schools in Golden Bay. After I finished the Collingwood cross country I was cheering for one of my friends Isaac. I said "I want to do it again!"

Ziv

School Cross Country results:

5 Year Old Girls:	5 Year Old Boys:
1st Lilah	1st Nixin
2nd Tui	2nd John
3rd Fern	3rd: Liam
6 Year Old Girls:	6 Year Old Boys:
1st Joy	1st Arli
2nd Eve	2nd Oskar
3rd Adelyn	3rd Albi
7 Year Old Girls:	7 Year Old Boys:
1st Ila	1st Ziv
2nd Jolie	2nd George
3rd Maia	3rd Nico
8 Year Old Girls:	8 Year Old Boys:
1st Emilia	1st Braxdyn
2nd Sophia S	2nd Sam L
3rd Izzy	3rd Zen
9 Year Old Girls:	9 Year Old Boys:
1st Mori	1st Rawhiti
2nd Frankie	2nd Tomer
3rd Sophia M	3rd Jackson
10/11 Year Old Girls:	10/11 Year Old Boys:
1st Evalyn	1st Sam H
2nd Paige	2nd Odinn
3rd April	3rd Hendrix

Room 1 Writing

Referees are not always right!

By Mori

Has someone ever told you that “the referee is always right”? Well I’m here to tell you they’re wrong! Firstly, referees are humans right? Do you know a human that’s always right? Because I certainly don’t! All humans make mistakes, in fact everything living thing on the planet does!

Secondly, let’s say it’s a netball game, you’re not allowed to step in netball but the referee is bound to miss someone stepping. It’s not like they have eyes on the back of their head! Sure referees can get most things right but to get everything right? You need to either be a robot or an alien to do that!

Most people say “don’t argue with the referee”. But I think it should be a vote between the players, if someone did something wrong or not. Another solution could be that there are multiple referees because then it’s more likely that things will be realised.

If people would get everything right then there would be no car crashes, fires, climate change, or wars. We’d also have invented a teleporter! But like I’ve mentioned, no one is perfect.

Referees are not only referees. Lots of referees will have other lives, another job, a family, a home. Lots of referees won’t be concentrated, they might be thinking of what they’re going to do when they get home or what they’re going to have for dinner!

I find a good game needs a good referee, if the game (or sport) is not fair then it’s not as fun. I think (because referees are not always alert) being a referee should be a full time job so that they are more alert and make less mistakes.

The last reason why referees are not always right is that the referees might want one team to win more than the other. This means even if the referee does see someone doing the wrong thing it’s likely they won’t do anything about it. What you can do about this is make sure the person doesn’t mind who wins so they treat each team equally.

This is why I strongly believe referees are not always right, and what I think you can do about it. I hope you now believe what I believe.

Sport is more important than music

by Paige

I strongly believe that sport is far more important than music. Now let’s be honest, music is just a song that you listen to. It doesn’t make you more fit or more capable to do anything. Having sport could make you more capable of climbing trees or jumping fences. Doing sports makes you more confident being around people. Being able to do sports is an advantage in life. If you play basketball you can sign up for the NBA and become famous then make millions of dollars. You can basically do that in any sport. Listening to music won’t do you any good will it?

Music and sport are both important

By Zoe

I believe that music and sport are both important. Firstly, sport is important because it gets your body moving. It also keeps you healthy by getting your body moving. Most of the time you go outside to play sport which gives you some fresh air. But it is also good sometimes to stay inside. If it’s cold outside you don’t want to catch a cold. You are also able to play sport all year round! In the winter you can go skiing or snow boarding. In the summer you could try volleyball or netball indoors. Other seasons you could do rugby, soccer, tennis, swimming or just a simple game of miniball!

But we can’t forget about music now can we?! Music is important because singing can help express yourself. It’s fun to sing karaoke or even just half karaoke is fun too! Sometimes you can dance to music, and you can practice a routine or just freestyle! Dancing is fun when you do it with friends or family. Sometimes you might play an instrument! There are lots to choose from. Piano, flute, violin, drums, bass guitar, electric guitar, or my personal favourite, just normal guitar! There are lots of others to choose from too. That is exactly why I believe that music and sport are both equally important.



Room 4 & 5 Field Trip

Rooms 4 and 5 had a great day out exploring the waterways, beginning at the puna waiora - Te Waikoropupu springs then following the Waikoropupu River as it joined the Tākaka River. We caught up with the Tākaka River again at Paines Ford. The tamariki looked at the wetlands and the special harakeke planted there for raranga (weaving). It was a long walk down the Paines track to the swimming hole where we made dams and stone sculptures and ate lunch. We would all like to give a big thank you to the parents who helped us out with transport, supervision and enthusiastic conversation.

Some highlights from Room 5:

I liked seeing the water because it was fresh and green and deep. It didn't look deep but if you go in there it would be deep.. By Louie

I liked making a pond with the rocks at the river. By Nixin

I liked touching the stone and finding smooth rocks. By John

I liked touching the stone because it was so smooth and cold. My Mum touched it too.

And Room 4:

At Te Waikoropupu springs - We looked at all the fresh water. We looked at all the fish in the water. We touched the greenstone. by Arli

At Paines Ford - It was quiet at the river. It was peaceful. the river was green. By Oskar

We were crossing the bridge at Te Waikoropupu. It was really cool because the water was green. It was really cool we wanted to touch it but we can't. It is some of the cleanest water on earth. By Ava

I really liked building the dam at Paines Ford. a dam stops water from going into places. I built it with Nixin, William, Arli and John.





Tēnā Koutou Katoa
Kei te noho ahau ki raro i te maru o
Parapara te maunga
Ko tai tapu te moana e mahea nei
aku māharahara
Nō Ahitereiria, nō Tiamana, nō
Ingarangi oku tipuna
Engari, e noho ana ahau ki Mohua i
te Wai Pounamu, inaianei
Ko Paul taku tane
Ko Ava, ko Isobelle āku tamahine
Ko Nicole ahau

It is my pleasure to be working in our community as one of two Learning Support Coordinators, helping to support children to get the best out of their school experience. Our role was created nationally for local teachers in 2020 with a number of purposes, including:

- Supporting students through building inclusive environments where all students can participate, progress and make successful transitions, for example, into high school.
- Supporting our kaiako/teachers in schools with ideas, strategies, resources, and in some cases, testing.
- Supporting our parents and whānau to understand what is available and how they might be able to seek support if they have concerns about their child's learning.

I have lived and worked in Golden Bay for the past 9 years and this is my fourth year in this role. Some of you may recognise me from my previous position at Takaka Primary School as middle school classroom teacher and leader. Now, my office is based at Golden Bay High School but you will often see me working closely with Rachel, Anna and the wonderful teachers at Motupipi Primary School one or two days a week, usually Monday or Tuesday.

Along with my work at schools, I was pleased to accept a Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Teaching (Complex Educational Needs) study grant from the Ministry of Education this year.

Please feel free to approach me to say hi or ask me any questions you may have. If I don't have the answer then I will make it my job to try and find it out for you. You can also contact me via my email nicole.manson@gbh.school.nz. I look forward to getting to know more of you.

Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tatou katoa



Motupipi School Plant Sale

Mark your calendars—October 28th!

We have set the date and planning is underway! This is a huge fundraiser for the school, and has allowed us to make some significant purchases and upgrades to school facilities over the last couple of years. If you would like to join the committee to help pull this together, please call Abbie at 027 624 0680 or see Pip in the office if you

TĀKAKA LIBRARY Matariki Holiday Fun

Forest & Bird event ★ 3 July 10.00am - 12.00pm

Matariki Art Session ★ 4 July 10.00am - 12.00pm

Explore Nga Toi and weave a star ★ 5 July 10.00am - 12.00pm

Matariki craft fun ★ 11 July 10.00am - 12.00pm

NZ Night Sky book talk ★ 12 July 10.00am - 11.00am

Art exhibition ★ 13 July 10.00am - 5.00pm

Decorate a tote bag ★ 13 July 11.00am - 12.30pm
(10+) (bookings required)

Tākaka Library
Phone: 03 525 0059




bricks in the bay

Winter Holiday Programme!
3rd-5th July 2023 @ Central School

Small group programme – places strictly limited.
BOOK NOW! bricksinthebay@gmail.com

Monday 3rd – Lego Challenge Day!
Different challenges to test yourself!

Tuesday 4th – Lego Stop Motion Day!
Let your creativity run wild!

Wednesday 5th – Lego Trains Day!
World famous at Bricks in the Bay, *Woot-Woot!!*

Ages 6-12 \$50 per day... 9:00am-3:00pm

Parent Coffee Group

Term 3 every Tuesday 10:00-11:00
Starting on 18th July.
Anglican Parish Hall, 42 Commercial Street Takaka



For families who have children with learning or behaviour difficulties.

Connect with other families for support and share a tea/coffee.

Everyone is welcome!

Any questions please email; moana@collingwood.school.nz

I Love to Sew

Knitting / Crochet classes for Kids

Term Three 2023

Mon: Knitting 4-5pm
Wed: Crochet 4-5pm

Ages 7 - 11yrs \$10/class, \$80/term

71 Commercial St, Takaka - 03 525 8177 / 027 263 9220



Spaces still available for school holiday childcare, at Tess' Place, 9a Rototai Road. Central warm location, fun activities. Please contact Tess James on 027 362 5598 or tess.james@xtra.co.nz for further information.