

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday 20 March

Student Goal Setting Conferences

Wednesday 22 March

Pou Unveiling - 10.00 am

Sunday 2 April

Muddy Buddy

Monday 3 April

Year 7/8 Summer Sports Tournament

Thursday 6 April

Top Team

Last Day of Term 1

Monday 24 April

Teacher Only Day

Tuesday 25 April

ANZAC Day

Wednesday 26 April

First Day of Term 2

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou,

A massive congratulations to the swimmers who participated in the Motueka Primary Schools' Swimming Sports. Thank you to parents who provided transport and encouragement to our students. Caz has indicated that the behaviour and attitude of our students was excellent. A special mention must go to these students:

- The relay team consisting of Winston Palmer, Florence Forster, Reef Fenn, Olive Dunn, Elysa Orchiston, Emma Orchiston, Lachie Cable and Zoe Stewart were placed first in the event.
- These students all qualified for a finals race: Xavier Johnstone, Kieran Short, Elysa Orchiston, Lucy Genet, Olive Dunn, Reef Fenn, Emma Orchiston, Maggie Haddon, Jessie Draper, Lucy Johnstone, Florence Forster, Winston Palmer, Alex Inglis, Safia Armitage and Maisie Butler. We are still awaiting official confirmation from the organising schools of the placing results.

This coming Monday afternoon and evening we are holding our goal-setting conferences. Many classes have a full timetable. Please ensure your time is adhered to. We will be using the school bell to end and start each interview slot. If you believe that you'll need a longer time slot, please arrange another meeting time with your child's teacher.

On Wednesday morning we will be holding a more formal event starting at 10am. Ngāti Tama are our landlord iwi and have gifted a pou to the school grounds. This will be installed at the entrance to the school from the top carpark. This will be an opportunity for our students to perform their waiata and kapa haka to members of Ngāti Tama who will be present for the unveiling. We encourage parents and caregivers who are free to attend. We also seem to be a few staff down that day for various reasons, so if there any parent volunteers free to help serve kai to our guests in the hall at 10:25am after the ceremony that would be great. We've got the food sorted, just need a hand with logistics at the time.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONTINUED ...

Thank you to all our parents and caregivers for covering Thursday due to the NZEI strike action. The key goal for our staff is to improve working conditions that benefit the learners and future staff coming into the profession of teaching. Ministry of Education funding is quite a messy situation to explain. Our current class sizes are quite small, however we are on the wrong side of an important figure in terms of pupil roll numbers. Essentially we are actually overfunded for 2023 as our school roll has started to slightly dip after numerous years of growth. Fortunately for us this year, the Ministry of Education has continued to recognise our recent growth and the teacher staffing from the Ministry of Education has been quite favourable.

Our current favourable position	Reality of MOE staffing
Year 7/8 26 students	
Year 6/7 20 students	Year 7/8 32 students
Year 5 21 students	Year 5/6 25 students
Year 4 19 students	Year 4/5 22 students
Year 2/3 20 students	Year 3/4 20 students
Year 0/1 12 students (5 more students expected before the end of Term 3)	Year 0/1/2 19 students (7 students to move out at the start of Term 3 to Year 3/4 class) (5 more students expected before the end of Term 3)

However, if we were being funded on our current roll number there would only be five classrooms in operation (as shown by the table above). This would be a very different situation for our students as shown by the possibilities in the table below - larger class sizes and student movement during the year. This is one of the reasons teachers have been striking. The complexities of learning needs have increased and the large class sizes that many of us may have experienced as children just don't work for at risk learners.

Ngā mihi nui,

Rob

WEEKLY COMMUNITY COMMENT

Principal's Weekly Comment - Term 1 Week 8 2023 - Monday 20th - Friday 24th March / Poutū-te-rangi

Weekly School Goal: *Being risk takers and stepping out of our comfort zones*

Key points for this week:

Monday / Rahina 20th

- School hui / pou unveiling practice at 10am
- Alex is out for DP/Sports release- 9am - 11:45am - Cindy is in Ruru Class
- Hayden is out for CRT - 11:45am - 3pm - Cindy is in Kākāpo Class
- Parent / Teacher / Student Goal Setting Conferences

Tuesday / Rātu 21st

- Lisa is in - day swap

Wednesday / Rāapa 22nd

- Pou unveiling 10am
- Lisa is out for booked leave
- Cate is in at school to support with the pou unveiling
- Motueka School Interschool Swimming Sports - qualifying Year 4 - 8 students - Caz booked
- Maia is out for day off - Melanie is in Kererū Class

Thursday / Rāpare 23rd

- Lisa is out for booked leave
- Sue is out - Melanie is in Kea Class
- Maia is out for CRT 9am - 11:45am - Cindy is in Kererū Class
- Ally is out for CRT 11:45am - 3pm - Cindy is in Tūi Class
- Cate is out for day off - Rob is in Weka Class

Friday / Rāmāre 24th

- Melanie is out - Sue and Kieley in Kea Class
- Sue is out for CRT 9am - 11:45am - Cindy is in Kea Class
- Cate is out for CRT - 11:45am - 2pm - Cindy is in Weka Class
- Assembly at 2:15pm -Tūi / Kea combined

Upcoming dates

Term 1

- Muddy Buddy - Sunday 2nd April (Term 1, Week 9)
- Year 7/8 Summer Sports Tournament - Monday 3rd April (Term 1, Week 10)
- Top Team - Thursday 6th April (Term 1, Week 10)
- Last day of Term 1 - Thursday 6th April (Term 1, Week 10)

Term 2

- Kāhui Ako teacher only day - school closed - Monday 24th April (Term 2, Week 1)
- ANZAC Day - public holiday school closed - Tuesday 25th April (Term 2, Week 1)
- Moutere Hills senior cross country Years 4 - 8 - Tuesday 23rd May (Term 2, Week 5)

CLASS AWARDS

Joel Stobie

Maisie Butler

Zara Lynch

Oscar Tait

Archie Haddon

Tallulah Frost

Georgia Cable

Toby MacGregor

Paul Li

Scarlett Manderson

Jude Talley

Anatori Grant

PRINCIPAL AWARD

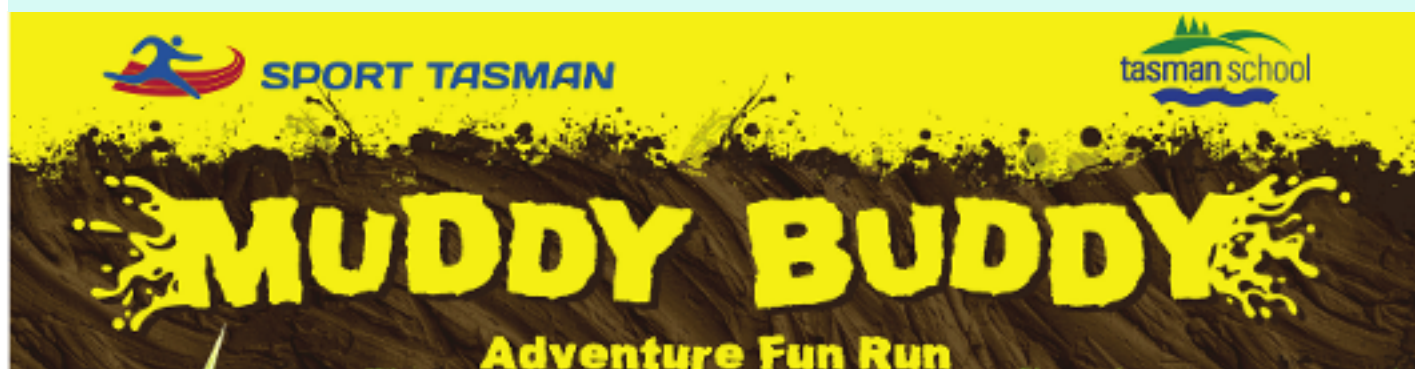
Aki Li

Noah Wratt



Parents, We Need You!!

Many hands make light work! There is a sign up sheet available in the office for Muddy Buddy volunteer jobs. In the past all families have stepped up to help with this event. We need this amazing support again this year! Please come and sign yourself up for a job. There are still lots of places left that need volunteers.





Weka Class - Bird Feeder Making At Buddy Time





Motueka Swimming Sports Winning Relay Team

FOOD  **DRINKS**

COFFEE **FUN FOR THE FAMILY**

BARGAINS

SATURDAY 1ST APRIL
9AM - 2PM

\$10 for a site
phone/ text 0275287366 to book by 24th March

St Peter Chanel School
423 High Street



Basketball Skills Session.

soulUtionz
Sports Trust

THIS Saturday

1:00pm - 3:30pm

18th MARCH 2023



All in Academy
Y7-8

Netball Development

Motueka Netball Courts

\$5pp Register from 12:30pm

connect@SoulUtionzSports.nz

Require Parent
contact & consent

SAT 25th MARCH 3 - 7PM

(SUNDAY IF RAINING)

MAHANA

S C H O O L

**TWILIGHT FOOD
and MUSIC FIESTA**

LIVE MUSIC

WATER SLIDE

DELICIOUS FOOD

**UNDER 5'S AREA ★ PONY RIDES ★ AWESOME RAFFLES
BOUNCY CASTLE ★ FUN RIDES ★ FACE PAINTING
PLANT STALL ★ GOLD COIN ENTRY
★ EFTPOS AVAILABLE ★**



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PRIZES PLEASE!

If your family or business are willing and able to donate an item or voucher for our upcoming Muddy Buddy event, we are keen to talk to you! We are looking for items & vouchers to be given as **category prizes & spot prizes** during the event and to be auctioned off in our **Silent Auction**.

If so, please contact [Julia Dunn](#) (Olive & Quinn's mum)
by email julia.nolan@gmail.com or btx 0211280074

Julia will be contacting local businesses over the coming weeks requesting support. To avoid any double ups, please communicate your pledge early on (before the end of Feb).

THANK YOU!

P.S. there are many ways you can support this school event so please don't feel you must contribute to the prize pool.



MUDDY BUDDY

Adventure Fun Run

2nd April 2023

Tasman School
417 Aporo Road, Tasman

ENTER ONLINE: \$15 per person | \$40 family
 ENTER ON THE DAY: \$20 per person | \$50 family
 SIGN IN BETWEEN: 10.00am – 11.30am
 RACE STARTS: 12 noon ...and we're off!

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EACH LAP OF THE COURSE IS APPROXIMATELY 1KM

1 LAP	2 LAP	3 LAP
Kids • Family Fun • Open	Open	Open