



RiwakaNews

#13- 28 October 2024

Kia ora e te whānau - hello to all of our school families!

Term Four is off and running - and it seems to be a sprint which will be over in a flash! It's so great to see the children engaged and enthusiastic about their learning. There is a really great vibe and buzz about the place - if you haven't made it along to one of our assemblies yet, make sure to pop these into your diary. This is where our students share their learning each week and our AWHI learner attributes are celebrated. Friday mornings at 9:10am. They're usually done and dusted by 10am. If you arrive a bit early, Andrea will be in the PAC with hot drinks at the ready - we hope to see you there!

With only a few weeks left of school for 2025, there are assessments and learning tasks happening that help teachers solidify their teacher judgements about learning levels. Reports will come home on Friday 13 December, and children's class placements will be included. Please know that we do consider class placements very carefully and use our professional knowledge and understanding of each and every child, as well as the options available to us in a medium sized school, to ensure each child is set up for success. We do appreciate our home-school partnerships with you as parents/whānau, and value your ideas and opinions, however we cannot always accommodate every request. Thank you for your support as we carry out our role as education professionals.

Our school is looking fabulous with many property projects been undertaken this year. Our swimming pool has had some much needed maintenance and should be up and running for swimming in Week 4. The weather did delay some of the work but we needed to get this right. The changing shed block is also going to have a freshen up with some new paint, and pool keys will be on sale shortly. The Board has agreed to keep the price for a pool key at \$150 per family. These will be available at the school office shortly, along with the Pool User Agreement. We are SO lucky to have this wonderful asset at our school and look forward to seeing our children progress in their swimming as we practice this skill each day. Roll on Summer!

I look forward to seeing you at Our Place... if you want to pop in for a chat, I will always try to make time for you.

Mauri ora - Be well!

Adele Lidgard

Tumuaki - Principal

*Riwaka te pura wai, whakatipu nga tamariki
The flowing waters nurture our future generations*



In 2025 we are introducing House t-shirts in the four house colours - **red, blue, green** and **grey**.

Our vision is for every child to receive a FREE t-shirt in their house colour at the start of each year. The t-shirts will also be printed with the house name and their specific 'house' design. We are looking for **FOUR SPONSORS** who would like their business name represented on one of the house tees.

The business name would be proudly displayed as a sponsor of that house. Sponsorship is \$500 per house for one year.

If this sounds like something your business would be keen to support please contact jenna.grooby@riwaka.school.nz

**SPONSORSHIP
OPPORTUNITY**



It's the time of year that we are considering staffing and class placement for next year. We had two teaching vacancies which have now been filled and appointments made.

CONGRATULATIONS and a big Riwaka welcome to **Vicki Karetai** who joins us in a full time capacity next year, and to **Gabriel Vann** who will be working three days per week.

We also would like to congratulate **Eve Gilmour** on winning a position at Upper Moutere School, commencing in 2025.



OUR KIDS ONLINE

Riwaka School
**SPECIAL
EVENT**

**Adults only
event**

**2 sessions
available**

Thank you to those parents who were able to join us for the 'Our Kids Online' sessions held at school. So far almost half of our whānau have attended one of these sessions and the feedback has been really positive!

To make it accessible for more parents to attend, we are going to run two more sessions this term:

Tuesday 3 December 12.45 - 2.45pm

Tuesday 3 December 5.30 - 7.30pm

At the evening session we will have a sausage sizzle for hungry children and some supervised activities on the back field. This so parents who struggle to find childcare can attend this session. *Please email office@riwaka.school.nz to let us know if you plan to bring your child/children along to this session so we can adequately cater for the sausage sizzle and have adult:child ratios sorted.*

REGISTER HERE

Included in your ticket is a one-year complimentary subscription to "Parenting in an Online World 101" from Rob and team at Our Kids Online. This is a cybersafety parenting course, designed specifically for NZ families. It usually costs \$99 per family. So show up and get it for free!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We are wanting donations of christmas treats for our Christmas Hamper raffle! Items should be non-perishable and something you would love to have as a christmas treat for your family.

Please bring donations to the office. The raffle information will be sent home in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser for our sandpit and shaded area on the back field.



School
FUNDRAISING

This Friday (1 Nov) we will begin selling **Juicies** at school to help raise funds for our 2025 camps. They will be \$2 each and will be available every Friday until the end of term unless specified in a newsletter. Students can bring along cash on Fridays and the Juicies will be given to those who purchase one at morning tea.



THINK
AHEAD

IMPORTANT

Calendar Dates

Let's
Celebrate

Mon, 28 Oct	All Day	School Closed for Labour Day
Fri, 01 Nov	All Day	Gumboot Friday - gold coin donation
Fri, 08 Nov	All Day	School Athletics Day
Mon, 11 Nov	All Day	Teacher Only Day - school closed
Wed, 13 Nov	Lunch time	Year 8 Bake Sale - disco fundraising
Fri, 15 Nov	All Day	Y8 orientation day at High School
Mon, 18 Nov	All Day	Yr 7 & 8 EMR snorkelling Tonga Island
Tue, 19 Nov	All Day	Inter-school Junior Athletics Day
Wed, 20 Nov	All Day	Inter-school Senior Athletics Day
Thu, 21 Nov	All Day	Yr 7 & 8 EMR snorkelling Tonga Island
Thu, 28 Nov	All Day	Summer Tournament
Wed, 11 Dec	4:30-5:30pm 5:45-6:45pm 7:00-8:00pm	Te Puna disco Te Awa disco - more information to come Te Pūaha disco
Fri, 13 Dec	9:15am 6:30pm	End of Year Prizegiving & Learning Celebration Assembly Y8 Leavers evening and supper
Mon, 16 Dec	All Day	Y8 BIG Day Out
Tue, 17 Dec	Midday	End of Term 4

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Riwaka Market Day - January 2nd

A few spaces are still available for craft and food stalls for this popular market

From \$35 for potters and \$90 for food stalls

Contact motuekapottery@gmail.com



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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

HANDMADE ART AND CRAFTS FAIR

Saturday, November 9th

Christmas Decorations - Stained Glass - Felting - Jewellery & More!

RIWAKA BOWLING CLUB SCHOOL ROAD RIWAKA	9 AM to 2 PM	
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COME AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY!!

- ENTRIES DUE 21ST OCTOBER -

Ph: 021773506 - Email: bruceheron314@gmail.com

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!

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