



Riwaka School

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We're all in this together



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18 DECEMBER 2020

Tēnā koutou katoa

As the final words for the year, I wish to acknowledge staff and also some other families who are moving on. Last week, we acknowledged all Y8 leavers as well as their whanau, some of who are ending a long association of eight years or more with the school. It was a pleasure to wish these students well on Wednesday night at our usual Y8 farewell.

We are also farewelling some families who are moving on at the end of this year; *Daisy A, Felix C, Kahlan M, Turin W, Sakari-Rose W, Liam R, Alizae RW, Izmae K and Zavier C*. I wish them and their whanau all the best for 2021 and beyond.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the following for their sponsorship of school events and initiatives; *Gavin and Zoe Alborn at Abel Tasman Aqua Taxis* for their generous support of the R5 trip; *Kimi Ora Eco Resort* for their generous support of the Whitebait Connection programme this year.

Pool over summer

We are looking forward to a busy season for the school pool over the summer. Our new filtration system has been a significant upgrade after 30 years of running the pool with the previous system. We are also grateful for the volunteers who have been trained up this season to assist with the weekend pool testing.

Staff Farewells and Acknowledgements

I would like to acknowledge the following staff for their work this year; *Bron Ewers* for teaching R5, *Claudia Johnston* for teaching R6, *Connie Sherlock* for her role as acting Reading Recovery teacher, *Krissy O'Donnell* for DP Release R9, *Emma Stevens* for R5 Beginning Teacher Release teacher, *Struan McKenzie* PB4L Leader, Acting DP and R6 teacher, *Robyn Fairbrother* Release Teacher, *Garret Young* Release Teacher, *Amber Goodall* Teacher Aide, *Lynn Cooper* Teacher Aide, *Jakki Cosner* supporting across R7&8, *Andrea Cederman* supporting in R4 and all other relievers who have helped us out when there has been sick leave or other commitments for staff. I wish these people all the best for 2021 and beyond. I would also like to thank all staff over 2021 for what they have done in supporting both the learning and well being of students this year. It has been a year unlike any others and the adaptability, resilience and teamwork of staff has been exceptional.

Lost Property

Please check for any items in either the Lost Property cupboard (at the end of R6), or your child's class and bag bay area, or the office before our finish on Friday at 12:00pm. Whilst there is less than usual at this time of year, there are still some unclaimed items.



HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

Term 4

18 Dec - 12pm - Last Day :-)

Term holiday

18 Dec - 8 Feb

Term 1 2021 Commences

Tue, 9 Feb

End of Term

I am repeating this message from last week's newsletter. There will be a final assembly at 9:30am Friday, 18th December. We will finish the day just after 12:00pm. All bus routes will run from the school at midday. Please ensure your child has checked for any lost property and has taken home anything they need from school.

2021

You will now have received your child's End of Year Report as of Tuesday. A copy of the stationery list also went home on Wednesday which informs families for 2021 of the classroom placement for next year. The stationery lists are also available on the school website in the news section. Should you have any further queries around your child's progress, I suggest making contact with the classroom teacher during Term 1 next year.

I would like to thank you all for the part that you play in the home school partnership. I realise that this year has presented unforeseen challenges over lockdown for whanau in being part of distance learning. I thank you for what you have done in filling some of the gaps over lockdown this year.

In closing, go well those departing Y8s, departing staff and thank you to students, staff and whanau for the positive efforts this year. I wish everyone a safe break over the Christmas period!!

Ngā mihi nui
Fraser Campbell
Principal



Waka Warriors

Week 9, Term 4: Gia D, Heilala P, Elvi O, Eli D, Nikita F, Amelia S, Tamsin C, Savanah M, Gus M, Cruz M, Daphne P, Kingi C, Amelia B, Tayla R, Alex L, William B, Payton M, Chloe C, Alb B, Eli K, Harry Y, Tilly K, Macey H, Kahlan M, Riley H, Bryce H, Jayon J.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Motueka Swim Club

Getting excited about our 2020/21 summer swimming season. New club members are welcome to join us!

With Coach Michelle

Penguins - Mon / Wed 4.30pm - 4.55pm
Dolphins - Mon / Wed 5.00 - 5.30pm
Orcas - Mon / Wed 6.00 - 6.45pm



With Coach Darryl

Intermediate squad - Mon / Wed / Thu 5.00 - 5.45pm
Senior squad - Each weekday 5.45-7.15pm

Please email motuekaswimclub@gmail.com for squad information and an enrolment form.

We are aiming for an 'open day' as soon as the pool is warm enough, mid/late November. We also use the first week to pop our swimmers into the correct group.

You can also find more information on the *Motueka Swim Club* Facebook page.

What's happening at Motueka Library this summer?

Join us as we go on a **Summer Road Trip Reading Adventure!** Collect your reading log and read your way to an activity booklet and a free book. For children 5-11.
14 Dec 2020 - 29 January 2021

Christmas Storytime
Celebrate with stories and crafts.
10 - 11am Tuesday 22 December

Sizzling Summer Art
Drop in to our all ages art makerspaces and get creative.
10am-11.30am Tuesdays
12, 19 & 26 January

Style Me Sustainably
Fun filled afternoon of eco challenges for ages 12+
Book your spot
1.00 - 3.30pm Wednesday 13 January

Picnic in the Park
Enjoy outdoor games, performances from Levity Beet and Tasmin and Phoebe Leenhouders.
All ages welcome
10.30 - 11.30am on Thursday 21 January

Te Ika a Māui Scavenger Hunt
Find ten pictures of our beautiful North Island in the library.
5 - 12 year olds.
14 Dec 2020 - 29 January 2021

Summer Road Trip Colouring competition
Pick up your colouring form from your library.
3 age groups from 3 - 12 year olds
14 Dec 2020 - 29 January 2021

Summer Teen Readers
Grab an entry form from your library. Escape into a good book and win for readers 12+
14 Dec 2020 - 29 January 2021

Look for a Book
Pick up your entry form from Motueka Library and hunt for the books in participating shop windows along Motueka's High Street. Prizes to be won.
11 - 23 January

Beyond The Book
Book chat, new books, snacks and craft for 9 - 12 year olds
2.00 - 3.30pm Wednesday 20 January

Friendly Chess Tournament
All ages welcome.
2.00pm Friday 22 January

find out more at tasmanlibraries.govt.nz

Bridge Valley Holiday Camps

Over this Summer holidays we have different camps for youth and children to do challenging and fun activities, themed wide games, and get to know more people in a camp environment!

Blast Day Camps - Christmas Edition

16th - 18th Dec, ages 7-13

Island Adventure Camp

11th - 15th Jan, ages 8-11

Summer Paradise Camp

18th - 22nd Jan, ages 11-13

Extreme Camp

26th - 29th Jan, Junior 9-11, Youth 12-15

Register on our website: www.bridgevalley.co.nz

Email holidaycamps@bridgevalley.co.nz with any queries!



The Summer Road Trip Reading Adventure

Tasman District Libraries
Tour the North Island on our Summer Road Trip Reading Adventure.

For every book you read, we can move the campervan another 30km!
After five books, collect your activity Booklet.
After 10 books, choose a book to keep!
For ages 5-11 years
14 December 2020-29 January 2021