



Motupipi

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Panui / Newsletter April 2024

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

Welcome to (nearly) the end of Term 1. What an action packed 11 weeks we have had!

Well done to all of our students for their resilience shown in the recent School Triathlon. It was wonderful to see our students pushing themselves and trying so hard to swim, cycle and run - all while being cheered on by whānau and friends. Thank you for your support in turning out in such great numbers to cheer on and encourage our students. Special thank you to Anna and Daphne for their preparation for the event, and to our amazing Fundraising Team for supplying iceblocks at the conclusion of the event.

Earlier this term our Education Review Office (ERO) Evaluative Partner (Carole) joined us once again for a full day. This is a really important process for schools as ERO evaluate how well we are meeting the needs of our learners and community. Our Evaluative Partner was able to observe in Classrooms and chat to students about their learning at this visit. Carole has previously visited several times last year and met with groups of students, as well as holding hui with Staff and our School Board. It was great to hear positive feedback about the settled classroom environments, engagement and sense of belonging our students displayed from our Evaluative Partner.

The Education Review Office (ERO) reviewed our policies, processes, systems, achievement data, and progress. We are overjoyed to announce that their findings reflect what a great school we are - we have embedded processes across most areas (this is good!) and we even excel in numerous areas across the board! The Review process further echoes the priorities that we as a school have already identified - furthering our cultural responsiveness journey, embedding our Mohua Local Curriculum with resources from manawhenua and continuing to improve student outcomes in Writing.

I feel incredibly privileged to work alongside such a talented and dedicated team and fantastic community. Together, we have created an environment where our vision of 'Making a Difference Together' comes alive. In Term 2, we should get the final evaluative report, and we look forward to sharing it with you all.

Thank you all for your attendance at our recent Goal Setting Hui. It was great to connect with whānau, share how your child has settled into school so far this year, and to share the goals that they will be working towards, moving forward. Upon reflection, we will ensure future opportunities are a minimum of 15 minutes, as many of you (and staff!) expressed that the reduced time was not enough! We look forward to also sharing with you some Learning Comments regarding Swimming and Oral Language/Inquiry via Hero as well to further connect you with your child/ren's learning.

Wishing you all a fantastic holiday break and we look forward to seeing you all back for Day 1, Term 2 on Monday 29th April!
Ngā mihi,

Rachel Evans
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Vivienne, Albi, James, Osher, Pipi, Nico, Liam, Gracie C, and Ra who have all celebrated birthdays recently.



Welcome!

Welcome to Vivienne, Osher and Luca who have started in Room 5. We are so happy you're here!



SCHOOL BUS

Currently we are at capacity for our school bus roll if everyone attends/takes the bus. This means that only qualifying students are able to catch the bus to and from school.

Sorry, but the bus is not available for non bus students to use for attending playdates etc at a friend's house. This ensures space for all of our current and future bus students, and also keeps our bus provider happy!

Fundraising meeting

We would love to see you at our fundraising meeting on Thursday 2nd of May, at 2.30pm in the staffroom. Please let Pip know if you are interested in helping but are unable to make it!

Welcome Mark Tubman

Our newest Board member

Kia ora, I'm Mark Tubman. I'm pleased to be part of the Board at Motupipi School. Originally from Ireland, I am now enjoying life in Golden Bay contract milking on a dairy farm. Married to a local and have 3 young children, one here at Motupipi School. I look forward to being part of the team on the Board and working along with the Motupipi School staff, students and whanau.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

12 April	Last day of Term 1
29 April	First day of Term 2
2 May	Fundraising meeting 2.30pm
3 June	King's birthday
28 June	Matariki
5 July	Last day of Term 2



Principal's Awards

Congratulations to our recent Principal's Award recipients:

Alfie, for displaying resilience and effort in all his new learning in Room 5

Aliana, for focus, engagement and interest displayed in all areas of her learning

Jolie, for showing amazing resilience, bravery and determination at swimming sports

Tilly, for showing incredible determination and resilience at our recent triathlon

Joel, for showing incredible resilience at our recent triathlon



Ka pai tō mahi!

Congratulations to the following students awarded certificates at our recent assemblies

Room 1: Pippa, Ila, Elisa, Tali, Tomer, Ra, Gracie, Zoe, Jed, Frankie, Izzy

Room 2: Connor, Mabel, Tilly, Stella, Louie, Hazel, Isaac, Braxdyn, Eve, George, James

Room 4: Fern, Lilah, Ben, Joseph, Beau, Nina, Oskar, Aliana, Gracie, Albi

Room 5: Leo, Sam, Charlie, Ryder, Alfie, Kya, Savi

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

What's been happening in Room 1?

This term room 1 has been working on our reading responses for our chosen books that we have been reading. For this activity, we are making a poster telling you a little bit about the book and hopefully making people want to read it. They have been going great!

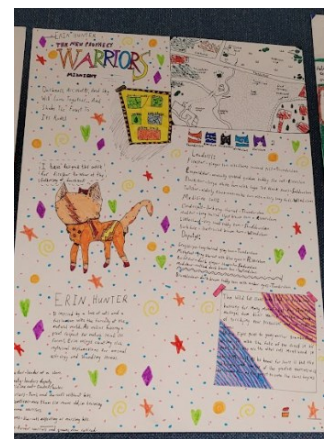
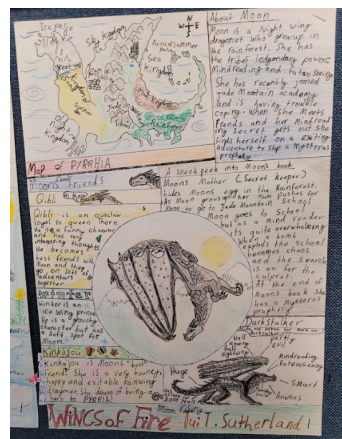
We also have been working on some great hooks for our writing. Some are horrifically funny and heartwarming. Whereas others will be sure to keep you on the edge of your seats. With creaking doors and mysterious packages arriving out nowhere.

We have been working hard on training for the triathlon this term. Biking, swimming and running all in one! Yes, that is what we had to do. For our race we had to bike up the farm track! It was quite tiring. But all of it was worth it as we got rewarded with ice blocks in the end.

A couple of weeks ago room 1 and 2 went to swimming sports. They did so well!

We have also been practicing our pepeha so we could be filmed saying them. We also said our school pepeha in these videos. They sounded fantastic!

By Zoe and Rata on behalf of Room 1



Abel Tasman Youth Ambassadors

Last Weekend the Abel Tasman Youth Ambassador (ATYA) students drove over to Kaiteriteri and boarded the Sea Shuttle. From there we went to Split Apple Rock and drove around it. The Captain, called Mike, that was driving was telling us about the history of the special Rock.

From there we headed around to Apple Tree Bay, then to Adele Island where we saw some Gray Fur Seals. We finally headed off to our destination -Anchorage. There we got off the sea shuttle and had some morning tea, after that we went to find a new species of Spider. To find it we had to dig with a spade and put the soil on a tarpaulin and search through but unfortunately we didn't find any.

So we packed up our equipment and we walked down the beach and started the walk to Te Pukutea. We took the Inland Track on the way there, the walk from Anchorage to Te Pukutea was about 45 minutes. When we got there we had some lunch and a bit of play time, we played a big game of Manhunt and did some running races. Some of us went for a swim but it was freezing. We all gathered together and started to head back, then we walked and found some cameras that doc put out and figured out that deer like mayonnaise a lot!

Written by Frankie and Gracie.

What's new in Room 2?

Room 2 has had a busy term settling into our new year levels. We have had a big focus on handwriting and spelling as well as basic facts in maths. While doing this we have been swimming nearly every day. It was fantastic to send some students off to the Interschool Swimming Sports. Each week we have been slowly building up our running fitness, this paid off at the triathlon with all students taking part and giving it their best. Highlights for us this term have been going on camp, the Wainui trip, triathlon, swimming each day and the magic show. Thank you to all who helped support these events to happen. Have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing you for Term 2.



Interschool Swimming sports

All the competitive swimmers went to the high school pool on Wednesday. At swimming sports we all got put into age groups, all of the eight and nine year olds competed, and then the ten and eleven year olds competed. Those that didn't compete stayed at school. This year was different because they scored it differently, timing the races.

Students were asked if they wanted to enter breaststroke, backstroke, freestyle, the relay, and medley. Once you completed one lap you received a coloured brick of what place you came.

Each race was made up of six people called a heat. Then the fastest got put into the finals.

It was very cold after each race, thankfully Jo brought some warm jumpers that were nice and cozy to use after our race. All and all we had a great time.

A very big thank you to all the adults for helping and organising the event, and a big congratulations to everyone that competed.

Written by Jed and Sam



News from Room 4

We have had a busy and exciting term to start 2024. Only 3 days to a well deserved school holidays. The children have enjoyed having Fridays with Whaea Helen and some release days with Rosanna. They have created some beautiful pieces of art which will be available to go home at the end of term.

Sadly swimming is coming to an end, the children have made fabulous progress beyond expectations. Other highlights of the term included learning and illustrating our pepehas, I hope you enjoy listening to them in your child's school reports. Have a safe and restful holiday.



Lots of learning in Room 5!

We are loving learning about native manu (birds) of Aotearoa - especially the Ruru that hunts at night in the trees behind our room. He/She leaves behind some tasty, wriggling leftovers (legs, wings and the head!) of freshly caught huhu beetles for us to find when we arrive at school. We hope you like our owl sketches made with chalky pastels and charcoal, and our owl models made from recycled card.

Inspired by the Strike percussion performance we saw at TPS, we are enjoying having a go at creating our own rhythms on our Resene "drums" (big plastic buckets). We each take a turn at making a beat pattern then everyone joins in to have a go with us. Listen out for our loud performances!

Take a look at our pepehas hanging up on display, too. Now we need to practice saying them until we can do it confidently and unsupported. Ka pai tō mahi, Tamariki ma.



2024 School Triathlon

This year's triathlon had all of our students putting in their best efforts to complete the bike, swim, and run. We were lucky to have perfect weather, and a great turnout of community supporters to cheer our competitors on. Thanks to those parents who came and helped marshal along the course, we couldn't run these events without the added help. Congratulations to all our students!

Year 1 Girls: 1st Fern, 2nd Frieda, 3rd = Chloe & Aliana

Year 1 Boys: 1st Karter, 2nd Charlie, 3rd Ryder

Year 2 Girls: 1st Lilah, 2nd Laura, 3rd Amara

Year 2 Boys: 1st Nixin, 2nd Oskar, 3rd John

Year 3 Girls: 1st Tilly, 2nd Stella, 3rd = Eve & Adelyn

Year 3 Boys: 1st Arli, 2nd Nelson, 3rd William

Year 4 Girls: 1st Mabel, 2nd Willow, 3rd Maia

Year 4 Boys: 1st Braxdyn, 2nd Connor, 3rd Ziv

Year 4 Girls: 1st Jolie, 2nd Izzy, 3rd Jude

Year 5 Boys: 1st Sam

Year 6 Girls: 1st Marlee, 2nd Frankie, 3rd Pipi

Year 6 Boys: 1st Jed, 2nd Tomer, 3rd Rawhiti



IN SCHOOL DANCE CLASSES WITH MILO! SIGN UP NOW FOR TERM 2!



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 2 STARTS 1ST OF MAY AT MOTUPIPI HALL
 \$10 PER LESSON PAID AS TERM FEES
 INVOICED AT THE START OF EACH TERM
 FINANCIAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE



SIGN UP AT www.thefunkisphere.com





NATIONAL SCRABBLE DAY

Informal Scrabble fun day for youth aged 7 and up.
 Suitable for all levels. Parents welcome.
 Facilitated by Murray Rogers

Tākaka Library

Saturday 13 April
 10.00am - 12.00pm

Tasman District Libraries Presents

DISCOVER MOANA



GET CRAFTY!
SPARKLY FISH

Upcycle our old CDs into beautiful unique fish.

Tuesday 16 April
 10.00am - 12.00pm

Drop in



LEGO FUN!

Wednesday 17 April
 10.30am - 11.30am
Under the Sea!

Wednesday 24 April
 2.00pm - 3.00pm
Above the Waves!

Drop in




Whatever Floats Your Boat!

Build your very own boat.
 Will it float?

Thursday 18 April
 11.00pm - 12.00pm

Drop in



GET CRAFTY!
OCEAN ART

Create an underwater scene with pastels and dye.

Tuesday 23 April
 10.00am - 12.00pm

Drop in



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
 15 - 26 APRIL



NBS | Community
 We believe. We invest.

Takaka Rugby Football Club



TAKAKA RFC

Thinking about playing rugby?
WE WANT YOU!!



Everyone is welcome to register with our club for the 2024 season.

Subs are low, bus travel is free and so are the sausages. The more kids playing the merrier.

For more info email takakarfc@gmail.com or call/txt Clarissa on 0272112535