



Riwaka te puna wai, whakatipu ngā tamariki
*The flowing waters nurture our future
generation*

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Thank you to our wonderful parent and whānau community for your support this year. We have appreciated your help in the classroom, on school trips, coaching/managing and supporting sports teams. Thank you for attending school events & class trips. Thank you for contributing to school reviews, surveys and school fundraisers. Thank you for having your child prepared for school, for spending quality time with them, for reading to them, for having them to school on time, providing them with healthy lunches, ensuring that their clothing is named and for supporting them with their learning.

Our school would not be as fabulous if it weren't for each and every one of you. Here's wishing you a wonderful Christmas, a Happy New Year and a safe and family-filled holiday break!

Ngā mihi nui
Adele Lidgard

Important Dates for the start of 2024

Thursday 01 st February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- School Start @ 8:50am- Mihi Whakatau @ 10am to welcome new students, whanau & staff- Shared kai @ 10:30am
Tuesday 06 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Waitangi Day
Thursday, 8 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Camp Information evening @ 6:30pm
Friday 9 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Coffee & Kōrero from 8:30am- School Assembly @ 9am- Meet the Teachers picnic on the back field from 5pm

School closes at midday tomorrow - please pick up
your children promptly at 12pm



Riwaka Staff 2024

Adele Lidgard – Tumuaki/Principal
Tess Hansen – Tumuaki Āwhina/Assistant Principal
Sarah Roberts - Tumuaki Āwhina/Assistant Principal
Janice Donnelly – Learning Support Coordinator
Luke Hansen – SENCo (Special Education Needs Coordinator)
Eve Gilmour – Senior Teacher

Classroom Teachers		
Junior Team	Tess Hansen Stevee Rhind Glenda Bolton	Room 9 Room 4 Room 3
Middle Team	Sarah Roberts Luke Hansen/Krissy O'Donnell Fiona Cook	Te Whare Mātaurangi Room 5 Room 6
Senior Team	Eve Gilmour Tina-Marie Tonks	Room 8 Room 7

Jobs with more than one simple name!

Classroom Release Teachers – **Annika Horn & Krissy O'Donnell**
Teacher Assistants/Behaviour Support – **Andrea Cederman & Katie Ferguson**
Office Administrator & Reception – **Jane Best** (Mon-Thurs)
Finance Officer – **Jenna Grooby** (Tues – Fri)
Kapa haka Kaiako – **Tess Hansen, Luke Hansen & Laura Hanson**
Library Lead – **Fiona Cook**
Sports Coordinator – **Tina-Marie Tonks**

2024 Term Dates

Term 1: Thursday, 1st February – Friday 12th April
Easter: Good Friday 29th March – Easter Tuesday 02nd April School Closed

Term 2: Monday, 29th April – Friday 5th July
King's Birthday: Monday, 3rd June – School Closed
Teacher Only Day: Tuesday, 4th June – School Closed
Matariki: Friday, 28th June – School Closed

Term 3: Monday 22nd July – Friday 27th September

Term 4: Monday 14th October – Monday 16th December @ midday
Labour Day Monday 28th October – School Closed
Teacher Only Day: Monday, 11th November – School Closed

Congratulations to all of our students for their amazing year of progress and learning achievements. We are supremely proud of you all! This year we introduced new certificates to recognise those students who made exceptional Progress or displayed Excellence at school. These were presented to those tamariki at our Prizegiving and Learning celebration last Friday together with our Year 8 cups.

Progress	Excellence	Year 8 Cups & Awards
Jessica Campbell	Nikita Faifua	Friendship – Thys MacDonald & Cruz Mulcahy
Drea Bately-Jones	William McEwen	Citizenship – Alex Oke
Arlee Driscoll	MacKenzie Neame	Values – Nina Russek
Lyla Willems	Asher Corston	Leadership – Apanui Helmbright
Oliver Dunbar	Ashley Robertson	Academic – Estella Archer
Stevie Archer	Vivi Roberts	The Arts – Stevie Archer
Pixie Mitchell	Hunter Krammer	Sports – Vianca Patrick
Elena Krammer	Cora Grooby	All Rounder – Kingi Caird
		Jubilee Scholarship – Kingi Caird & Apanui Helmbright



OfficeMax MySchool Beat the rush and order back to school stationery now! Class lists are ready at myschool.co.nz Shop Now

Back to school stationery – order now!

We’ve teamed up with OfficeMax to make your back to school shop super easy. And if you order in December, you’ll get in the draw to WIN 1 of 5 \$1000 cash prizes*.

Your child’s class list is already loaded. Just go to myschool.co.nz. Simply add your details, check that you want everything on the list, then click and confirm — and OfficeMax will get your delivery underway with free delivery on orders over \$70^.

You can pay by internet banking, credit card or debit card. Laybuy* is also available, so you can pay in 6 weekly, interest-free payments and still get your order right away. Plus you’ll be helping our school earn school rewards* that we use to purchase much needed extra resources for our school.

We encourage you to order early to ensure your child has all their stationery requirements ready to go in plenty of time for the start of Term 1.

So go ahead and beat the back to school rush, order today and give them the best start possible.

*Terms and Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details. ^Exclusions apply, see myschool.co.nz/delivery for details.



Kia Ora Koutou

As school winds down for the holidays we would like to take this opportunity to say a MASSIVE thankyou to everyone at our school.

It's been a big year with lots of changes for our kura and we wanted to acknowledge all the staff who helped keep everything ticking over beautifully.

2023 has been an exciting yet busy year with our new Principal, Adele, joining us at the start of Term One, the Riwaka School 175th Jubilee celebration and awesome school production, LOTS of building and property work, the opening of our new building - Te whare Mātairangi, the Riwaka School Duck race and kapa haka to name a few!

Alongside all these happenings our principal, teachers and all the wonderful staff have worked tirelessly to make the school a safe, educational and happy environment. Your mahi is greatly appreciated!

We would also like to thank Friends of Riwaka School (FORS) and our community for your time, ideas and energy with organising and supporting many different events, sports activities, transport and school trips is invaluable and always appreciated.

On that note, our community's feedback and ideas are a valuable and essential part of navigating our school's journey and it is great to see so many involved in the uniform choices, EOTC planning meetings and vision for our school (although we are betting some of you will be grateful for the email break!).

We also say goodbye and thank both Sally and Yvonne for bringing their passion and dedication to our school. We wish you both every happiness and discoveries on your new adventures.

Wishing you all a safe, fun and happy holiday season. We look forward to welcoming you all back for another exciting year on February 1st.

Best wishes

Riwaka School Board of Trustees



*Year 8 Students
Big Day Out*



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Motueka NZRDA

Motueka RDA Riding Therapy is delighted to offer schools and pre-schools a fun-filled therapeutic riding programme for 2024.

The weekly group sessions can assist with giving children strategies to manage anxiety, regulate emotions, build relationships, learn practical riding skills and gain empathy and confidence.

We have qualified RDA coaches and a registered child psychologist who can work with challenging behaviours and attendance issues, in collaboration with schools and other support agencies.

School's Only Offer

Schools can select four students who will attend 45 minute weekly sessions throughout the term, at a cost of \$440 per group per term.

Holiday programmes are also available.
Email: info@motuekardnz

MOTUEKA HIGH SCHOOL

COMMENCEMENT OF 2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Uniform Shop - 2nd hand uniforms - Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th January - 9am-4pm in the school hall.

School will reopen for students as follows:

Years 9 & 13	Thursday 1 st February - 8.45am to 3.05pm
Welcome Powhiri	Thursday 1 st February - 11.15am
All students	Monday 5 th February - 8.45am to 3.05pm
New Students BBQ	Thursday 8 th February - 5.00pm to 6.30pm

New Enrolments and Senior Course Confirmation

Any prospective students who have not enrolled or students wishing to discuss courses (including course changes and/or examination results) should contact the appropriate Dean. Course confirmation for Years 11, 12 & 13 will be held 25 January 2024. Please contact the Deans directly using the contact details below. Please include your own contact details for a reply.

Contact Details for Deans:

Year 9	Daniel Reeve	daniel.reeve@motuekahigh.school.nz
Year 9 Transition	Anna Haddon	anna.haddon@motuekahigh.school.nz
Year 10	Adele Fordyce	adele.fordyce@motuekahigh.school.nz
Year 11	Vicki McKerrow	vicki.mckerrow@motuekahigh.school.nz
Year 12	Lesley Paxton	lesley.paxton@motuekahigh.school.nz
Year 13	Paul Crofskey	paul.crofskey@motuekahigh.school.nz

The school office will be open from Tuesday 30th January from 8.30am - 3.00pm. PH: 03 528 9050 or email: admin@motuekahigh.school.nz

Today's Learners, Tomorrow's Leaders



KIDZ KLUB AFTER 3

SUMMER 2023/2024 HOLIDAY FUN

18 December - 20 December 2023
15 January - 24 January 2024

8.30am - 3.30pm (subject to availability depending on numbers)
Upper Motueka School Hall, Upper Motueka, Wairarapa

\$40 per day

WE DO DISCOUNTS available to eligible families
To get an enrolment form for your children contact
Shelley Adams 0277 388 7233
kiddieclubnz@gmail.com

BE IN QUICK AS SPACES ARE STRICTLY LIMITED!

Monday 18 Dec XMAS DECORATIONS Have a crafty day so we'll get into the xmas spirit and make some cool xmas decorations	Tuesday 19 Dec SWEETS & TREATS Do not come without the sweets and treats we all look forward to eating - so let's make some of our own	Wednesday 20 Dec MAKE A GIFT Today we make our own presents to give to those we care about for xmas presents	NO PROGRAMME FOR DECEMBER 21 & 22 Merry Christmas everyone and enjoy your holidays	
Monday 15 Jan TEDDY BEARS PICNIC Today's the day the teddy bears have their picnic	Tuesday 16 Jan SPOT ME IF YOU CAN Lots of fun finding all the hidden secrets	Wednesday 17 Jan SLIP & SLIDE & SARGASSES Slide down the massive County water slide and when you get to the bottom turn around and go back up again	Thursday 18 Jan SUMMER CRAFTS We are making loads of colourful arts and crafts today with a summer theme	Friday 19 Jan BOUNCE AWAY DAY It's a day full of fun games with balls

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!





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
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Email to reserve a place: info@canoejourneys.co.nz

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
Limited spots available

