

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



*When the geese are flying north
And the sky is grey, my dears,
Close your eyes and lift your nose;
Listen with your careful ears.
Feel the winter coming on;
Hear it in the crackling trees;
Note the crisping, quivering wind
Sharply snapping at their leaves.
- Barbara Vance*

Kia ora e te whānau

A huge thank you to all of you who volunteered your precious Sunday morning to the Working Bee, despite the grey skies and occasional drizzle. The campus is once again looking spic and span. We are very grateful to Ritchey who takes charge of the Working Bee every term; to Sorie for organizing morning tea; and to The Weavers who provided delicious pizza.

On Tuesday we had our teacher-only-day. We got together first thing in the morning to fill our kapahaka kete with Fergus from Sport Tasman. We learnt a variety of Māori games which we hope to incorporate into the classroom. Our next session was harakeke weaving with Lindsey, making beautiful baskets. We enjoyed much warm collegiality while keeping our fingers busy with weaving. The afternoon was spent gathering and collating mid-year achievement data, writing reports and working on our professional growth cycles.

We had lots of fun celebrating King's Birthday. We started off with a Crown Parade and really enjoyed all the beautiful and creative crowns the children have made. Just before lunch we were served yummy scones with jam and cream which Jolie and her Class 5&6 team had baked. Thank you, team! At lunchtime we were entertained by Classes 5, 6&7 in a jousting competition with brooms and pool noodles – use your imagination! After lunch the classes spent time building towers and challenging each other to build the highest tower. A big thank you to Miss Terry who organized it all!

There will be no parent enrichment evening this term due to the shortness of the term and many families already away overseas. Yolande and I will present two sessions on The Twelve Senses in terms three and four. Please look out for the details in a future newsletter.

We will be celebrating our Mid-winter Matariki Festival on Thursday evening, 19 June. We will send out more details about this next week. Tamariki have started working on their lanterns and are practising the lantern songs and Matariki waiata. Just a reminder that Friday 20 June is a Matariki public holiday.

*E hāra taku toa i te toa takitahi,
he toa takitini*

Ngā mihi, Elizabeth



Term 2 and 3 dates

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

Thursday 5 June	MRSST AGM	3:15 to 4:15pm in Ahī (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
Friday 27 June	Last day term 2	
Monday 14 July	First day term 3	

CLASSROOM CORNER

MAHANA (CLASS 3 AND 4)



Term two has seen Classes 3 and 4 learning about traditional occupations, among them many types of woodworking and weaving. We were

lucky to visit local artisans Jane and Tony in their weaving and fine woodworking workshop in Tasman, and we have Tanya from Heartstone baskets coming to show us her craft next week



As part of another learning thread and following on from our fundraising last term in support of local conservation group Friends of Flora Trust, we headed up to Wharepapa (Mt Arthur) recently to see it for ourselves. Unperturbed by the clouds hanging low over the mountain, we were rewarded with a wonderful day amongst the forest trees, the moss, ferns and streams of this local treasure.



Blessing and Mahana

HANDWORK

We are into term two and all the children are all well into their handwork projects with a great sense of energy.

Class one have mostly finished their snail project and happily moving onto the next. Classroom two are fast developing a pride of lions with class three and four completing their weaving project and onto their respective embroidery projects. Class 5 are the first to complete a brand new project for our school, in a holder for their cutlery to live during their time in the outdoor kitchen. Class 6 have valiantly worked their way through their 3D animals and are now facing up to patchwork and dragon making. Class 7 are demonstrating all their old sewing skills as well as learning new ones as they make a bag with some moving on to doll making. For those families off overseas for a while please feel free to reach out to me for handwork projects they can do while away on davina.clarke@motuekasteiner.school.nz

Davina



A CROSS COUNTRY DAY TO REMEMBER!



What a joy-filled day we had on **Tuesday, 20 May**, as our school came together for our much-loved **Annual Cross Country event!** With the sun shining and the fresh autumn breeze on our side, our

beautiful school grounds were the perfect backdrop for an exciting day of running, cheering, and celebrating community.

It was truly heartwarming to see children of all ages giving their best – from the tiniest tots to the most seasoned runners, each one showed determination, courage, and plenty of smiles. Our class races were full of spirit, and the special **toddler and parent races** brought an extra dose of fun and laughter to the day.

And of course, no race day would be complete without our famous **well-deserved juicies** – enjoyed by all as a sweet reward for a job well done!

Now, with our school spirit high and running shoes ready, we look ahead to the **Inter-Schools Cross Country Race on Friday, 6 June at Rabbit Island**. Let's keep the momentum going and cheer on our runners as they represent our school with pride!

On your marks, get set... GO!

Blessings
Miss Terry

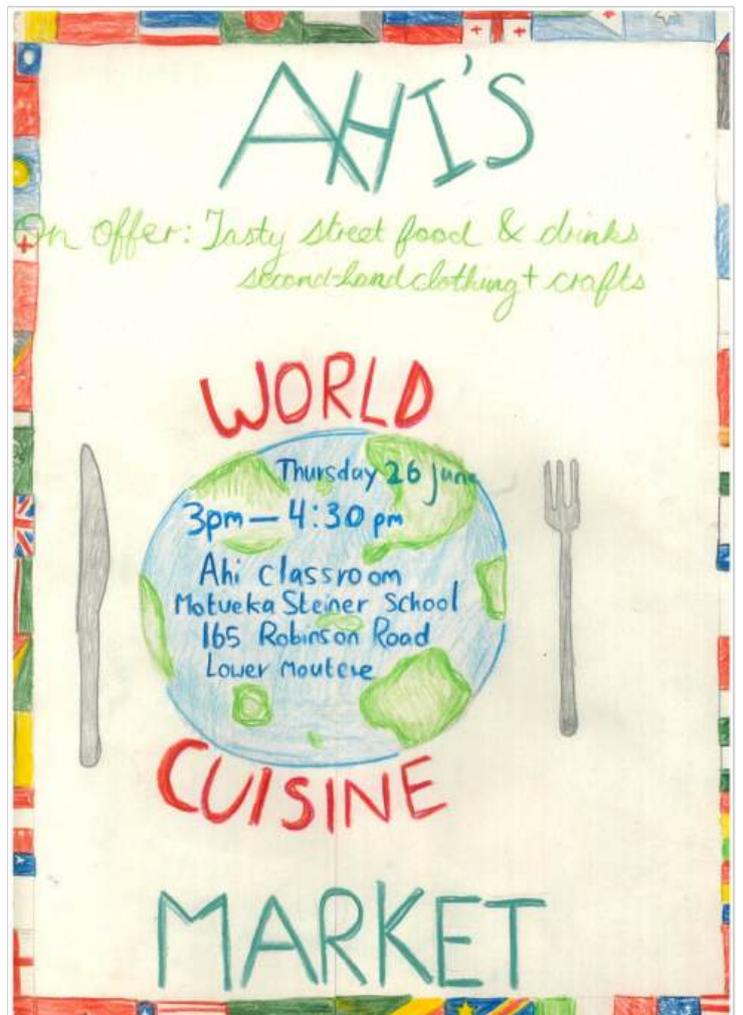
KING'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



WORKING BEE



Our termly working bees are an important school event that not only brings us together but helps with the maintenance of our grounds. The work that is needed in upkeeping and developing our large campus is extensive. Your help on the day is essential to the school and much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you at our next working bee!



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>

WELCOME

This term we welcome:

Hugh Harris
in class 6

NATIVE TREE NURSERY

Some class 5/6 parents have started taking on the schools tree nursery for now. Planting season is upon us and we have at the moment this for sale:

Stocktake sellable plants 01.05.25

Akeake 60

Manuka 80

Carex grass 40

Makomako/ wineberry 12

Putaputaweta/ marble leaf 9

Kahikatea/ white pine 4

Robusta 50

Totara 3

Ribbon wood 20

Tawhai Rauriki/ black beech 5

Karamux 5

Red Flax 51

Comprosmia mix 13



Please contact Annemarie 0211327122 or

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More detailed information to follow next newsletter.

TEXAS IS GETTING READY TO BAN SOCIAL MEDIA FOR ANYONE UNDER 18

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Texas could become the next US state to lay down the law with social media platforms.

A Texas bill that would ban social media use for anyone under 18 recently moved past the Senate committee and is due for a vote in front of the Texas State Senate.

The bill has until the state's legislative session comes to an end on June 2, leaving roughly a week for it to be approved by both the Senate and the governor.

Earlier this year, the bill passed the House committee stage and was later voted in favor of by the state's House of Representatives.

If made into law, the bill would force social media platforms to verify the age of anyone setting up an account, much like how Texas passed legislation requiring websites hosting porn to implement an age verification system.

On top of that, Texas' social media ban proposes to let parents delete their child's social media account, allowing the platforms 10 days to comply with the request or face a fine from the state's attorney general.

Texas isn't the only governing body interested in restricting social media access.

Last year, Florida's governor, Ron DeSantis, signed into law a bill that outright bans anyone under 14 from using social media and requires 14- and 15-year-olds to get parental consent to make an account or use an existing account. Notably, Texas' proposed law is much stricter than that.

On a larger scale, the US Senate introduced a bill to ban social media platforms for anyone under 13 in April 2024. After being stuck in the committee stage, Senators Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii) and Ted Cruz (R-Texas) recently made comments that signal a potential second attempt at getting this passed.

from [endgadget](#)

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 Mid-
night 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).



KINDERGARTEN

Recently, a kindergarten child was over-
heard saying, "I'm bored." In today's fast-
paced world children are often entertained
at every turn through structured activities
and constant stimulations. They are rarely
allowed the space to experience boredom,
yet boredom is not something to avoid, but
rather something to welcome.

Boredom creates a pause, a still moment in
which a child's imagination and will forces
begin to stir. With nobody stepping in to fill
the gap, the child turns inward, seeking
from within what to do next. This is how
creativity is cultivated. A pinecone can be-
come a treasure. A stick can transform into
a fishing rod. A quiet moment can become
a rich, imaginative world.

So, rather than rushing to 'fix' boredom, let's
honour it. Let's celebrate the chance for the
tamariki to discover their impulse to play
and create what is alive within them.

Boredom isn't
the end, but
rather it's the
beginning!



KINDERGARTEN TERM DATES

- 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

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

For Sale

Karmic Relationships, by Rudolf Steiner -
8 volumes all in good condition

If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth
at school

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, commu-
nity-minded family.

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BABYSITTING SERVICE

Hey there! My name is Agustina :)

I am 25 years old and I'm living in Motueka. I love
being with children and my focus is on supporting
them in their growth, allowing them to move freely,
at their own pace, and encouraging their natural
impulses for growth and development.

If you are interested, we can meet up
or have a phone call to see if I am the
right fit for you **0204789855**



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 Humanitix:

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

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

Tamsin and Phoebe