



Motupipi

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S KÖRERO

What an action packed Term 3 we have had! It has been so rewarding to see our students so involved in their learning programmes and settled well into learning.

As part of our Sustainable Spaces Inquiry Unit this term, we have seen some great student-led learning utilising the technology process. Room 1 have produced some beautiful flowers that are on the entrance fence out of bottles and created trash to treasure projects that they have also shared with the juniors. Room 2 have been learning how they can improve our local kiti te kaha stream and the playhouse at school. Rooms 4 and 5 have been learning about our local te ngahere/forest and how we can take better care as kaitiaki of this area as a school. Kau mau te wehi! What a difference all our students have been making with their projects this term!

Daffodil Day was once again a huge success at Motupipi School, with our students running their own stalls as part of our Enterprise learning. Wonderful to see so much community spirit and fun on display - all for a great cause! We managed to beat our last year's record, raising \$1826.60 for The Cancer Society. It was rewarding for the school to recently receive a letter mentioning we were among the top 20 fundraisers this year for Daffodil Day - congratulations everyone and thanks for your support!

Congratulations to all our Miniballers who have been learning new skills and gaining confidence every week after school in their games with other Golden Bay Primary Schools. Congratulations to our Motupipi Chickens who came 3rd place in the Y3/4 category and the Motupipi Dragons who also came 3rd place in the Y5/6 category. Special thank you once again to our Team Managers Abbie, Emma, Keri and Andrew for your time and dedication to the teams each week - we couldn't do it without you!

Early next week we look forward to sharing with you (via Hero) some Learning Comments from this term in the areas of Physical Education, Maths Strand (Geometry or Measurement) and Technology (our Sustainable Spaces Inquiry). Each term we enjoy sharing your child's progress, learning and achievements with you. We trust you will celebrate these comments with your whānau and child/ren.

A special thank you to our School Board who acknowledged our Staff for their dedication and efforts this term with a yummy morning tea today - it is really appreciated at the end of term.

Wishing you all a restful and rejuvenating break over the holidays (if you manage to get a break!). Our students and staff have worked hard and are deserving of some down time. Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 9th October for the start of Term 4.

Ngā mihi,

Rachel Evans
principal@motupipi.school.nz



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Ryder, Hailie, and Mabel who have all celebrated birthdays recently.



Welcome!

Welcome to Ryder who has started school in Room 5, and Kya P, Sam Lo, and Karter who have starting visiting. We are so happy you're here!

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos this year will take place on Wednesday 11th of October.



POOL KEYS

Pool keys will be available early Term 4 —keep an eye on Hero! Perfect for a fun filled summer!

Huge thank you to our miniball managers— Keri, Abbie, Emma, & Andrew!



The holidays are a great time to have a look for any library books or school readers that are lying around at home! We would love to see these back at school.

END OF THE YEAR

Head's up—We will be finishing for the year at 12.45pm on Friday 15th of December.

The first day of school for 2024 will be Friday the 2nd of February.

SCHOOL T-SHIRTS

A reminder to please return any school tshirts that are out there from the cross country, football, or miniball. Please take a look over the holidays and return them, washed, to the office in the first week back.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

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
30/31 Oct	Life Education Trust Onsite
13 Nov	Teacher Only Day
15 Dec	Last Day of Term 4 at 12.45
2 Feb	First Day of Term 1 2024



Principal's Awards

Congratulations to our recent Principal's Award recipients:

Kya, for displaying growing responsibility and enthusiasm for learning

Ben, for showing increased responsibility each day at school

Amara, for stepping up in to Room 4 so well

Fox, for being so cheerful and helping with visitors to the school

Tomer, for showing increased enthusiasm and responsibility in his learning

Ka pai tō mahi!

Congratulations to the following students awarded certificates at our recent assemblies

Room 1: Tarn, Pippa, Tomer, Kya, Rata, Elisa, Odinn, Sam, Pipi

Room 2: Bodhi, Mabel, Braxdyn, Poppy, Joel, Ila

Room 4: Tui, Oskar, Arli, Adelyn, Lachie, Albi, Laura, Eve, Stella, Tilly

Room 5: Nina, Fern, Fox, Ben, Catoo, Ryder, Chloe

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



Wordfest 2023

Congratulations to Zoe, securing first place in the Poetry up to Year 6 section in the recent Golden Bay Wordfest competition. Well done Zoe!



What's Up in Room 1?

Kia ora whanau,

We would like to tell you what Room One has been up to recently.

Football

Loads of kids had fun at the football tournament in week 8. The Year 5/6 girls came fifth. The Year 5/6 boys came in second place. We asked some kids what they liked about the tournament, Hendrix said he liked shooting goals. Odinn said he liked tackling and taking the ball off people.

Skiing

The skiing trip last week was a good opportunity for kids to have a go at skiing. Most kids went home begging their parents to go again.



Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

For Māori language week, Room One has been learning the maori names of things that you might find around the classroom and parts of your body. We did this through songs, games and flashcards. We also did a really fun rotation where we learned poi, rakau, acted out a myth and spent some time in our school ngahere. Our goal now is to try to use more māori language regularly. Ka pai Room One, great job!

Poetry Cafe

In Week 9 we held a poetry cafe and it was a huge success. Thank you so much to all the whanau that came to support us and an extra thanks to Milo and Keri for volunteering to come in and help bake delicious bite sized treats. The poetry was very enjoyable. There were lots of different types of poems we all had a go of throughout the term. Overall it was a huge success.

Sustainability

This term Room One has been focusing on sustainability, as a part of that we have been doing a technology challenge where we've had to turn trash to treasure. This week we have planned arts and crafts lessons using trash items to share with Room 4 and 5. We had so much fun being kaiako and turning trash to treasure with the juniors.

Room 1 is looking forward to the holidays, we hope everyone has a great break!

Written by Zoe and April with the help of Sam.

YEAR 6 SAVE THE DATES!

Important dates re the Y6 Graduation and transition to Golden Bay High School:

- GBHS Enrolment packs home - First week back of Term 4 (return to school)
 - Y6 Uniform Fitting for GBHS - Thursday 26th October (a time will be allocated for you between 1-3pm) held in the Motupipi Hall
 - Y6 Parent Information Evening at GBHS - Wednesday 1st November, 7pm in the gym classroom
 - Y6 Powhiri Welcome at GBHS - Friday 8th December (12:30pm)
 - Y6 Graduation Farewell Dinner at Motupipi - Wednesday 13th December, from 5:30pm
- Last day of term (for all) - Friday 15th December, 12:45pm finish.

Room two's busy term

Room two has had a very busy term full of fun things. Here are some examples: Jem jar, Miniball, Football, and Tennis.

We started with the jem jar. The jem jar is a jar that we put marbles in when we show the School values, which are respect, resilience, responsibility, and connections. When the jem jar is full we have a class activity. So far we have had a slime party, toy day, watched a movie and had a hour of free time. At the slime party we made slime and then we played with it. On the toy day everyone brought their toys to school and had a hour of playing with their toys in class time. When we had the hour of free time we got to do whatever we wanted during class time.



Next is Miniball. The Room Two year three four Miniball teams are called the Chickens and the Fireballs. We played every Tuesday at the TPS school hall. Miniball is sort of like basketball, except the ball is smaller and some of the rules are different.

Thirdly is the Football tournament. The senior classes went. The teams were organised into years and girls and boys. We went to the rec park centre and played their games on the football field there. Everyone had a great time. The Motupipi year 3 and 4 girls team came third, and the year 3 and 4 boys team came fourth.



Finally is Tennis. Dave, the tennis coach, came to school and taught us all the basic tennis skills. We learnt backhand, forehand, and serving. When it was raining we played tennis in the hall. Raining or not, we all had a wonderful time. We all thank Dave a lot for teaching us. Thank you so much Dave!

By Maia and Izzy

News from Room 4

We have had a really busy term, so much learning and so much fun, here are a few of our highlights.

I really enjoyed Daffodil day, I really enjoyed the jar pong games, called 'Down the rabbit hole.' You have to throw a ball into a jar. I had lots of goes and won lots of prizes. - Maisy and Stella

On Daffodil day I made cake pops with Michelle who is Tilly's mum, they were so yummy, we dipped the cakes into icing and then sprinkles. We sold them all very quickly. Eve and Albi



Going skiing

Some of room four went to the Rainbow ski field. It was my first time skiing, there was lots of snow. We went on the learners slope then we went on the big lift. The next day after a lesson I was super good at skiing. - William and Adelyn

Tennis - It is a fun sport and gets your arms exercising and making your arms stronger. The coach taught us forehand and backhand. It was easy getting the ball over the net. Arli

On Friday it was our last day of Maori language week. We split into teams which are our houses. I am in Wainui with my Mum and sister. We got to go into different rooms. Jodie in room 3 did drama. We did poi with Whaea Lesley, rakau in room 2 which was tricky with Rachel, a forest walk and game with Natasha. It was awesome. I liked the rakau and poi best - Hazel and Louie



Measurement and time: This term I liked making paper clocks and telling the time. First we cut out a circle and then put the numbers 1-12 in the right place around the clock, then you put a picture on the clock and choose a time. Tilly

Golden Bay Football

On Wednesdays we played soccer on the back field. The soccer teacher we split into teams, we learnt skills like dodging, and kicking a ball with a good aim, I got to score a goal and was proud of myself. Lachie and Oskar



The latest from Room 5

Room 5 are kaitiaki of te ngahere, the little forest on the edge of our school. It is a great place for us to go to be calm and peaceful in nature. Here's a photo of us 'wearing' our te ngahere teeshirts.



We have been learning to play football and tennis this term. We would like to say a big thank you to the coaches who came in to teach us the skills. It was so much fun. We enjoyed doing lots of 'make it' activities for measurement maths. We painted our feet and measured and compared the lengths, we pretended to be marine biologists measuring the length of fish we caught in the sea and we compared the length of playdough worms we made.



Art with our big buddies was another big highlight for us. Thank you Room 2! We loved hanging out with our big buddies just about as much as we enjoyed doing all the fun craft projects you taught us. Happy holidays everyone - from us all in Room 5.

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?

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).

The sign up sheet for volunteers for the day of the plant sale will be up in the first week of term, 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!





DAFFODIL DAY 2023

Our school was among our top 20 online fundraisers this Daffodil Day! Please see the below message:

Thank you for your contribution to another successful Daffodil Day appeal, helping us to ensure no one faces cancer alone. Thanks to your generosity we can continue to support thousands of people as they face cancer over the next year.

I was out and about in Auckland on Daffodil Day and, as in past years, I was overwhelmed by the support from all different parts of our community. From the comedians to the corporates, to the volunteers, to our partners in the health sector, to partners in government, to the school kids and their families.

What struck me as I was out meeting all these people is that we need every one of them in the fight against cancer. Raising money for the Cancer Society is a strong focus for our organisation, especially on Daffodil Day, but if we're going to tackle the challenges in front of us, then we need all these people to be engaged. The only way we're going to reduce the number of people who get cancer – and make the journey easier for those who do get it – is by facing the future together.

The Cancer Society has been around for 94 years and is going strong thanks to the strength of our supporters – like you – who believe in our mission and our mahi. We simply couldn't do what we do without you.

He waka eke noa. We are all in this together.

Ngā mihi nui, Rachael Hart, Cancer Society of New Zealand Chief Executive



Golden Bay Football Tournament

It was a stunning day at the Golden Bay Football Tournament for our Y3-6 students. We enjoyed great sportsmanship over five rounds (+finals) of games hosted at the Rec Park Centre.

Well done to all our footballers who displayed great fair play & awesome behaviour. We are proud of you all!
Check out the placings below:

Year 3/4 Girls—3rd place

Year 3/4 Boys—4th place

Year 5/6 Girls—5th place

Year 5/6 Boys—2nd place

Also a special mention to the Year 5/6 Girls who received the Fair Play Award— ka mau te wehi!

Thanks to the other schools who joined us for the fun & especially to Golden Bay Football Club for their support on the day!



Ski trip

What an amazing time our tamariki had on the Whanau Ski Trip last week to Rainbow Ski Field! The group experienced snow on arrival—for some this was the first time ever seeing snow! A great time was had by all, with everyone enjoying learning new skills and having fun on the slopes.



Recipe for the Best Spring Holiday Ever!

By Room One

Cuddling soft, fluffy baby lambs
Watching the amazing flowers bloom
Swimming in the crystal clear ocean with dolphins
Add one long drive to Hanmer Springs to try out the new slides
Hunting in the warm Spring air
Tramping in the breeze of the bush
Hanging up the hammock and chillin'
A good season for apples to start growing
Sharpening hooks to catch some prey
Beautiful fish shining in the bay
Cuddle newly born calves...trying to stand
Cute calves eating hungrily
Watching the beautiful sunset
Melting Ice cream my mouth from the Wholemeal Cafe
Growing new, juicy and delicious fruit
Kayaking in the seas of Ligar Bay



MOTUPIPI SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

The Motupipi School Board's role is to oversee the Governance of the school, ensuring that we keep the best interests of the students and school at the heart of our decision making. The three major responsibilities of the School Board are to develop the annual budget, to set the school policies and to support and work with the School Principal, as part of setting the strategic direction of the school.

At Motupipi School, we use School Docs who provide robust, comprehensive policies and procedures for schools that are created with expert input and are regularly reviewed. Over 1800 schools throughout New Zealand use School Docs, and each Policy is rigorously reviewed by their team and complies with, and links to, legislative requirements/laws. Additionally, our School Board utilise the specialised content management system and School Docs guidance to tailor the policies to our school. Once the policies are set by the School Board, the Principal and Staff are required to abide by them. These are then reviewed in line with the School Docs regular review cycle. Our School Board Policies are accessible online for anyone to view and provide feedback on, <https://motupipi.schooldocs.co.nz/> (username motupipi, password motupipi).

The School Board will advertise Policies up for renewal and request parent/caregiver feedback. Please keep an eye out in Hero notices and the School Newsletter to be involved in providing this valuable feedback. We look forward to communicating with you each School Newsletter and discussing any reviews or changes made to School Policies.

Ngā mihi,
Abbie Langford, Presiding Member
On behalf of the Motupipi School Board





Registrations Are Open

The 2023/2024 season will start on Tuesday the 24th October with the possibility of group testing the week before.

If you have more than one swimmer please register them all at once for the discount to be applied.

If you have any problems registering/logging in please email gbswimming@gmail.com

STEAM TĀKAKA HOLIDAY FUN

Monday 25 September : 11.00am – 12.00pm	Juliet Cooper author visit
Tuesday 26 September : 10.30am – 11.30am	Spring Fun
Wednesday 27 September : 10.30am – 12.00pm	Van Gough Community art project
Thursday 28 September : 2.00pm – 3.00pm	Lego® STEM event
Tuesday 3 October : 10.00am – 12.00pm	Smart Art event
Wednesday 4 October : 11.00am – 12.00pm	Learn about NZ native Wildlife
Thursday 5 October : 2.00pm – 4.00pm	STEAM Fun
Friday 6 October 11.00am – 12.00pm	Linda Jane Keegan's book launch

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Spring Holiday Programme!
25th-29th September 2023 @ Motupipi School

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

Monday 25th – Lego Trains Day!
World famous at Bricks in the Bay, Woot-Woot!!

Tuesday 26th – Lego Challenge Day!
New challenges to test yourself!

Wednesday 27th – Lego Stop Motion Day!
Let your movie creativity run wild!

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

2023 EXHIBITION

GOLDEN BAY HIGH SCHOOL HALL 20TH - 29TH OCTOBER

ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE FROM SCHOOL OFFICES & THE LIBRARY

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