

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



*They're coming down in showers,  
The leaves all gold and red;  
They're covering the little flowers,  
And tucking them in bed  
They've spread a fairy carpet  
All up and down the street;  
And when we skip along to school,  
they rustle 'neath our feet  
- Winifred C. Marshall*

Kia ora e te whānau

Last week I spent three intensive days at the Steiner principals' hui in Taupo where we worked together on *Transitions in Childhood*, how this manifests in the classroom and how the curriculum meets these transitions. Our study of this topic has been compiled into a document which will be shared with teachers soon to enrich their classroom practice. It was good to meet up with the other Steiner principals and to share anecdotes and receive advice and support over breakfast and delicious dinner. Long refreshing walks along the lake shore before dinner provided a welcome relief from all the thinking and discussions during the day.

We had a lovely cross country here on the campus on Tuesday. The students thoroughly enjoyed it, and it was encouraging to see the display of cooperation and

excellent sportsmanship, as well as rosy cheeks. A huge thank you to all for supporting our tamariki, and especially to Yolande, Ritchey, Rebecca and Darren for your superb organizational skills and ensuring a sufficiently challenging circuit!

Please join us for the *working bee* this Sunday, 25 May. There will be delicious pizza at lunch time!

The Proprietors' Trust is working on a Strategic Plan to move the school forward for the next couple of years. They will be sharing this with the community at a Community Information Evening as soon as it has been refined and finalised. Watch out for the date in an upcoming newsletter. On this note, just a reminder that the PT has appointed Valetta Sowka to assist them in their fundraising efforts. If you are interested in supporting Valetta and the PT in any of their fundraising initiatives, please get in touch directly with Valetta.

*Mahia i runga i te rangimārie me te ngākau māhaki*

Ngā mihi, Elizabeth



## Term 2 dates

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

Sunday 25 May	Working Bee	9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Monday 26 May	Community Information Evening	CANCELLED
Monday 2 June	King's Birthday/ Public Holiday	No School
Tuesday 3 June	Teacher Only Day	No School
Thursday 5 June	MRSST AGM	3:15 to 4:15pm in Ahi (School)
Monday 9 June	Board Meeting	5:00 pm in Totara
Monday 16 June	Kohatu Lantern Festival	Kohatu
Thursday 19 June	Mid-Winter and Matariki Festival	C1-7
Friday 20 June	Matariki/Public Holiday	No School

# CLASSROOM CORNER

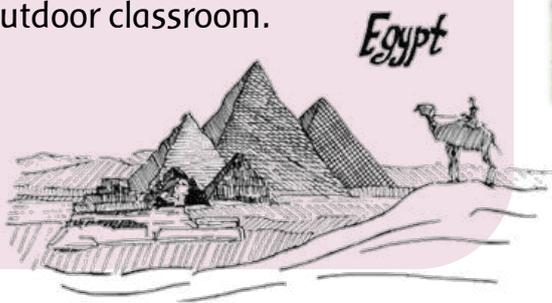
## MOANA (CLASS 5 AND 6)

This term Moana has been learning about Ancient Egypt, and as part of our learning we completed a pyramid-building challenge. Moana students were given sticks and string, they had 5 minutes where they were allowed to choose extra materials and then they worked together to create their own pyramids.



Teams were judged on their collaborative work; how they communicated and worked together to complete the project. Teams had so much fun! There was laughter, the sharing of great ideas and time spent in our fabulous outdoor classroom.

Helga



# FARM TO TABLE

## AUTUMN IN THE GARDEN

Autumn has arrived in the garden. The apple season has come to an end and has been replaced by the steady fall of feijoas and a thriving crop of lush weeds!



We've been busy outdoors, and it's a real privilege to work, play, and learn alongside the children in the garden. They've been working hard to clean up the garden

space—harvesting the last of the summer crops, collecting and saving seeds for next spring, tackling the never-ending weeding, planting broad beans, brassicas, greens, herbs, and garlic, and carefully netting our efforts before the pukeko get to them. We've also gathered heaps of autumn leaves to use as mulch for the beds.



Class 5/6 have done an amazing job building raised garden beds. Not only do they look fantastic, but they're also going to save us a lot of weeding time! A big thank you to Richie for collecting the soil we needed to fill them.



Happy winter gardening,  
Jolie

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## TERM 2 SURVEY

This term's community survey is on 'Partnerships'. Please click the link below to learn more about this topic. Your feedback is much appreciated!

<https://forms.gle/KmS494QXYKVTRu3w8>

## OPEN DAY



Wednesday 28 May

1:30-3:00pm

(first tour 1:30 and second tour 2:15)

The kindergarten and school will open their doors to welcome new families who are interested in Steiner/Waldorf education. Please help us spread the word and invite them to join us on the day. There will be a short talk and a tour of the school.

## WORKING BEE



Sunday 25 May

From 9 to 1pm

Morning Tea will be provided by the school and wood fired pizzas will be provided by 'The Weavers'! (Help with prepping and cleaning would be appreciated)

Sign up here:

<https://signup.zone/gLAQ2nDnY4SjNPNnC>

## EDUCATION SHOULD BE JOYFUL

FOOD FOR  
THOUGHT

What if the key to academic success wasn't more pressure, more testing, or more hours at a desk—but more joy?



We believe that education thrives when it begins with joy. It's not a nice-to-have; it's essential. Research consistently shows that when students learn in environments that are joyful, immersive, and low in stress, their academic

performance improves, their confidence grows, and their overall well-being soars. This is the heart of Waldorf education.

Step into a classroom here and you'll see children fully engaged in their learning—not because they're cramming for a test, but because the curriculum speaks to their developmental needs and ignites their natural curiosity. You'll hear the rhythm of a recitation, the hum of collaboration, the joyful sounds of movement and music. You'll see watercolor paintings drying by the window, and nature journals filled with observations from a morning walk in the woods.

As our students grow, they continue to take deep-dives into their block-style curriculum including subjects such as physics, meteorology, organic chemistry, botany, geology. They study French, Russian, Latin, and play a stringed instrument beginning in the 3rd grade. This is not education watered down, this is education made meaningful.

Waldorf Education is both rigorous and developmentally appropriate. We hold high academic expectations, but we meet children where they are. Instead of rushing them through milestones, we provide a path that builds strong foundations—in literacy, numeracy, scientific inquiry, critical thinking, and the arts—while also supporting social-emotional development.

Our curriculum is woven with movement, nature, and the arts—not as an afterthought, but as essential threads in the fabric of learning. Whether it's learning fractions through rhythmic clapping and movement, writing a persuasive essay inspired by a history, or sculpting forms in beeswax to understand geometric concepts, our students engage with their whole selves—head, heart, and hands.

This approach doesn't just prepare students for school. It prepares them for life.

It fosters adaptable, self-aware, and resilient young people—learners who are capable of meeting the world with confidence, curiosity, and purpose. They know how to collaborate. They know how to think creatively. And perhaps most importantly, they know how to find joy in the process of learning.

At Richmond Waldorf School, we're proud to be a place where children don't have to choose between happiness and achievement. Here, they rise because they are seen, supported, and inspired. Here, joy is not a distraction from learning—it's a catalyst for it.

Because when education begins with joy, it creates a life-long love of learning.

<https://richmondwaldorf.com/education-should-be-joyful/>

# MOTUEKA STEINER SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY



**CLASS 1 AND 2**



**CLASS 3 AND 4**



**CLASS 5,6 AND 7**

# MOTUEKA RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL TRUST (MRSST)

gives notice of its annual

## Founders Meeting / Annual General Meeting & Community Get Together

on Thursday 5 June 2024, 3.15 - 4.15pm at  
the school (Ahi Classroom).

The meeting will be an opportunity to review  
the trust's work over the past year, look  
ahead to priorities over the coming year, ap-  
point new trustees, and hear any feedback  
from the community.

Anyone with any interest in our school or  
community is warmly welcomed.

## MIDNIGHT ELVES



Come and join us to bring  
new life to the Midnight  
Elves. Share your wisdom,  
learn new skills and create  
beautiful Waldorf toys and

decorations over a cuppa. All welcome - no  
skills required. Bring your little ones plus their  
favourite snack and toy. Every Thursday from  
9.30am onwards in the doll makers' room at  
35 Wallace Street, Motueka (old kindy).

## THE WEAVERS

The Weavers are glad to bring back coffee  
catch ups on a fortnightly basis, starting again  
from Thursday 8 May at 2.30pm in the outdoor  
kitchen.

More dates as follows:

22May  
05June  
19June



We'll have coffee, tea and baking ready for you  
to come together and catch up over a cuppa,  
meet some new parents or old friends .

## KINDERGARTEN

One of the biggest  
supports for young  
children is  
rhythm. Not a strict  
schedule, but a gen-  
tle and predictable  
flow. Here at the  
kindergarten we live  
with the in-breath  
and the out-breath  
of daily, weekly and  
seasonal rhythms, which the children really  
settle into. It helps them feel safe and able  
to fully settle into what they're doing.



You can support this at home too, and it  
doesn't have to be complicated. Simple  
things like eating meals around the same  
time each day, having a bedtime ritual that  
repeats each night or even saying the same  
phrase when it's time to say goodbye at kin-  
dergarten. These things all help. Children  
feel more secure and held when they know  
what to expect, and rhythm gives them  
that. Thank you for all the ways you're al-  
ready doing this at home. It really does  
make a difference and supports these young  
human beings to grow and flourish.

## KINDERGARTEN TERM DATES

- 2 June King's Birthday- no Kindergarten
- 6 June Lantern Festival, evening time TBC
- 13 June Lantern Festival rain date
- 20 June Matariki Holiday - no Kindergarten
- 27 June Last day of Term 2



**Motueka Steiner  
School**

# OPEN DAY

**KINDERGARTEN AND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Wednesday 28 May**

**1:30 and 2:15pm (45 minute talk and tour)**

**165 Robinson Road, Lower Moutere**



**RSVP: [office@motuekasteiner.school.nz](mailto:office@motuekasteiner.school.nz) / 03 528 0246**

# COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

## Workshop for Rent

Excellent Motueka location  
Locked workshop and storage (9x5m)  
Shared office space  
Access to kitchen and bathroom  
Plenty of parking  
Close to Toad Hall  
Contact Lindsey (021 140 1244) or Dem (027 331 1167)



## Rental available from May 18

Self-contained 2 bedroom unit near Riverside community. Ideal for a single or a couple for short or long-term. For more information, contact Gali 022 4006425.

## House for Rent—Term 3



4 July—1 Oct 2025

\$500 p/w; 3 bdrm. Fully furnished incl power, wifi, firewood and cat for company.

Located on a 2-acre lifestyle block on Harley Road, just out of Tasman village. Cycle track runs past the gate and only 10 min to Mapua, Motueka & Upper Moutere.

Contact Christine for details 021 119 8117

## Space for a Tiny House



Steiner family Sorie, Mark and Maia seeking a place for their newly-built tiny house from July/August 2025.

Looking for a sweet spot with natural outlook, sunny aspect and reasonably private.

We are a nature-loving, ecologically aware, community-minded family.

ecomarknz@proton.me



I would like to invite you and your friends to a Rhythm and Kin concert to fundraise for Phoebe's upcoming adventure to Sweden. Phoebe has been accepted into the Youth Initiative Programme which is a 10-month-long program for 18 to 28 yr olds who want to contribute their passions and skills to a better future. It's about societal entrepreneurship, community and actually initiating a positive difference. More information and a link to the website is below. Because of the bad exchange rate as well as the employment crisis Phoebe is trying to find as many ways to raise funds to get herself there, hence this concert.

Rhythm and Kin is a duo Phoebe and I formed around about three years ago. We play an assortment of genres from Celtic, Klezmer and Jazz with our own original tunes and songs thrown into the mix. We've been playing in all sorts of settings, having played at the Whare Flats Folk Festival and the Canterbury Folk Festival as guest artists, along with some more local spots such as Cable Play music festival and the Nelson Folk Club.

We would really love the support of you, our community, to help Phoebe reach her goal to get to Sweden in August. So please invite your friends to come along to a cosy night of music at the beautiful Chanel Arts Centre on Winter Solstice evening. **June 21st. 7pm**

**Tickets are available at Humantix:**

<https://events.humantix.com/rhythm-and-kin>

**Adults \$22**

**Youth- 13-17yrs-\$15**

**Children 12 and under - Free**

If there are still tickets left then there will be door sales for \$25 for adults. (Same price as above for youth and children.)

We will also be putting on a concert in Nelson on July the 11th at Fairfield house, so if you have Nelson folk who you think would like to come along (or that is a better date and location for you,) here is where you find the tickets:

<https://events.humantix.com/rhythm-and-kin-w3qq5uy4>

Thank you all for your support, and we hope to see you all there!

Tamsin and Phoebe

# JESSE AND OTHER STORIES

## ABOUT

"Engaging storytelling, delightfully rebellious, with exquisite live music." With Mary Glaisyer (storyteller and comedian) and Juliet Ayre (violinist)

Tickets: pre booked \$15  
Door sales \$20



## SHOW 1

### DATE

Saturday 14 June 2025 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM (UTC+12)

### LOCATION

The Sharing Space, Wild Clover Farm  
2075 Motueka Valley Highway, Ngatimoti, Motueka Nelson 7196

<https://www.trybooking.com/nz/events/landing/15608?>

## SHOW 2

### DATE

Saturday 21 June 2025 7:30 PM - 8:45 PM (UTC+12)

### LOCATION

The Imaginarium  
1 Woodland Ave, Motueka, Nelson 7120

<https://www.trybooking.com/nz/events/landing/15611?>

# THE SAUNA PROJECT

Relax, rejuvenate and improve your well-being!

## Sauna

and (optional) River plunge



See Schedule and Book at:

[www.thesaunaproject.co.nz/motueka](http://www.thesaunaproject.co.nz/motueka)

1 hour session \$20 or  
10 session concession \$160



Blue gums hole - West Bank Rd

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insta: [thesaunaproject\\_motueka](https://www.instagram.com/thesaunaproject_motueka)



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## REACH HIGH BADMINTON >>> AGE 5 ~ 18

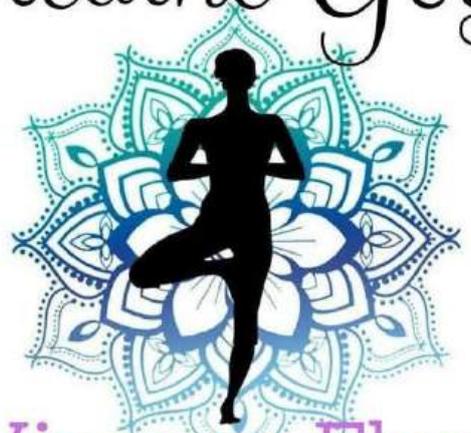
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20B GLADSTONE RD

MON > 4:30PM - 6PM  
FRI > 4PM - 5:30PM

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# Breathe Yoga



## Vinyasa Flow

Breath - Movement - Flow

Tuesdays & Fridays

9.30am - 10.45am

At Riverside Community Hall, 289 Main Road,  
Lower Moutere

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