



# Motupipi

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Panui / Newsletter December 2023

#### PRINCIPAL'S KÖRERO

Kia ora tatou e te whānau,

As the 2023 school year draws to a close, I hope you all have plans to enjoy the silly season with your whānau and take the time to rest and revitalise yourselves. It has been a privilege to work alongside you all and support you in my role as Principal.

The Staff and Students should be very proud of the successes and achievements this year. It was great to have so many parents/caregivers/whānau attend our End of Year Celebration Assembly recently. We really appreciate you attending. Our tamariki worked really hard to wow you with their groovy dancing skills. Thanks for sharing & celebrating with us! We also enjoyed meeting with most of you for our Learning Celebrations where we discussed your child/ren's learning, progress and achievements. What a great end to the year!

To our Year 6 students who leave for Golden Bay High School next year, congratulations on completing your primary year schooling! We reflect on how much you all have grown and matured over the years and wish you all the best as you continue your learning journey. It was amazing to celebrate your graduation at our recent Leavers Dinner, we loved seeing how much you enjoyed sipping 'champagne' from the wine flutes and counting your drinks! (don't worry, it was just sparkling grape juice!). A huge thank you to Fi Whiting from Black Swan Botanicals (Jett's Mum) for the incredible installation in the Motupipi Hall, it looked stunning and created the perfect backdrop for a night to remember. Another special thank you to Chef Rob Housley (Hendrix/Nico's Dad) for the delicious two course meal, we were spoiled to be able to choose and personalise our dinners. Thanks also to our helpers Abbie and Rachel H who made sure things ran smoothly 'out the back' in the kitchen. Don't be strangers Year 6's - we will see you around and can't wait to hear of your achievements and progress!

The end of the school year also has us farewell a long serving staff member, Jodie Grant, as she pursues her passions in her private tuition, private music teaching and drama teaching (DramaLab). Jodie's Farewell yesterday was a beautiful occasion to celebrate and acknowledge Jodie's contribution and dedication to the school over the past 23 years. It was great to have past students arrive and current and past parents/caregivers and staff attend to celebrate and farewell Jodie. Our students made cards for Jodie and sang her songs to farewell her. We know Jodie will hold Motupipi School in a special place in her heart, as will we. We look forward to seeing Jodie back in a relieving capacity at times and wish her all the very best.

From our whānau, to your whānau - Mere Kirihimete, best wishes and may you have a happy, healthy and successful new year full of aroha and laughter. For those who are returning, we can't wait to see you on Friday 2nd February, 2024. Time for a recharge for all of us!

Ngā mihi,

Rachel Evans



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Pippa, Tomer, Willow, Hendrix, Gracie M, and Eve, who have all celebrated birthdays recently.



### Welcome!

Welcome to Tali who has started school in Room 1, and Olaf who has started in Room 5. We also welcome our new visitors, Esme, Savi, Tiago, Leo, and Rover. We are so happy you're here!

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

15 Dec Term 4 finishes at 12..30pm

2 Feb Term 1 2024 starts

6 Feb Waitangi Day

29 Mar— Easter Break

2 April

12 April Pool keys due back

12 April Last day of Term 1



## 2024 TERM DATES

Term 1: 2 February—12 April

Term 2: 29 April—5 July

Term 3: 22 July —27 September

Term 4: 14 October—18 December



## Principal's Awards

Congratulations to our recent Principal's Award recipients:

Zoe, for showing resilience and trying her hardest in School Athletics

Evalyn, consistently trying her hardest in all her learning

Danny, for displaying great attitude and energy in dance lessons

## Ka pai tō mahi!

Congratulations to the following students awarded certificates at our recent assemblies

Room 1: Zoe, Danny, Tali, Mori

Room 2: Sophia S, James, Joel

Room 4: William, Fern, Amara, Albi

Room 5: Karter, Ryder, Sam Lo, Gracie C

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





# Year 6 Graduates

We had a wonderful evening at our Year 6 Graduates dinner. This year our graduates are Mori, Evalyn, Tarn, Sam, Kya, Odinn, Hendrix, Danny, Jett, and Paige. We were entertained by performances, and fond memories of their time at Motupipi School. We will miss having them around next year, but know they are prepared and ready for high school! Good luck out there, we know you will do great!

At the Graduate dinner, the two Motupipi prestigious awards were presented—Hendrix for Sportsmanship, and Mori for Citizenship. Both fully embody what it takes to earn these awards—we are so proud of them and they are very deserving recipients. Congratulations Hendrix and Mori!





# End of Year Assembly

We had a wonderful End of Year Assembly this year, with the students performing their dance that they have been practising this term, as well as our end of year prizegiving. A big thank you to the students and staff for putting on such an entertaining show—it was great to see such a great turn out from whānau and friends. A great end to the year!







**Room 1 Awards:**

Outstanding Academic Achievement: Jett  
 Outstanding Academic Achievement: Marlee  
 Outstanding Improvement in Learning: Evalyn  
 Exception Strength in School Values: Frankie

**Room 4 Awards:**

Outstanding Academic Achievement: Hazel  
 Outstanding Academic Achievement: Eve  
 Outstanding Improvement in Learning: Tilly  
 Exceptional Strength in School Values & Leadership: Adelyn



**Room 2 Awards:**

Outstanding Academic Achievement: Maia  
 Outstanding Academic Achievement: Ziv  
 Outstanding Improvement in Learning: James  
 Exception Strength in School Values & Leadership: Ila

**Room 5 Awards:**

Dedicated & Committed Learner: Fern  
 Dedicated & Committed Learner: Riffen  
 Dedicated & Committed Learner: Chloe  
 Exceptional Strength in School Values & Leadership: Aliana





# Jodie's Farewell Assembly

After 23 years teaching at Motupipi School, Jodie has decided to embark on a new journey. We held a special community lunch and assembly to celebrate her, she will be very missed at Motupipi School. Classes all presented her with special cards and artwork, sung songs, and speeches were read out from past principals and colleagues. There were many laughs and a few tears! Jodie touched the lives of many tamariki and whānau during her time here—we wish her well on her new journey—we are sure this won't be the last we see of her here! Good luck, Jodie!





# WAINUI TRIP

Our school trip to Wainui was fantastic! Room 2 did a rubbish survey along the beach and we picked up any rubbish that we could find. We did that to help scientists. Room 4 did a marine survey and Room 5 made letters with things they found on the beach. Room 1 walked all the way to Taupo Point. The bus drive was about half an hour long. We were at Wainui for a whole day.

Written by Maia





# Room 1 Sailing

On Friday in Week 7 Room 1 had the opportunity to go to the Boat Club to learn how to handle and sail an Optimist boat. An Optimist boat is a small boat with a triangular sail rig. We had an awesome time on the water but unfortunately there weren't enough boats for us all so we split into groups. One group was on the water and the other was building boats out of tin foil, cardboard and tape. We brought the boats we made back to school race in the pool- Rātā's was the winner. All in all it was an amazing experience for all.

Written by Hendrix.



# Scrabble tournament

On Thursday the 16th of November Motupipi School hosted the Golden Bay Scrabble Tournament with Collingwood Area School, Takaka Primary School and one homeschooler. Motupipi School came second place much to the excitement of the Room 1 class.

A big thanks to Murray for organising the tournament and coming in every Wednesday to teach us the rules of scrabble.

The whole scrabble team loved everything and enjoyed the great laughs at practice, and also enjoyed the fierce competition.

Written by Sam and Jett

