



# Motupipi

PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Panui / Newsletter March 2023

It has been a busy term so far and it has been wonderful to see students becoming more settled in their classrooms and involved in their learning programmes. We have been focusing on the concept of 'Turangawaewae' (Our Place) as part of our Inquiry learning. It has been wonderful learning more about where our students/whānau are from and what places are special to them.

Students have really been enjoying their Swimming sessions daily and have been making great progress in their skills. This week some of our middle/senior students also go off to compete in the Golden Bay School's Swimming Sports event, held at the High School. Wishing all of our competitors the very best - we know you all will show our School Value of Resilience whilst competing!

This week we have opened our Kickstart Breakfast Club this week, with support from Sanitarium and Fonterra. It has been great to see students furthering our School Value of Connection each morning while sharing breakfast together. Kickstart Breakfast Club operates Monday to Friday from 8:30 - 8:50am outside Room 2.

Room 1 and 2 students are eagerly awaiting their camps to Bridge Valley and Tōtaranui, respectively. This will be a great opportunity for our students to challenge themselves and further their teamwork and leadership skills. Thank you to those parents/caregivers who have put their names forward for assistance with transport and supervision. More information will be out shortly about both camps.

It was wonderful for Rooms 4 and 5 students to visit our adopted section last week at Wainui. We were lucky enough to be accompanied by Brooke from Project Janszoon and Matua Eric who assisted with activities. Students learned about native and non native plants at Wainui, participated in a bug hunt and a te reo scavenger hunt. Our juniors also checked on the weta hotels put up at Wainui in December by Room 2 (class of 2022) and are pleased to report these were all in use to provide a safe home for weta to sleep/breed.

Our School Assemblies are most Wednesdays at 2:30pm if you would like to join us to celebrate our students' learning and achievements. We can usually be found outside under the trees, but may move to Room 3 if the weather is wet/too windy.

Looking forward to a great second half of Term 1, please keep in touch!

Ngā mihi

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Rata, Joel, Maia, Tui, Lilah, Tarn, Albi, and James who have all celebrated birthdays recently.



## Financial Statements

Statements have been sent out for student accounts. Please arrange prompt payment for these, or contact us for a payment plan if that is what suits your family. Room 1&2 camp costs will ideally need to be paid before camp.

## Welcome!

Welcome to Tui and Lilah, who started at the end of February, and Gracie and Liam who have started visiting in Room 5. We are so happy you're here!

## Is your child going to be absent?

Please make sure you are submitting an absence notification in Hero, phoning, or emailing before 9am.



Our School is proud to be part of the **KickStart Breakfast** programme with Weetbix and Milk kindly provided by Sanitarium and Fonterra!

All tamariki are welcome to come along for breakfast of Weetbix and milk **between 8:30 and 8:50am on the deck outside Room 2**. The Kickstart Breakfast Club will run **Monday to Friday**.

Everything will be provided so encourage your child to come along, have a yummy breakfast, and catch up with friends before school starts.

(Please note that unfortunately Sanitarium does not provide gluten free products, nor a milk alternative.)

Do we have your correct address? Are your contact details up to date? If you aren't sure, please check with Pip in the office, it is important we have your details correct.

## TERM CALENDAR

12th Mar	Weetbix Tryathlon
15th Mar	School Assembly 2.30pm
22-24 Mar	Room 2 Camp
22nd Mar	School Assembly 2.30pm
28-31 Mar	Room 1 Camp
29th Mar	School Assembly 2.30pm
5th April	School Triathlon
6th April	Pool Keys due back
6th April	School Assembly 2.30pm
6th April	Term 1 ends
26th April	Term 2 starts

**Assemblies are generally weekly on Wednesdays at 2.30—please check Hero for dates to be sure. We would love to have you join us!**



## Principal's Awards

Congratulations to our recent Principal's Award recipients:

Hendrix & Sam H for showing great responsibility in helping our caretaker, Cindy with playground repairs

Nixin for his fantastic attitude towards learning

Mori for her amazing resilience and responsibility at the ATYA retreat

James for his resilience and positive attitude while swimming

## Ka pai tō mahi!

Congratulations to the following students awarded certificates at our recent assemblies

Room 1: Tomer, Evalyn, Tarn, Marlee, Mori, Rata, Hendrix & Sophia

Room 2: Willow, James, Emilia, Mabel, Isaac, George, Zen & Maia

Room 4: William, Ava, Adelyn, Joel, Albi, Albi, Hazel, Oskar & Eve

Room 5: Beau, Amara, Nixin, John, Tui, Lilah, & Louie

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



# Room 1 is radiating Respect!

Room one has been working hard to unpack our school-wide value of the term, Respect. This week they worked collaboratively to create a piece of art which will go on display outside their classroom.

They chose a sun to represent our school logo and mimic their awesome classroom contract. They brainstormed ideas about what they want respect to look, sound and feel like at Motupipi School, using what they've been learning in their value question of the week discussions. Then they got a ray of sunshine and wrote and drew their idea of respect on it in pencil. They outlined their picture in black pen, before using watercolour paint to add some warmth and cheer.

Their sun represents lots of different ideas and lots of understanding about how we can show respect to one another and our school.



# Room 2 have had a great start to the year.

“Operation decorate” has been a great success. Our classroom now looks vibrant and colourful.

The students enjoyed our first-aid training and thought it would be helpful for our upcoming camp. The tamariki are looking forward to camp, there is a mixture of excitement and nerves. Each day we have time to answer questions and discuss what we are excited about and our concerns.

I have noticed confidence has been building with our karakia and waiata each day along with routines and expectations. The tamariki are learning well together and enjoying each other both in the classroom and in the playground.

Together we have made a Treaty for our Classroom, this helps us understand how to keep each other happy and ready for learning. We have discussed what respect looks like, sounds like and feels like. We then drew our ideas; these colourful creations will soon be on display outside our classroom. Watch this space!

# Room 4&5 trip to Wainui

Warm Wondrous Wainui

By Eve

On Friday rooms 4 and 5 went to Wainui! I went in a car with my friend Tilly and it was a beautiful sunny day. I went swimming in the warm water and I chased fish around and around all over the place, with Nixin's help. We also dug for bugs and we found a daddy-long-legs and a spider. I found some worms. At the start of the walk we heard a story about Taniwhas from Matua Eric. The best part of the day was chasing fish. When I got home I felt great and told my Mum all about it!

Wonderful Wicked Wainui

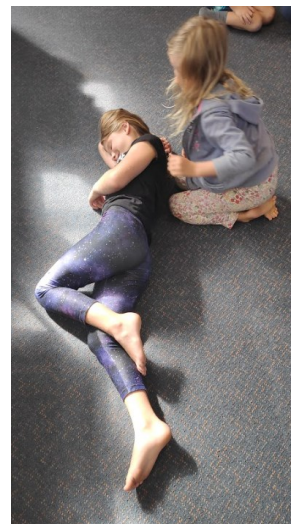
By Maisy

Rooms 4 and 5 went to Wainui on Friday. I went with my friend Ava in her car. We had lollies. It was a hot sunny day. I liked finding bugs. I saw a centipede and a big Daddy-long-legs. Matua Eric wouldn't stop talking! I liked looking at the bugs. When I got back from Wainui, I felt fine.



# St John First Aid Workshop

We recently had Brit from St John visit us as part of the St John in school programme. The students had a great time learning about what to do in emergencies, with Rooms 1&2 focusing on situations that may arise at camp.



# From the Fundraising Committee

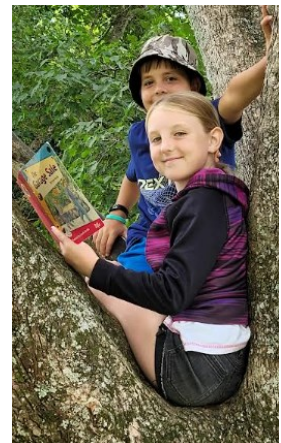
We would like to run some raffles over the year. We are looking for items to raffle—maybe you have something to donate? We are thinking along the lines of art, sculptures, firewood, accommodation (air bnb or similar), or vouchers for services. These would probably take place at Fresh Choice, for maximum exposure for both the raffles and your talents/business! If you have anything you think would be suitable, please talk to Pip or Abbie.



We have some tea towels leftover from last year, these are great quality 100% cotton tea towels that can dry your dishes (with the help of your child!). We are offering these at a reduced price of \$5 while stocks last. Please pop in to the office to purchase. If you are depositing money in to our bank account, please ensure you are using the fundraising account.

A huge **thank you** to everyone who has volunteered for school lunches this term— we (adults and children!) are so grateful for your time. Next term's schedule will be up in a couple of weeks.

**Buddy Reading** Buddy reading happens once a week, with the students in junior/senior pairings. Great chance for the kids to get together.



## Motupipi School Plant Sale—Help Wanted

We are looking for a volunteer to help run the Annual Motupipi Plant Sale in October. 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. The framework is already there from previous sales, we just need someone to coordinate it! If you have the drive to help see the Plant Sale happen again please call Abbie at 027 624 0680 or see Pip in the office.

## 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](#)





Come on in.

<b>LOCATION:</b>	On the Deck outside ROOM 2			
<b>TIME:</b>	FROM	8:30am	TO	8:50am
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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Issue 2 is going home this week, there are some great titles available—and some activities to keep them busy in the holidays!

To claim this offer, orders must be placed on the Scholastic website, or the LOOP app. Last day to place orders is Friday 17th March.



## Sensory Processing Expo



Child Development Service and Ministry of Education are running a Sensory Processing information expo for parents, caregivers, education staff and anyone else that would like to learn more about sensory processing.

Come along for sensory strategies for home and school. There will be stations set up with practical demonstrations, resources to take away and therapists to chat to.

**May 18<sup>th</sup> 2023 1.00pm-4.00pm**

**Rec park centre, Golden Bay**



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