



# Motupipi

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Panui / Newsletter November 2023

Since our last School Newsletter we have enjoyed an amazing Mega Spring Plant Sale run by our Fundraising Committee. A special thanks to our organising team of Abbie, Pip and Teresa and many others who helped make the event such a success with a bumper profit of over \$12,000. Thank you also for your support of the Book Fair which has raised just on \$500 worth of credits which we will use to buy library books in the new year. Kau mau te wehi!

As a school we acknowledge with sadness the passing of Eric Lander (Matua Eric) who was a highly regarded community member and staff member at Golden Bay High School. Matua Eric was a regular feature on our whole school trips to Wainui to visit our school's adopted section. Eric was also involved with Project Janszoon and supporting our Abel Tasman Youth Ambassador students. Eric was an incredible man. We are all devastated by the hole he leaves in our community. 'Kua hinga te tōtara i te wao nui a Tāne - a great tōtara has fallen in Tāne's forest'.

We have been enjoying exploring Dance this term as part of our Arts Alive Inquiry Unit. It has been great to have the incredible Milo Haigh running Dance workshops throughout the school over the past few weeks. We look forward to sharing with you our class dances at our end of year Celebration Assembly on Thursday 7th December, 1pm in the Motupipi Hall.

Currently Students and Teachers are gathering information on student learning and progress. We look forward to sharing this with you towards the end of the year. Keep an eye out on Hero to make a booking for upcoming Learning Celebrations which will take place on 5th and 6th of December.

Congratulations to our 'Scrabblers' who recently represented our school at the inter school Scrabble Tournament, earning a respectable 2nd place. Special thank you to Murray Rogers for the time taken to tutor and support our students in the terms leading up. We appreciate his volunteer time to enrich the vocabulary of our Y5/6 Scrabble students.

Lovely to see so many of you turning up to support our students at School Athletics recently. It was a great opportunity to showcase skills learned this term and compete in a friendly environment. Unfortunately for Rooms 1 and 2 students (and some seven year olds) the Golden Bay Schools Athletics event (interschools) was cancelled due to weather conditions.

We enjoyed a great Teacher Only Day on Monday 13th November with Staff involved in furthering our knowledge of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Cultural Responsiveness and the impending NZ Curriculum changes. Thank you for your support in keeping your children home during this MOE Teacher Only Day.

A reminder that Pool Keys are on sale if you would like to purchase one to access the pool after school, over the weekend and in the school holidays. The pool will be open for key holders until April 12th, 2024. We offer school whānau a discounted price on purchasing a key - see the Office if you are interested.

Here's to an amazing last four weeks of school!  
Ngā mihi,  
Rachel Evans



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Kya P, Sam Lo, Ziv, Karter, Sophia M, Bodhi, Arli, Sophia S, George, Elisa, John, Maisy, Amara and Joseph who have all celebrated birthdays recently.



## Welcome!

Welcome to Kya P, Sam Lo, and Karter who have started school in Room 5, and Kenzie who has started in Room 4. We are so happy you're here!

## WAINUI TRIP

Our whole school will be going to Wainui on Thursday the 23rd of October. We are in need of some parent volunteers for transport and supervision. We would love to have your help in making this happen!

Please fill out the Hero survey or contact the school office if you are available to help.



## 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. Parking in the bike lane also makes it hazardous for the people turning out from the parking spots as they cannot see the traffic coming.

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 community safe!

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

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| 23 Nov  | Whole School Wainui trip                          |
| 24 Nov  | R1 Sailing trip                                   |
| 1 Dec   | Roller Disco                                      |
| 5&6 Dec | Learning Celebrations                             |
| 7 Dec   | End of Year Assembly 1-3pm                        |
| 13 Dec  | Year 6 Leavers Dinner                             |
| 15 Dec  | School finishes at 12.30pm—<br>Last Day of Term 4 |
| 2 Feb   | First Day of Term 1 2024                          |
| 6 Feb   | Waitangi Day                                      |



## Principal's Awards

Congratulations to our recent Principal's Award recipients:

April, for a great start back to term and great maturity shown

Hazel, for her smiley nature and great attitude towards her learning

Poppy, for her kindness and generosity running a charity stall

Odinn, for the huge shifts in respect and responsibility that he has been displaying

Karter, showing a positive attitude towards school and showing resilience in learning

## Ka pai tō mahi!

Congratulations to the following students awarded certificates at our recent assemblies

Room 1: Evalyn, Sophia M, Ra, Paige, Hendrix

Room 2: Sam La, Tilly, Sophia S, James, Eve, Stella, Isaac, Willow, Maia

Room 4: Maisy, Hailie, Amara, Nina, Lachie, Oskar, Joseph, Beau

Room 5: Frieda, Aliana, Kya P, Karter, Sam Lo, Riffen, Chloe, Ryder, Catoo, Liam

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



## Book Fair

A big thank you to all who came and supported our book fair—thanks to your purchases, we have earned \$500 in points to use towards new books for our library!

We look forward to being able to select some much requested books in the new year.



# TIDYING UP FOR THE END OF THE YEAR



## LOST PROPERTY

We have a small mountain of lost property on the deck of Room 3. Please come and take a look in the next week or so. There are many good quality items that we are sure would like to find their way home.

We are also on the hunt for a volunteer who would be able to wash and dry any unclaimed items, ready to be donated to Trash Palace. Please contact Pip if this could be you!

## BOOKS AND SPORTS SHIRTS

We would love to have back all our library books, reading books, and sports shirts. If these could please be hunted down and returned to school before the end of term, we would very much appreciate it! This is especially important for the Year 6 students.





Friday Dec. 1st  
4.30 - 6.30

# .. Roller Disco!



**\*\*Great courses\*\***  
Roller skates and scooters welcome  
Please wear a helmet!

Food stalls  
Sausage sizzle and snacks




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Entry: Gold coin donations  
Motupipi school fundraiser



# What's been happening in Room 1

## Swimming

We have finally started swimming and we have been doing a little bit of lessons and diving. We also have free swimming- lots of people enjoy the free swims!

## Sailing

Everyone is excited to get in the boats and give sailing in week 7. Lots of us have never tried it before. Paige thinks it's going to be super splashy while Frankie thinks it will be fun and entertaining. Mori said, "it's a great learning opportunity."

## Athletics

The whole school has recently been practising athletics! We've been doing high jump, long jump, sprints, and vortex! For high jump the Room 1 kids have been aiming to jump as high as 1 metre! Frankie says "high jump is super fun, and that every time you jump you can see how high you made it." Long jump has been really fun and challenging. Jett says, "long jump is good for exercise." We have been working on strategies on how to throw vortexes. Rata says, "throwing vortexes is fun because it's like shooting an arrow in the sky." Sprints have been super great and tiring! We've been running 400 metre runs and doing the 100 metre sprints. Athletics is great fun for kids and adults.

## Book Club

We have been working on book clubs for 1 and half terms now. Book club is a time to read together and improve our reading skills. When Room 1 goes into the book clubs, we all get a card that reminds us what to do. There are different roles, like summariser, questioner, predictor, or leader. This gives us all some leadership and responsibility. It is really fun, entertaining and interesting. We've all read lots of different novels now.

## Dance

Recently we have been practising dance with Rata and Riffen's mum, Milo. We have been doing dances through the ages, so far we looked at eras like 1920/1910. We've been practising dances like, the twist, monster mash, the turtle shell. Paige says, "I enjoy dance because you can move your body the way you want to" and Frankie says, "I like dancing because it's really fun." We are busy creating a dance routine for the end of year assembly- we can't wait to share it with you!

## Story Writing

Room 1 has been practising creative writing. Recently we wrote down 4 numbers out of ten, one number was the main character, next was the setting, the rest were items. We all thought this idea was really fun and challenging. Some people got some really bizarre settings and characters! Like dragon hunter and a firefighter, and an attic and a satellite or wonder socks. We really enjoy creative writing as we get to use our imaginations!

It's shaping up to be a busy Term 4!

Written by Frankie, Rātā, Paige and Jett.



# What's new in Room 2?

Room 2 have been getting creative writing narratives. We have focused on the structure of narratives and using descriptive vocabulary to add detail and interest. In Maths we have been applying our number strategies to problems involving measurement and revisiting addition and subtraction strategies.

Our playhouse is looking amazing. We have a few more coats to add. If you are able to come and help with the last few coats please get in touch. We would appreciate the help.

Athletics training has been our focus for P.E. The students have enjoyed all the running, jumping and throwing, taking care to refine their technique. It was great to see everyone giving it a go on Athletics Day.

Swimming has been happening regularly. The students assure me that it is much warmer when it is cold and raining, so out we go! Our focus has been revisiting techniques learnt at the beginning of the year as well as regaining our swim fitness.

We have also enjoyed 3 sessions with Milo from Little Funkers. She has been getting us to explore different dance and helping us become more confident within ourselves. We look forward to performing for you at the end of the year.



## Room 4's Garden

First we got a pair of gardening gloves each. We got some seeds from Tilly's mum, we got tomatoes, celery, carrots, beetroot and lettuce seeds.

We planted the seeds in little pots that we decorated. We waited and waited for them to sprout.

We pulled out the weeds from our garden and raked it flat. Then we dug holes and we got the seedlings and planted them in the garden. We make sure they are watered.

This week we had a nice surprise and had been given Tomato plants and lettuce from Teresa (Joel's Mum). We can't wait to eat them!

Written by Hazel, Adelyn, Amara, Beau and Maisy



# Room 5—What's Up!

Room five has been enjoying the warmer weather and making the most of it with many pool sessions. We have also been practicing for the athletic sports that we had last week. We now know how to run fast in straight lines, to jump very far and high and to throw a ball as far as we can!

As well as swimming and athletics we have started practicing a dance we will perform at the end of the year. We are enjoying moving our bodies to music to create meaning in a song.

We are always learning more about letters and their use. Recently making popcorn for 'p' jelly for 'j' and rainbow sprinkles for 'r' helped us alot!



## Mega Spring Plant Sale

At the end of October we had our annual Mega Spring Plant Sale—another very successful year! We managed to raise over \$12,000 which is a HUGE amount for our school. We are hoping to be able to purchase some new sports and/or playground gear and will keep you updated.

A tremendous thank you to the main organiser, Teresa, without who we wouldn't have been able to hold the plant sale this year. You deserve a medal for your months of hard work! Thanks also to Pip & Abbie who assisted with the organising, and Kathy and Dom for running the café. All of the other parent volunteers on the Friday and Saturday, and all of the people in the school and wider community who

grew and donated plants for the event—we literally couldn't have done this without you! We appreciate everyone who had a hand in making this event happen—it makes such a huge difference to our school and what we can provide our tamariki.







The Golden Bay A&P Show is on Sat 20 January 2024

**Entries close on Sat 9 December 2023**

Competitions for Horses, Pets, Poultry, Vegetables, Baking, Crafts, Photography and **special classes for Under 15 yrs.**

Schedule of classes available at NBS, PGG Wrightson, Rural Service Centre, Collingwood Motors and Langford Store

**Online schedule and entries now available;**

<https://showday.online/show/goldenbay>

(Section 11 for under 15 yrs)

Contact Anita (03) 5258177 / [goldenbayshow@gmail.com](mailto:goldenbayshow@gmail.com)

**If you entered in the Boys & Girls show on 4 Nov 2023 you can enter those same things in our BIG show**

## Tess' Place school holiday childcare



- Summer holiday dates: 18-22 Dec, 15-31 Jan
- Monday to Friday, 8.45am - 3pm
- Central location at at 9A Rototai Road
- Tess the Clown fun on 18 Dec and 15 Jan

### Tess' Place feedback -

"My daughter absolutely loved her first day and came home buzzing from a day packed with simple fun things that kids love to do." - *Alix*

**Book with Tess James: [tess.james@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tess.james@xtra.co.nz), 027 362 5598**



Nelson Bays Primary Health  
Hauora Matua ki Te Tai Aorere

## Free Community Wellbeing Workshops

Please come along and enjoy a cuppa and kai with us!

**Anxiety Management  
Thoughts & Feelings  
Grief & Loss  
Conflict Resolution  
Building Healthy Relationships  
Boundaries**

Golden Bay Workcentre  
84 Commercial Street, Tākaka 7110  
Thursday 30 November 2023  
10.00am - 3.00pm

Register your interest at:  
Phone: 03 525 0060  
Email: [receptiongb@nbph.org.nz](mailto:receptiongb@nbph.org.nz)

Facilitated by:  
Vicky Bryant,  
Mental Health Clinician/Counsellor



## Being a CONFIDENT, CONNECTED DAD

The Dads Programme supports Dads to learn skills, tools, and insights to be a confident, connected, and compassionate parent:

### Topics can include:

- Fatherhood - the challenges and joys
  - Parenting styles
  - Lifestyle balance with kids
- Emotions and mental wellbeing for dads
- Relationship with mum and whānau
- The role of play and discipline
  - Safety and security
  - Stress
  - Brain development
  - And more

### WHO:

Any man in a parenting role is welcome. Whether you're a dad to a newborn, toddler, or youth.

Dads can be:

- birth fathers
- stepfathers
- foster fathers
- non-biological fathers
- carers
- men working to gain access to their children

Session 1 - 14th November  
Session 2 - 28th November  
Session 3 - 12th December

5:30pm - 7:30pm  
Address: Mohua Social Services, 88 Commercial Street

### Contact:

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