



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday 20 May

Quiz Night

Wednesday 26 May

RideOn Catch up for Tui, Hoiho,
Kea and Kakapo Classes

**Monday 31 May - Thursday 3
June**

Year 8 Leadership Camp -
Hanmer Springs

Friday 4 June

Teacher Only Day

Monday 7 June

Queens Birthday Holiday

Tuesday 8 June

Moutere Hills Senior Cross
Country - Years 4-8

Thursday 17 June

Moutere Hills Junior Cross
Country - Years 0 - 3

Friday 18 June

Motueka District Cross Country
for selected students - Year 4 - 8

Monday 21 June

Middle Syndicate trip to
Stephens Bay - Marine Life
Study

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou,

Thank you to the parents who have supported with transport for the Year 8 Whenua Iti Leadership Programme and the mountain biking relay at Tapawera. This support is vital to offering the extra opportunities to our students. It was unfortunate that the weather disrupted the Ride On workshops. A new date has been set for Wednesday 26th May in Week 4 for Tui, Hoiho, Kea and Kakapo classes and on Tuesday 16th June in Week 7.

Please find an assembly schedule within the newsletter. Next week Ruru Class will be hosting the assembly. We are going to try an inside assembly. Parents will be seated near the glass doors between Ruru Class and Weka Class. We ask that any late parent arrivals please come through Weka Class to join our assemblies, as we are going to set things up differently to how we have done this in the past.

Thank you for supporting with our teacher only day last week. This was a valuable session for our teachers on Structured Literacy with Christine Braid from Massey University and it was great to have Mapua School staff join us for the professional development. During the middle of this week a parent information session was held for the parents of Tui and Kea classes who have children working with the Better Start Literacy Approach based upon research from Canterbury University. This Structured Literacy approach relates directly to training that Jude Aikenhead and Sue Shand are undertaking this year. Thank you for making the time to attend this session. Hoiho Class has students working with resources from Liz Kane Literacy which utilise decodable texts. Liz Kane is another valued expert in the Structured Literacy approach.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONTINUED...

Both experts have shared their knowledge of the Science of Reading with staff. Ally Nicholls, Chris Henderson and I attended training with Liz Kane last term and a Structured Literacy programme is also in place for the students in Hoiho Class for whom this approach is most beneficial. Ally has not undertaken the same Better Start Literacy Approach training due to the availability of places and the workload that she already has with another piece of professional development. Across both Kea and Hoiho classes there will be students who are working at a level beyond decodable texts. Their writing and spelling will still have elements from a Structured Literacy approach embedded in their writing programmes with support from 'The Code' by Liz Kane as a skeleton document to guide the programme. This is advice that we've confirmed with both Christine Braid and Liz Kane.

That all said, there have been structured programmes of work in the school for a good period of time through the use of Lexia, Steps Web and the Yolanda Soryl and Frogs phonics programmes of work, as well as the wealth of knowledge our experienced teachers bring to the school. The key resource that has been missing from our school and most New Zealand schools until relatively recently has been decodable texts. The group of schools who have adopted this approach at an earlier stages have needed to import decodable texts from overseas publishers or have received funded support through pilot programmes. Last year we purchased decodable texts from Little Learners Love Literacy via Liz Kane Literacy and Sunshine decodables to explore alternative intervention strategies. These resources have been further supplemented by the Ministry of Education Ready to Read Phonics Plus texts that have been released this year.

With any new initiative, there is still work to be done to embed the professional development learning and find the pathway that is going to work best for the students of our school in our learning context. We've had a pattern of producing results well above New Zealand averages and this was confirmed by the Education Review Office (ERO) in 2018. Results have continued to remain at the same high levels in the years since. The professional development that we've undertaken is to further diversify our teacher knowledge with a goal of accelerating progress for our most at risk learners in the area of literacy.

Should you have any questions please email your teacher directly or if you are just genuinely interested in the work we've done and the resources we've committed to purchasing I'm happy to meet with you and share examples of these.

Ngā mihi nui,

Rob

COMMUNITY COMMENT ...

Weekly Community Comment - Term 2 Week 3 2021 - Monday 17th - Friday 21st Haratua / May

Weekly School Goal: Being self-aware and demonstrating kindness to others

Key points for this week:

Monday / Rahina 17th

- Rob in meeting with MOE at 11:30am
- Hui at 1:30pm
- Staff meeting at 3:15pm

Tuesday / Rātu 18th

- Jude is out for CRT 9am - 11:45am - Kieley to cover Tui Class
- Ally is out for CRT 11:45am - 3pm - Kieley to cover Hoiho Class
- Lisa is out for day off

Wednesday / Rāapa 19th

- Rob is out for meeting and pōwhiri - Cate is in Weka Class
- Maia is out for day off - Melanie is in Kereru Class

Thursday / Rāpare 20th

- Sue is out for day off - Melanie is in Kea Class
- Cate is out for day off - Rob is in Weka Class
- Hayden is out for Beginning Teacher release - Cindy is in Kakapo Class

Friday / Rāmāre 21st

- Jude is out for day off - Cindy is in Tui Class
- Maia out for Enviroschools course - Melanie to cover
- Levity Beet workshop for Junior Syndicate in the morning
- Assembly at 2:30pm - Ruru Class

Upcoming information

- Ride On catch up - Tui, Hoiho, Kea and Kakapo - Wednesday 26th May (Term 2, Week 4)
- Year 8 Leadership Camp at Hanmer Springs - Mon 31st May - Thu 3rd June (Term 2, Week 5)
- Teacher only day for Motueka Kāhui Ako professional development - Fri 4th June (Term 2, Week 5)
- Queen's Birthday public holiday - school closed - Monday 7th June (Term 2, Week 6)
- Moutere Hills Senior Cross Country Years 4 - 8 - Tuesday 8th June (Term 2, Week 6)
- Ride On catch up - Year 7/8 - Tuesday 15th June (Term 2, Week 7)
- Moutere Hills Junior Cross Country Years 0 - 3 - Thursday 17th June (Term 2, Week 7)
- Motueka District Cross Country for selected students Year 4 - 8 - Friday 18th June (Term 2, Week 7)
- Middle Syndicate Stephens Bay trip for marine life study - Monday 21st June (Term 2, Week 8)
- Book Week - Mon 21st - Fri 25th June (Term 2, Week 8) (Dress up day on Fri 25th June)
- Ruru and Weka Suter Gallery Trip - Mon 28th June (Term 2, Week 9)
- Gymnastic Festival B Grade - Wed 30th June (Term 2, Week 9)
- Gymnastics Festival A Grade - Thu 1st July (Term 2, Week 9)

ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE ...

Week	Class Presenting
Week 3 Friday 21st May	Ruru Class
Week 4 Friday 28th May	Weka Class
Week 5 Friday 4th June	Teacher only day - school closed
Week 6 Friday 11th June	Tui/Hoiho/Kea - Junior Assembly
Week 7 Friday 18th June	Kereru Class
Week 8 Friday 25th June	Book Week quiz - no assembly
Week 9 Friday 2nd July	Kakapo Class
Week 10 Friday 9th July	No assembly

Tasman School Fundraising Committee Quiz Night - 20th of May (next Thursday)

Starting at 7.30pm at the Motueka Sprig and Fern. Always a popular night out! Please come along and bring some friends and family for a fun night!!

Grow or Give Your Livestock for The Rescue Helicopter

The rescue chopper can be the difference between life and death for our rural communities. Remote and hard to reach properties are easily accessible for our crew, we can either land on your property or winch you to safety.

We have teamed up with PGG Wrightson we are wanting farmers to offer to raise one or more of our 'chopper calves' along with their own herds, under normal farming practices for 1-2 years. PGG Wrightson will purchase the calves on the farmer's behalf and on sale, the proceeds will go directly to our vital rescue service.

It won't cost farmers anything! But it could help to save their lives and will help to save lives in the rural community.

Here is the webpage with more information about the initiative

<https://www.heli Rescue.co.nz/livestock/>

Healthy Smiles

Fluoride strengthens and protects teeth. These toothpastes contain the recommended amount of fluoride.

1000 ppm



1450 ppm



1000 parts per million fluoride strength is equivalent to 0.22% sodium fluoride.

Brush with at least 1000ppm fluoride toothpaste for 2 minutes twice a day to avoid tooth decay.



Under 6 years: use a smear of toothpaste.



From 6 years: use a pea sized amount.

Just spit, don't rinse!