

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



*Nothing is so beautiful as
Spring –*

*When weeds, in wheels,
shoot long and lovely and
lush*

– Gerard Manley Hopkins

Kia ora e te whānau

Welcome back to the last term of the school year. The lovely Spring weather this week has made it possible for the children to play with abundance outside. Just a reminder that this term hats are obligatory.

Class 4 and 5 went on their first camp ever last week! A huge thank you to Olivia who stepped in to manage the camp, and from what I have heard, the children enjoyed it enormously.

As is usual at this time of the year, we have received several resignations: Isla will be returning to Australia at the end of term, Olivia will take some time off teaching next year, and Liz will at last be putting up her feet and enjoying her retirement! We have started the recruitment process for Kohatu and Class 4 and 5. We will let you know as soon as we can confirm appointments. See further on in the newsletter the confirmed staffing for 2025 so far.

Next week I will be away from Tuesday lunch time for the rest of the week. I will be attending the biannual Steiner Principals' hui in Taupo. The Steiner principals will be discussing, amongst other things, teacher education, the Kolisko Conference, and planning for next year.

The upcoming **Spring Fair** *urgently* need more hands on deck. We are particularly on the look out for a plumber, a health and safety lead, a medieval games coordinator (supported by last year's

coordinator), a (part-time) Fairy Queen, and several site managers to help coordinate set-up and pack-down. Please check out the sign-up sheet here: <https://signup.zone/xNGrqRdJdAjKJWdkp>

In preparation for the Spring Fair, we will also need many volunteers on Sunday 10 November for our *working bee*. We will send out information about this soon, but please mark this day in your diaries.

Mahia i runga i te rangimārie me te ngākau māhaki

Ngā mihi, Elizabeth



Confirmed Staffing 2025

Kohatu	Lotti Henehan (2 days)
Class 1 and 2	Yolande Terry
Class 3 and 4	Blessing Biran
Class 5 and 6	TBC
Class 7	Paula Finch
Handwork	Davina Clarke
Farm to Table	Jolie Simpson
Outdoor Classroom	Lindsey Ellison
Teacher Aides and	Yuki Bier
Administrative Staff	Sorie Stone
Caretaker	Richard Bier

Term 4 dates

Click [here](#) to view full calendar online

Monday 28 October	Labour Day	No School
Tuesday 5 November	BoT Meeting	5:30 pm
Monday 11 November	Sports Day	11:30am ~
Saturday 16 November	Fair Set-Up Day	9:30 am ~
Sunday 17 November	SPRING FAIR	10:00 am ~ 4:00pm
Monday 18 November	TOD/Post-Fair Tidy	No School
Friday 13 December	End of year Assembly and Graduation	

CLASSROOM CORNER

CLASS 6/7



Term 4 has begun with Ahi Class casting their view across the expanse of Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa, the Pacific Ocean, to study Australia and Pacific Nations in the Asia and Micronesia.

'In week one Ahi Class were lucky to have Richard de Hamel for three sessions teaching us all about Polynesian Navigation. We learnt many things such as how birds and ocean currents/waves can be used to navigate. Did you know that seabirds are able to create an oil that is as strong as petrol which they can cough up to scare away predators?'

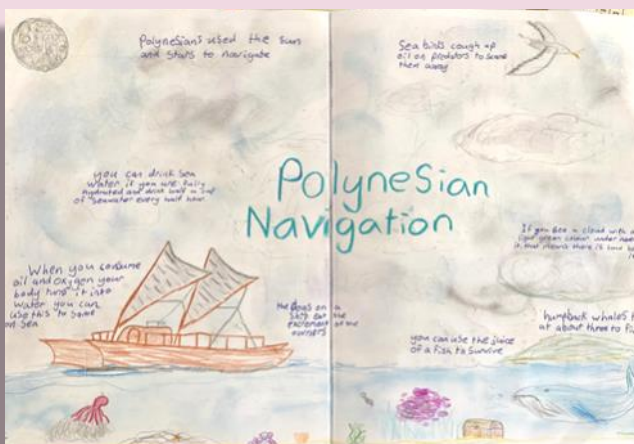
by Mia Ashmore



Seafaring waka were constructed using carved out harakeke flower stalks for the hulls and woven harakeke for the sails and lashing. Looking ahead, Class 7 are eagerly anticipating the Odyssey



Camp adventure they will embark on during week 4. Before then we will be busy creating Aboriginal Australian art and tapa making as well as learning a Samoan sasa!



TERM 3 ASSEMBLY



SCHOOL NOTICES

ATTENDANCE TERM 3

Term 3 Summary

How many students regularly attended school this term?

Regular Attendance

49%

Compared to 52% in Term 3, 2023

Irregular Absence 27%

Compared to 37% in Term 3, 2023

Moderate Absence 10%

Compared to 8% in Term 3, 2023

Chronic Absence 14%

Compared to 3% in Term 3, 2023

What were the main reasons given for absence this term?

1. (G) Holiday 58%
2. (M) Illness / Medical Absence 28%
3. (E) Accepted (but unjustified) 9%
4. (T) Unexplained / Trivial 5%
5. (J) Justified (other) 0%

How many students were on time to class?

80% of students were on time to class

Definition of lateness depends on school attendance policy.

WORKSHOP

The human being between earth and cosmos and all that is around and within

Penelope Snowdon-Lait from Christchurch and around the world is offering this workshop for teachers, parents, young and older adults from the wider community.

We will explore the elements of earth, water, air and fire, and the human temperaments: melancholic, phlegmatic, sanguine, choleric.

The approach will be through movement, colour, sound and excerpts from literature.

Friday 8 November: 7 to 9 pm

Saturday 9 November: 9.30 to 12.30

Venue: Motueka Steiner School

Suggested donation \$50 (you are welcome to give more or less)

You can contact Penelope for more information on: 022 093 1098

penelope.snowdon.lait@gmail.com

To register for the workshop please sign up here: <https://signup.zone/285FQuuG9KtBuESqH>

SPRING FAIR 2024

Dear family and friends

The sun is shining, the weather is warm, and the spring fair is just around the corner - 24 days and counting when you read this. You may have seen our new blackboard sign on the roundabout. This is a reminder that the event is coming soon - and everyone can find a way to contribute to its success (even if you are away on 17 November).

As a steering group, we have been beavering away, chewing off ears, and setting up tents. We feel that we are 70% of the way to our goal, but need help with the final 30% to create a fully successful and memorable experience for our guests. In particular, we are looking for:

- A medieval games coordinator, and more volunteers to staff this area. Last year's coordinator is on stand-by to advise and support, but will be away on the day itself.
- A health and safety coordinator.
- A set up day coordinator to oversee logistics on Saturday the 16th.
- And many other supporting roles - please review the sign up zone and think of whether you, friends or family could fill a shift.

<https://signup.zone/xNGrqRdJdAjKJWdkp>

(even if you have already signed up you may want to take a look and be inspired by how far we have come already!)



A few other notices from the team:

- Second hand clothes can be dropped off at the office until Friday 15 November. Please don't drop off on set up day or the day itself.
- Book donations can be dropped off at the kindergarten or school offices in the banana boxes provided from this Friday 25 October. If you have larger donations, please get in touch with Melanie on 0212612439 to arrange a drop off.
- Beba McLean is collecting chook food sacks (e.g. Chook Tucker or Peck n Lay) and fruit/onion net bags for decoration purposes. Please drop at the office as soon as possible.
- Please add in a salad donation for the curry stall and/or a cake donation for the cafe in the sign up zone link.
- Tickets are sold in strips of 5 for \$10. We recommend buying tickets before the event, by emailing accounts@mssproprietors.nz and including how many strips you want and the total sum of the payment. Tickets can be picked up from the Kohatu ticket office on the day of the event. Payments can be sent to:

MSSPT 02-Acc

03-1354-0547032-02

Ref: SFTKS

Finally, please keep the weekend of 9-10 November free if you can to support the school's pre-fair working bee to get the campus looking great for the Fair!

With great appreciation for everyone's contributions.

Spring Fair Steering Group



Student Art Exhibition

We now have 90% of the students' pictures to exhibit. They are mounted on card and have individual name tags on them. Soon we will send you a picture of your child's work which you can share with whanau for sponsorship.

Sponsorship forms have been circulated to you, and Sorie has extra copies in the office.

They will be mounted on display boards and hopefully displayed in the kindergarten along with the art auction at the Spring fair.

Thank you for your support!

Art Auction

We now have about 20 art pieces to auction off, including work from Katie Gold, Graeme Stradling, Nick Duval-Smith, and Cohen Shirley.

See the poster below. We have an 'acquisitions' category as well where we will auction off art pieces handed down or collected.

The auction will take place at 1.30pm, and pre bids/Registration all morning. The auction will be in the same place as the Exhibition.

See you there!

Fred Robertson, Hilda Mazza, Pieter Swanepoel.



KINDERGARTEN

At kindergarten, we've been joyfully tending to our vegetable garden, a space for the children to have the opportunity to be a part of growing food. This connection to the earth helps them understand where their food comes from and fosters a deep appreciation for nature's cycles. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Joel Briffault and Ashlin Kingsley from Crafted Earth for their generous donation of plants, which will be arriving soon.



A special thank you also goes out to the parents who brought cardboard for the garden beds—it has been invaluable! Truly, many hands make the work light, and as we prepare for planting, we kindly ask if anyone might be able to assist with a bit of time and a trailer to help transport the final load of compost.

We hope your term has gotten off to a good start, and please note our last day of kindergarten for Term 4 is December 20 -we run a little longer than the lower school.

Ngā mihi nui
Amy Weber
Team Leader Motueka
Steiner Kindergarten



INTERN LOOKING FOR ACCOMMODATION

Good morning,

My name is Eva Maria Schillinger. I am from Germany and just finished high school. I am nineteen, turning twenty soon.

I am searching for a family (or multiple families) to stay with in January and/or February, while I work in the kindergarten, or maybe even longer.

About me:

I am a very social and reliable person. I love to be around children, cooking, baking, being creative, etc. I went to a Steiner kindergarten and a Steiner school myself, and I am thinking of studying pedagogics someday in the future.

Eva: eva.schillinger@posteo.de

LANDCARE GROUP

Dear School Community,

In the coming week I will be travelling and teaching courses in a Chinese Steiner school in Guangzhou for a week, then fly on to Germany to catch up with different Steiner schools there and find out what they might need in terms of professional development for staff and parent body.

I will be visiting my sons and grandsons and celebrate birthdays in Germany. By the beginning of December, I will be back in Motueka.

Would you please keep the Native Tree nursery in your hearts and minds; maybe some of you could weed there a little; the plants are being watered automatically.

There are a number of trees reserved for the Spring Fair, please make sure to get them out of the tunnel house in time. Jolie, your gardening teacher, will know which ones. Ellen will also help and Lisa with her child.

Enjoy the Spring Fair and lots of fun with the sales!

All the best

Edith



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

2 bedroom unit available to rent in Thorp Street

Update: Available from 31 November

Fully furnished with heat pump and fire. All linen provided. Gas, power, rubbish, water, gardens and internet included. Has plenty of room for parking. Storage shed. Situated in quiet back section 3/4 acre. With fruit trees, veg garden, etc.

It has a queen bedroom. And a double bunk bedroom. So would be suitable up to a family of four.

The rental would be \$ 610.00 per week.



Bond of 2 weeks rent and then rent to be paid weekly in advance. Contact: kcsthe.one1@gmail.com

Holiday House, Waimarama, Hawkes Bay

Available December, January and February
Escape to a charming, hand-built strawbale house with recycled, shabby chic décor. Nestled in a 9-hectare, spray-free, regenerating wilderness garden with abundant wildlife, this peaceful retreat offers off-grid (solar) living with wonderful views of the ocean and hills.

- Spacious open-plan living area and large sunny verandas
- 3 double bedrooms plus a sunroom on the veranda (sleeps 8)
- 1 large bathroom
- Eco friendly
- Just 20 minutes from Havelock North and 10 minutes to nearby beaches, rivers, and bush reserves.

Rates: \$325 per night, 3-night minimum.
Call 0272633735 for information and bookings.

MRSST GUM FIREWOOD FOR SALE

Great time to stock up your wood supply for Winter 2025.

MRSST has two piles of cut Gum on the School's Seaview paddock. Price negotiable depending on your trailer or container size. To schedule a pick-up please email: accounts@mrsst.nz or call Mauricio on 021 173 1153



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MOTUEKA TENNIS CLUB JUNIOR COACHING

Juniors (6-10 years)

3.30 — 4.30pm Wednesdays,

23 October to 18 December

There will be EIGHT sessions in total

Term fee: \$100

Advanced Juniors & Teenagers

3.30 — 5pm Fridays,

25 October to 20 December

There will be SIX coaching sessions

(25 Oct; 1 & 15 Nov; 6, 13 & 20 Dec)

and MATCH PLAY on 8, 22 & 29 November

Term fee: \$120

Please enrol with Kath:

motuekatennisclubinc@gmail.com

Ph 027 5800 108

*Did you know Motueka has a
Swimming Club?*

*We swim at the Motueka High
School pool and have a range
of levels available.*



MOTUEKA
SWIM CLUB

Swimming Season: 25 November 2024 – March 2025



Penguins Squad: (Swimming NZ Level 2)

7 years and over, who are water confident and can swim a basic freestyle.
Coach is not in the pool with children.
(2 sessions/week: Monday/Wednesday)



Dolphins Squad: (Swimming NZ Level 3)

Focus on correct freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke technique.
(2 sessions/week: Monday/Wednesday)



Orcas Squad:

10 years and over, confident swimmers that wish to improve their techniques (including butterfly) and increase their endurance.
(2 sessions/week: Monday/Wednesday)

Training Squad:

Trains 4 sessions/week (Monday-Thursday), may attend meets. For swimmers who still want to improve technique and train as a squad but may not want to swim competitively.

Competitive Squad:

Trains 4 sessions/week (Monday-Thursday), intense focus on perfecting stroke technique, speed, and endurance. Opportunity to compete at Swimming NZ meets.

Email motuekaswimclub@gmail.com for more information.



Motueka Swim Club

Enrolments open NOW!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTLGa-7ZNvbxwE6LYzhXDUXhPYxqC86Q1Q9tolFDQzbQobyw/viewform>