

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday 20 November

Teacher Only Day

Friday 24 November

Year 7/8 Summer Sports
Tournament

Wednesday 13 December

Final Assembly / Prizegiving -
6.00 pm start

Wednesday 20 December

Last Day of School - 12.30 pm
finish.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou,

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who supported us with transport, timing and supervision at the Moutere Hills Athletics yesterday. It was a very successful day for our students in terms of attitude and participation, but also a successful day in terms of the results. Well done to all of our students. Here are the results from the day:

- Peace Shield - fastest student in the school 200m - Joel Stobie 1st place
- RSA Cup - second fastest student in the school 200m - Winston Palmer 1st place
- Taylor Martin trophy - fastest girl in the school 100m - Safia Armitage 2nd place
- Junior baton relay - Jensie Beloe, Xavier Johnstone, Hunter Manuge, Gus Stobie - 1st place
- Senior baton relay - Safia Armitage, Matt Ellis, Winston Palmer, Joel Stobie - 1st place
- Junior ball relay - Jansie Beloe, Reef Fenn, Alfie Forster, Thomas Genet, Xavier Johnstone, Hunter Manuge, Elysa Orchiston, Gus Stobie - 2nd place
- Senior ball relay - Safia Armitage, Luc Burer, Matt Ellis, Florence Forster, Daniel Hall, Lucy Johnstone, Winston Palmer, Joel Stobie - 1st place
- (The ball relay results combine, meaning we share the cup with Māpua School as the results were reversed between the junior and senior events)
- Highest average points for school 10 years and under sprints - 1st place
- Highest average points for school 10 years and over sprints - 1st place

FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONTINUED...

Thank you to our adult helpers for managing teams at the Hira School Year 5/6 Football Tournament last Friday. The students had a great day and appreciate your efforts to get them there.

Sue Shand's new position for next year will have raised some questions for 2024. The position won't be replaced as our school roll has decreased from previous years. This means that our Ministry of Education staffing entitlement has been reduced. Our staff have been in the middle of a surplus staffing situation which has meant that one of the permanent teaching positions was in the process of being disestablished. I would like to recognise our teaching staff for the level of professionalism and care they have shown for each other in a very uncomfortable situation. Sue's promotion was one to celebrate last week, but this week we need to recognise that this was a professional growth move that has assisted us to retain our other permanent teachers.

These roll growth changes do happen from time to time and a number of local schools seem to be having larger cohorts of Year 8 students finishing and smaller intakes of new entrant students. I know that when I first arrived at Tasman School as Deputy Principal as Year 6/7/8 teacher in mid-2013, our student numbers were around 70 children. As a school we have been impacted directly by home-schooling applications in response to COVID-19 mandates (more so than other local schools) and it is also fair to say that house property prices have also increased significantly which can make it challenging for families with young children to move into the area.

In regards to 2024 classroom placements and teacher placements, we are not in a firm position to confirm how this will look at this point. I'm mulling over a couple of combinations of staff whilst also addressing class lists and the best fit for the students. I will aim to have these distributed by Friday December 8th, but even this is earlier than what many schools present to their community. Potential class sizes are not looking too dissimilar to this year. In reality, our roll size this year should have actually meant five classrooms. The fact that we were able to be creative with our Ministry of Education staffing entitlement has meant that we were able to stretch to six classrooms.

We are just waiting for our water test result for the swimming pool from the Cawthron Institute. It is likely we'll receive this later today. With this in mind we suggest that all students look at packing their swimming togs, towel and goggles from the start of next week as the swimming pool will be open in some form for the students.

A reminder that school is closed on Monday as we are holding a teacher only day. This is a fairly similar theme across most primary schools in the region.

Ngā mihi nui,

Rob

Principal's Weekly Comment

Weekly Community Comment - Term 4 Week 7 2023 - Monday 20th - Friday 24th November / Whiringa-ā-rangi

"Mahia i runga i te rangimārie me te ngākau māhaki"

- *With a peaceful heart we will always get the best results`*

Weekly School Goal: *Being self-aware learners who carefully consider the impact their decisions have on themselves and the wider community*

Key points for this week:

Monday / Rahina 20th

- Teacher only day - school is closed

Tuesday / Rātu 21st

- Cate is out for assessment work 9am - 11:45am - Cindy is in Weka Class
- Maia is out for assessment work 11:45am - 3pm - Cindy is in Kererū Class

Wednesday / Rāapa 22nd

- Maia is out for day off - Melanie is in Kererū Class
- Cate is out for day - Rob is in Weka Class
- Sue is out for assessment work - 9am - 11:45am - Cindy is in Kea Class
- Alex is out for CRT - 11:45am - 3pm - Cindy is in Ruru Class

Thursday / Rāpare 23rd

- Hayden is out for CRT - 9am - 11:45am - Cindy is in Kākāpō Class
- Ally is out for CRT - 11:45am - 3pm - Cindy is in Tūi Class
- Kāhui Ako all in meeting at Lower Moutere School - 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Friday / Rāmāre 24th

- Year 7/8 Summer Sports Tournament

Upcoming dates

Term 4

- Final Assembly / Prizegiving - Wednesday 13th December (Term 4, Week 10)
- Last day of school - finishing at 12:30pm - Wednesday 20th December (Term 4, Week 11)

Class Awards

Class:	Stars of the week:	Lexia:
Tūī	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hunter Bensemman	Summer Ponikly
Kea	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jude Talley	Felicity Dubbelman
Kākāpō	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Toby Alleyne	
Kererū	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• -	
Weka	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emma Orchiston	
Ruru	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lilja Campbell	
Principal's Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• -	

Sport Achievement - Joel Stobie

Recently, Joel has represented Nelson in two sports. First he went to the South Island U13 Basketball tournament where they came 4th after a narrow loss in the semi finals to eventual winners Canterbury.

Also, recently Joel played for Nelson in the U13 Volleyball team that went on a Canterbury tour. They played five Year 9/10 College teams over two days including the likes of St Andrews College and Shirley Boys and despite playing older and bigger teams came away with a 3 win, 2 loss record.



Marahau Camp

Massive bananas, yummy baking, and hot Milo with Oreos.

An awesome but exhausting walk to Anchorage.

Ridiculous make-up on Alex for the talent show.

A not-so-awesome sleeping set up.

Huge jellyfish swimming under your paddle board.

A refreshing swim at Anchorage for the brave-hearted.

Ugh!! - a dead blue penguin floating on the water.

Competitive raft building with Whenua-Iti instructors.

Amazing glow-worms shining in the dark cave.

Mudflats - home to a starfish sanctuary and heaps of hermit crabs.

Playing sponge-tag on paddle boards.

By Year 6, Weka

Football Tournament



Athletics Day







Motueka A&P Association Show presents

Student Competitions

Sections includes:

- Photography.
- Three Homemade biscuits.
- Design a Card.
- Lego Creation- (no more than 30cm).
- Any Hand craft or Hobby.
- Decorated Rock.
- Vegetable Creations (combine imagination & vegetable to create something amazing).
- Poultry.
- Pet Section.
- Dog Show (at 1pm).
- Sand Saucer.
- Floating Bowl.
- Health Lunch Box.
- Cupcake decorating (cupcakes/muffins can be brought or homemade, judging is just on the decorating)

For more info or entire form check out the student competition schedule at <https://motuekashow.co.nz>

Entries to be submitted on Show

Day 7:30 – 9am

or Wed, Thur, Friday in the week leading up to the show 3pm - 4:30pm... at Marchwood Park via the College Street entrance in the building to the left...

We will have printed entry forms available.

Judging commences at 9:30am
Saturday December 2nd

50c ENTRY = PRIZES: 1st \$3,
2nd \$2, 3rd \$1

-Market stalls with food, beverages and more...

Motueka
A&P
association
Show

December 2nd 2023

Marchwood Park Motueka

Gate Entry just \$2

Under 5 years free entry
9:30am - 4pm

-Wood choppers

-Equestrian events

-Free children play
area

-Rides and Amusements...
vintage merry-go round

-live Entertainment

-Animal nursery/ petting zoo

-Arts, crafts, vegetable
competitions for all ages,
with prizes

