

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday 5th August

Netball Fundraising BBQ

Sunday 6 August

Jump Jam Competition - Year 5-8

Thursday 17 August

Year 4-6 Winter Sports Tournament

Friday 18 August

Year 7-8 Winter Sports Tournament

Tuesday 22 August

Quiz Night - Sprig N Fern Motueka

Wednesday 23 August

Student Led Conferences

Tuesday 29 August

Ski Trip

Friday 1 September

Tasman School Fundraising Association School Disco

Term 3, Week 3

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to Mason MacDonald who has started in Tūi Class this week. You are off to a great start and we wish you a successful learning journey.

Thank you to all the parents that assisted with transport and supervision in our second week of activities at Whenua Iti. These opportunities are difficult to organise and run without your support.

Congratulations to Natalie Campbell, Caleb Fenselau, Emma Orchiston and Elijah Poepjes who formed our Year 5/6 Motueka Library Book Quiz team that were placed first at the competition on Wednesday. Well done on your super effort!

The Motueka Schools' Winter Sports tournament is around the corner for our Year 4 - 8 students. Requests for transport support and supervision with teams have been sent home and it would be great to have this information back for Tuesday.

Student led conference booking sheets are due back today. If you haven't booked a timeslot, please return the notice for Monday. We'll send a draft timetable out early next week. A reminder that we will be open for lessons until 2:30pm on Wednesday 23rd August. There will be supervised play from 2:30pm until 2:55pm. You are welcome to collect your child at 2:30pm and we request prompt collection at 2:55pm as our conferences will start at 3pm.

We do have a tentative booking for a ski trip. The snow situation has improved significantly over the last few days, so paperwork for this trip will be sent home early next week.

1. To students who have parents/caregivers that can assist with transport
2. Remaining spaces will be made available based upon spare seats in cars

Ngā mihi nui,

Rob

PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY COMMUNITY COMMENT

"E kītea ai ngā taonga o te moana, me mākū koe"

- *If you seek the treasures of the ocean, you'd better get wet - (Life is for living)*

Weekly School Goal: *Being engaged learners who positively apply themselves to learning, groups with shared goals and opportunities that arise*

Key points for this week:

Monday / Rahina 7th

- School Hui at 10am
- Staff professional development at 3:30pm - Please ensure prompt collection as staff need to travel to another school

Tuesday / Rātu 8th

- Lisa is out for day off

Wednesday / Rāapa 9th

- Maia is out for day off - Melanie is in Kererū Class
- Cate is out for day off - Rob is in Weka Class
- Friday lunch orders due in for 3pm

Thursday / Rāpare 10th

- Maia is out for CRT 9am - 11:45am - Cindy is in Kererū Class
- Cate is out for Impact Coaching training 11:45am - 3pm - Cindy is in Weka Class
- Sue is in for Reading Recovery and is then out for day off - Melanie is in Kea Class

Friday / Rāmāre 11th

- Alex is out for DP Release - Cindy is in Ruru Class all day
- Fundraising BBQ - hamburgers \$5 each - orders in by Wednesday afternoon to the office
- Winter Sports practice in the afternoon for seniors

Upcoming dates

- Year 4 - 6 Winter Sports Tournament - Thursday 17th August (Term 3, Week 5)
- Year 6 - 8 Winter Sports Tournament - Friday 18th August (Term 3, Week 5)
- Student Led Conferences - Wednesday 23rd August (Term 3, Week 6)
- Ski Trip - Tuesday 29th August (Term 3, Week 7)
- Tasman School Fundraising Association - School Disco - Friday 1st September (Term 3, Week 7)
- Dance in School intensive week - 4th - 8th September (Term 3, Week 8)
- Planned dance performance evening for whānau - Friday 8th September (Term 3, Week 8)
- Pet Day / Spring Festival - Thursday 21st September (Term 3, Week 10)
- Last day of Term 3 - Friday 22nd September (Term 3, Week 10)

Term 4

- First day of Term 4 - Monday 9th October (Term 4, Week 1)
- Ruru and Weka Class - Science Roadshow - Friday 13th (Term 4, Week 1)
- Labour Day public holiday - Monday 23rd October (Term 4, Week 3)
- Year 6 - 8 Camp at Marahau - Monday 30th October Friday 3rd November (Term 4, Week 4)
- Moutere Hills Athletics - Thursday 16th November (Term 4, Week 6)
- Secondary Schools' Orientation Day for Year 8 students - Friday 17th November (Term 4, Week 6)
- Teacher only day - school closed - Monday 20th November (Term 4, Week 7)

CLASS AWARDS

Luc Burer

Lilja Campbell

Benny Grey

Caleb Fenselau

Tallulah Frost

Hugo Talley

Toby MacGregor

Eric Johnson

Carl Orchiston

William Clift

PRINCIPAL AWARD

Olive Dunn

LEXIA AWARD

Sylvie Thomas

Noah Wratt

Toby MacGregor

Sienna Fenn

Lucia Illingworth

Hunter Perry



I saw complete darkness. It was as dark as the night sky.

I smelt the fresh breeze whispering past me as a soft, sappy smell drifted behind me.

I felt the rough rope sliding smoothly on my hand. I was walking into something spiky and sharp, it was a torturous totara.

I wondered what was in front of me, where am I in the forest and where's the end?

I hear the thumping of the foot steps, the crunching of the twigs cracking and the rustling of the trees swaying in the wind.

I thought it was really fun and relaxing.

I was feeling in pain, but I also thought it was fun.



Darkness Is Falling By Jazmine

I saw complete darkness, it was as black as the night sky while I was blind folded.

I heard screaming, mostly from myself. I also managed to hear the rustling leaves in the trees and twigs noisily getting trudge on by peoples' bare feet.

I felt the rope with my quivering hands and felt trees with my face. Also, I could feel sharp sticks with spiky leaves attached while I felt my aching feet.

I thought, "Ouch!" "Ouch!" And more "Ouch!" Then I thought where on earth is everything? Whose hand is that?

Some fabulous poems from students
in Kākāpō Class about Whenua Iti.



Total Darkness

I saw complete darkness, as dark as the night sky, because I was tightly blindfolded. The blindfold trapping the darkness in.

I heard all my friends screaming, "Ouch!" And Minnie screeching "Where are you?"

I felt spiny trees prickling into my clothes, the rough rope on my hands, as well as the soft wind whispering past my covered face.

I emotionally felt nervous as well as excited mixed with curiosity, but I was determined to reach the end.

By Fleur-Ange



YEAR 5/6 MOTUEKA LIBRARY BOOK QUIZ WINNERS

Above winners
from left to right;
Natalie Campbell
Elijah Poepjes
Caleb Fenselau
Emma Orchiston



Our Classroom

By Kea Class

The broken pencil,
Screamed in horror,
As the blade of the sharpener came closer.

The comfy couch,
Smiled happily,
When the children snuggled in.

The cheeky self portraits,
Winked at each other,
Knowing how good looking they were.

The tired i-pad,
Sighed in relief,
As the charger plugged into it.

The swivelling chair,
Laughed evilly,
As it spun the teacher out of control.

The furious carpet,
Growled terrifyingly,
As the kids trampled mud into it.,

The dripping tap,
Sobbed loudly,
Because the teacher accidentally left it running.

The dramatic beanbags,
Cried out in pain,
As the children slumped into them.

The lonely standing desk,
Sulked sadly,
As it had not been used in 3 days.



**Kererū Class
at Whenua Iti
Enviro Day**

NBS SPONSORS FREE SWIMMING LESSONS FOR 140 SCHOOL CHILDREN IN NELSON TASMAN REGION

NBS, in collaboration with CLM, is proud to announce the sponsorship of two terms of free-swimming lessons for 140 school children across the Nelson-Tasman region. The initiative aims to provide invaluable opportunities for children who may not have had access to swimming tuition due to financial constraints.

As an island nation surrounded by oceans, lakes, and rivers, swimming is a fundamental skill and a national rite of passage in New Zealand. However, the country has unfortunately experienced high rates of drowning, largely due to limited access to swimming education. By offering swimming lessons at the primary school age, NBS and CLM aim to address this issue and equip children with essential water safety skills.

NBS has generously provided the financial support necessary to facilitate two terms of swimming lessons for up to 140 children in the Nelson-Tasman region. In addition, NBS has purchased 140 pairs of goggles, ensuring that each child receives the necessary equipment to enhance their swimming experience.

Nic Foster, Community Engagement Manager at NBS, emphasised the long-term value of teaching children to swim, stating, "Learning to swim is not only a fun skill, but it can also save lives by enabling individuals to navigate dangerous water situations. We are delighted to contribute to a large number of lessons for children who may otherwise never have the opportunity to learn this essential skill."

Vaughan Hope, Facility Manager at Richmond Aquatic Centre, expressed his appreciation for NBS' investment and highlighted the significant need for swimming lessons in the community. "We are dedicated to delivering high-quality swimming lessons and recognise the immense value in teaching this life-saving skill. We are extremely grateful for NBS' support, and I am confident that the children benefiting from this sponsorship will be immensely thankful for the opportunity to learn and receive free goggles," said Hope. This initiative underscores NBS' commitment to the well-being and safety of the Nelson-Tasman community. By partnering with CLM and investing in swimming lessons, NBS aims to make a lasting positive impact and help address the alarming rates of drowning in New Zealand.

NOMINATE NOW: <https://clmnz.wufoo.com/forms/xii4w2i11ir33/>



<https://www.clmnz.co.nz/swimmagic/>

Te Mamaku / Dickers' Loop - Working Bee - Volunteers Needed!

WHEN?

Saturday 12th August and Sunday 13th August.

Starting at 9:30am each day and finishing around 12 noon.

WHAT?

Planting, preparing guards and staking guards in place.

There is a job for all fitness levels and ages.

Even if you can be there for an hour or so on one of the days it would be a great help.

Many hands make light work!

WHERE?

Directions:

Access is by walking the loop from Dicker Road, or driving via the "Gravel Pit" off SH60. Park at the gravel pit and walk back towards Tasman Village for 400 meters to the site behind the gate, it will take 5-10 minutes to walk. Please be on time at the planting site as we will start with instructions for planting and plant guards.

Best access is when you drive from the North(Motueka), pass the Tasman Village exit, drive another 2.4km towards Richmond and turn left into the gravel pit which is about 50 metres uphill just after the passing lane. There is lots of parking space.

NEED?

Please bring:

- *Sturdy shoes/gumboots
- *Spades
- *Good Gloves!
- *Clothes/sun protection for the weather
- *Tea/Coffee/snacks for the smoko
- *Garden secateurs useful to cut blackberries when needed
- *Heaps of smiles!

For further information to the Te Mamaku Project please visit: <https://www.tasmancommunity.org.nz/te-mamaku-drive-ruby-bay-bypass-corridor-planting-project>

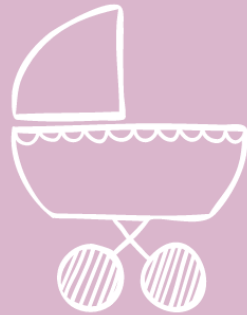
If you want regular updates on upcoming working bees, please write to michamarkertnz@gmail.com to be included in their volunteer database.

Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.





ARE YOU A BUSY PARENT?

I can babysit your kids!

Experience:

I have had all sorts of experience, ranging from ages 2-14, I have done many overnight babysitting gigs, after-school gigs, daytime gigs and so much more!

I have 4 years of experience and am well trusted as a cook, child carer and whatever else you and your family require in a babysitter!

For more information, please contact me at 02102942163 or email mianugent07@gmail.com.

QUIZ NIGHT

OUR ANNUAL QUIZ
FUNDRAISER IS COMING UP ON
THE 22ND AUGUST AT THE
MOTVEKA SPRIG AND FERN

GET A TEAM TOGETHER AND
BOOK A TABLE OR JOIN ONE
ON THE NIGHT, QUIZ PROWESS
NOT A REQUIREMENT

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
HELP ON THE NIGHT,
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