

Kia ora e te whānau o te kura o Riwaka

It is hard to comprehend that the school year is coming to a close in just a few days time - 9 and a 1/2 busy, exciting, celebratory days!

We have achieved so much this year and our school is poised ready for the next adventure in 2024. As a staff team we are celebrating the excellent progress our tamariki have made this year, the vibrant and meaningful tōhu design that underpins our local curriculum together with a sense of calm and organisation.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

See page 4 for updated list of what's happening.

Print it off and stick on the fridge to stay up with the play this term.

Thank you to everyone who engaged with our latest community survey about our **optional uniform** that will be available for our students for the start of next year. We are very excited with the results and to now share them with you (see page 2)! Our School Board has very generously budgeted to purchase a t-shirt/sports top for every child who is enrolled at the start of Term 1, 2024. This will mean that when we attend events or go on excursions we can all wear these. ProBrands will also send through information about how you can order other uniform items such as hoodies, shorts etc directly from their website. While the vast majority of parents did want the option of uniform to be available, it is not compulsory for students to wear this at school each day.

This Friday we will be sending home '**end of year reports**' which are a summary of your child's/children's learning and progress this year. Included in the report is their kaiako/teacher for next year and their classroom. The staff have all contributed to the placement of students, and considered their friendship circle, previous teachers and individual learning needs when finalising class placements. Students will 'meet' with their 2024 teacher and spend some time doing a class activity, next Tuesday, 12 December.

On Friday we look forward to seeing many of you at our **Learning Celebration Assembly and Prizegiving**. Our Year 8 Leavers will be acknowledged and farewelled at this assembly. Our new 2024 Leaders, including House Leaders, Jump Jam Leaders, PALs will also be announced. There will also be acknowledgement of two students from each class for Excellence and Progress. **We will farewell two amazing staff** at the end of this year also - Yvonne Neville who has contributed immensely to our school with her specialised knowledge of teaching and learning for children with diverse learning needs, and Sally Robertson who has been at Riwaka School for many, many years in an admin/office role, but predominantly as our school librarian. We wish both Yvonne and Sally all the best as they embrace the next part of their life's journey!

Congratulations to our Kapa haka rōpu who performed at the Motueka Kapa haka Celebration last Friday. To say they made us proud is an understatement! Huge thanks to Tess, Luke and Laura who not only ensure this opportunity is provided to our tamariki, but have taken this group to the next level this year. So many of our students are involved in, and excel in extra-curricular activities. We love hearing about these and are always hugely proud to hear of how well they are doing too!

Finally, most of you will know that last year the Ministry of Education put a Statutory Intervention in place at Riwaka School, with **Sherilee Swanepoel** joining the School Board as Limited Statutory Manager. Sherilee has now ended her mahi with us. Please see the attached letter from Sherilee for our school community.

I look forward to seeing you around school.

Smiles

Mauri ora  
Adele

**WELL DONE TO OUR  
PRINCIPAL AWARD  
RECIPIENTS LAST  
WEEK!**





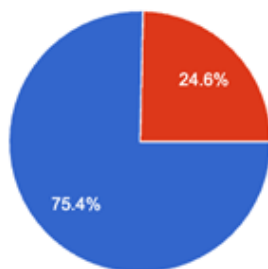
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## UNIFORM SURVEY RESULTS



Uniform Top Red/Black with Teal accent

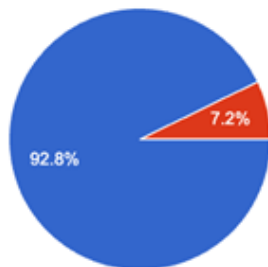
69 responses



- First choice
- Second choice

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30 November 2023

Kia ora koutou and good day to you all

You will be aware that Riwaka School has had the services of a Limited Statutory Manager (LSM) for the last year.

Today is my last day as the LSM for Riwaka School. My time at the school has given me assurance that it is in good heart with wonderful children, dedicated staff, a supportive board of trustees and an exceptional Principal. The Ministry of Education, the Board's Presiding Member, Principal, and I have reviewed the outcomes set for this intervention and are pleased to say that these have been met.

In the year that I have had the privilege of working alongside the Board and the Principal, Adele, I have gotten to know Riwaka School and the immediate school team well. Your school's Board of Trustees are doing a superb job of looking after the governance of the school. The team of teachers, the Principal and the support team are doing their best to deliver great learning and teaching opportunities for your children.

The team in the office and the grounds have been welcoming and make sure that the school is a pleasure to be at each day.

I wish the Board of Trustees and the Principal/Tumuaki, Adele, the kaiako/teachers and their wonderful tamariki/children, all the very best for their end of year activities and a restful break when it arrives.

**Sherilee Swanepoel**  
Limited Statutory Manager

### ***Fantastic performance at the Motueka High School Kapa Haka Festival***





## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2023

<b>Friday, 08 December</b>	<b>1:00pm - Whole School Prizegiving and End of Year Learning Celebration Assembly</b> <b>End of Year Reports home today</b> <b>2024 classes announced</b>
<b>Monday, 11 December</b>	<b>9:15am - Year 8 Graduation celebration day</b> <b>6:00pm - Year 8 Leaver's Presentations &amp; Supper</b>
<b>Wednesday, 13 December</b>	<b>10:00am - Whole School Christmas Picnic @ the beach</b>
<b>Thursday, 14 December</b>	<b>Moving Day - furniture moving for 2024</b>
<b>Friday, 15 December</b>	<b>School closes at midday</b>
<b>Thursday, 01 February 2024</b>	<b>First day of school for 2024</b>
<b>Tuesday, 06 February</b>	<b>Waitangi Day - School Closed</b>

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



**MOTUEKA SOUTH SCHOOL PRESENTS FUNDRAISER**

**'PYJAMA PARTY ROLLER DISCO' @ THE REC CENTRE**

**SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023 6-8PM**

BRING YOUR OWN SKATES \$5 ENTRY OR HIRE FOR \$8

LOLLIES  
DRINKS  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE

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- ABEL TASMAN KAYAKS
- BAYS BOATING
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- F47
- BAYS PHARMACY
- RIWAKA RIVER ESTATE
- DALTONS/ HAILES
- SCHOOL FAMILIES AND STAFF



**Free Coding Holiday Activity**

Summer 2023/24

Educational? Yes!  
Fun? Yes!  
Affordable? Yes! (it's free!)

Suitable for beginner to advanced coders. Ages 9 & 10, 11 & 12, 13 & 14, 15 to adult.

**SIGN UP NOW:**  
[codingnz.com/freeactivity](http://codingnz.com/freeactivity)

Limited spots available



**Christmassy Craft**

Get crafting for Christmas! Join us at the library to make some fun Christmas creations.

Come to one session - or come to all!

Motueka Library  
Wednesdays 6. 13 & 20 December  
3.30pm - 4.30pm

tasman district libraries



**SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES**

**JUNIOR JOURNEY**  
AVAILABLE TO: 11-13 YRS  
COST: \$350pp  
4 days / 3 nights

**KAITIAKI KIDS**  
AVAILABLE TO: 10-12 YRS  
COST: \$350pp  
5 days, 9am - 3pm

**GO WILD!**  
AVAILABLE TO: 7-10 YRS  
COST: \$350pp  
5 days, 9am - 3pm

Plus we have programmes for 14 -18yr olds

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**WILDERNESS CANOE TRUST**

**School Holiday Canoe Camps**

LIFE SKILLS THROUGH ADVENTURE

**My First Canoe Camp**  
9 - 10 year olds  
Sat 16 - Sun 17 Dec '23  
Riwaka-Stephen's Bay, Motueka

**Wilderness Canoe Camp**  
11 - 13 year olds  
Mon 18 - Wed 20 Dec '23  
Motueka River, Tapawera

Email to reserve a place: [info@canoejourneys.co.nz](mailto:info@canoejourneys.co.nz)