

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



In the wintry depths grows warm
True being of the spirit.
It gives to world illusion,
Through forces of the heart, real inner being.
World coldness is defied in humankind,
Whose fire-of-soul grows stronger.

- Rudolf Steiner

Kia ora e te whānau

Rudolf Steiner reminds us that as winter draws near, the inbreath of the earth is completed; the earth's soul has drawn its forces down beneath the soil. Thus, the earth, in our winter hemisphere, is intensely awake.

Kohatu's parent newsletter about the Lantern Festival explains this beautifully:

Imagine how when we go to sleep, we put our thoughts outside of ourselves to enable sleep, to be inwardly quiet. When we wake in the morning there the thoughts are again, ready for us to meet the day. In the summertime we can see the same process happening around us. The "thoughts" of the earth are placed outside of itself, so it can inwardly sleep. We see this intense activity in the summer in all the new life, blossoms, fruits and new growth. In the winter the "thoughts" of the earth are turned inwardly, intensely active and awake underground, preparing for the next cycle of growth.

Our own consciousness and thinking are also intensified in winter. Humanity's ego consciousness needs to be lifted up beyond egotism into awareness of the spiritual reality of life. In winter, the interest in transcending our personal self, manifests itself in the feeling for community, the social urge that leads us to communal meals and games for example. In the darkness of winter, the human ego feels its inner strengthening, and in seeking to transcend itself, strives for community with others.

For the past two weeks we have been singing Matariki waiata and reciting karakia in preparation for our Matariki festival. Tamariki have also been practising their lantern songs and making their beautiful lanterns. This is always a very exciting time for the children, and we all look forward to coming together on the chilly winter night, walking the spiral with our lanterns, lighting the fire and enjoying its warmth, singing songs, and then digging into yummy soup and rolls.

If all goes well, we will be celebrating our Mid-winter Matariki Festival tonight. Please see the Health and Safety Brief and the Programme further along in the newsletter.

Just a reminder that Friday 20 June is a Matariki public holiday.

Ka kitea a Matariki, ka rere te korokoro.

Ngā mihi, Elizabeth



Term 2 and 3 dates

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

Thursday 19 June	Mid-Winter and Matariki Festival	C1-7 from 5:30pm
Friday 20 June	Matariki/Public Holiday	No School
Thursday 26 June	Ahi's World Cuisine Market	3:00pm in Ahi Classroom
Friday 27 June	Last day term 2	
Monday 14 July	First day term 3	
Tuesday 29 July	School Board Meeting	5:00 pm in Totara building

CLASSROOM CORNER

PUTIPUTI—CLASS 1 AND 2



It's been full steam ahead in Puti Puti, with so many exciting adventures lighting up our learning!

We've just wrapped up our Maths main lesson, diving deep into the world of *Place Value*. Pirate Perry led the way, helping us unlock the treasures stored in the vaults of ones,

tens, hundreds, and thousands. To bring our lesson to life, we rowed our pirate ship to the rhythm of *Tongo*, a vibrant Polynesian song, and even danced like pirates to *I've Been to London*.

Our learning didn't stop there—we rolled up our sleeves and got hands-on, opening two very busy peanut factories: *Pics Peanut Factory* and *Black Cat Peanut Factory*. It was hard work, but also loads of fun! We counted peanuts in ones, tens, hundreds, and thousands—tallying over **2,700 peanuts** in total. What an achievement!

Alongside our maths adventures, we've also begun our beautiful *Matariki* celebrations. Each day, we focus on one special star. To honour *Hīwa-i-te-Rangi*, we wrote our wishes on feathers and joined them together to create a stunning *piu piu*. We've also crafted colourful stars to celebrate *Matariki*, and today, we painted a magical forest filled with birds in tribute to *Tupuārangi*.

Our lanterns are now complete, and we're counting down the days to our much-anticipated Matariki Festival. We can't wait to see what other exciting activities Miss Terry has planned as we continue our journey through the stars!"



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

As we wrap up the term in the Outdoor Classroom we are endeavouring to complete all the copper projects from the last few weeks. It has been a fantastic term with working hands busy all day. Copper is a wonderful material to work with and the students have enjoyed watching what they have produced; some to a very high standard. One of the most satisfying parts is seeing how they transform scrap copper into beautiful new pieces.



The last few weeks we have also enjoyed getting back into cooking warm soups, flat breads and hot drinks on the fire to keep us cosy. As we gear up to diving into leather

and forging next term I would love to hear from any keen forgers that would be happy to spend some time with us on Wednesdays. Stay warm by the fire :)



INTER-SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY AT RABBIT ISLAND: A DAY OF GRIT, COLOUR, AND FUN!

Friday, 6 June 2025, was a day to remember as schools from across the area gathered at the stunning Rabbit Island for the much-anticipated Inter-School Cross Country event. With the weather playing along perfectly—clear skies, crisp air, and a touch of winter sunshine—the scene was set for an unforgettable day of sport, spirit, and smiles.

The course, winding through Rabbit Island's scenic trails, provided a beautiful backdrop for the runners, with lush greenery and open beachside views pushing the energy levels even higher. It was especially heartwarming to see a sea of purple and yellow school shirts flying by—our students giving their all, with pride and passion in every stride.

Among the many determined faces were a few standout performances, with several of our students finishing in pole positions. These top achievers have now earned their places in the upcoming District Cross Country event—an exciting opportunity to shine even further!

But beyond the podium finishes, what truly stood out was the spirit of participation. It was a joy to see our children running, laughing, encouraging one another, and simply enjoying the thrill of the race. Whether sprinting to the finish or jogging with friends, every student showed heart—and that's what made the day such a success.

Congratulations to all who took part. We're proud of every single runner!

Miss Terry



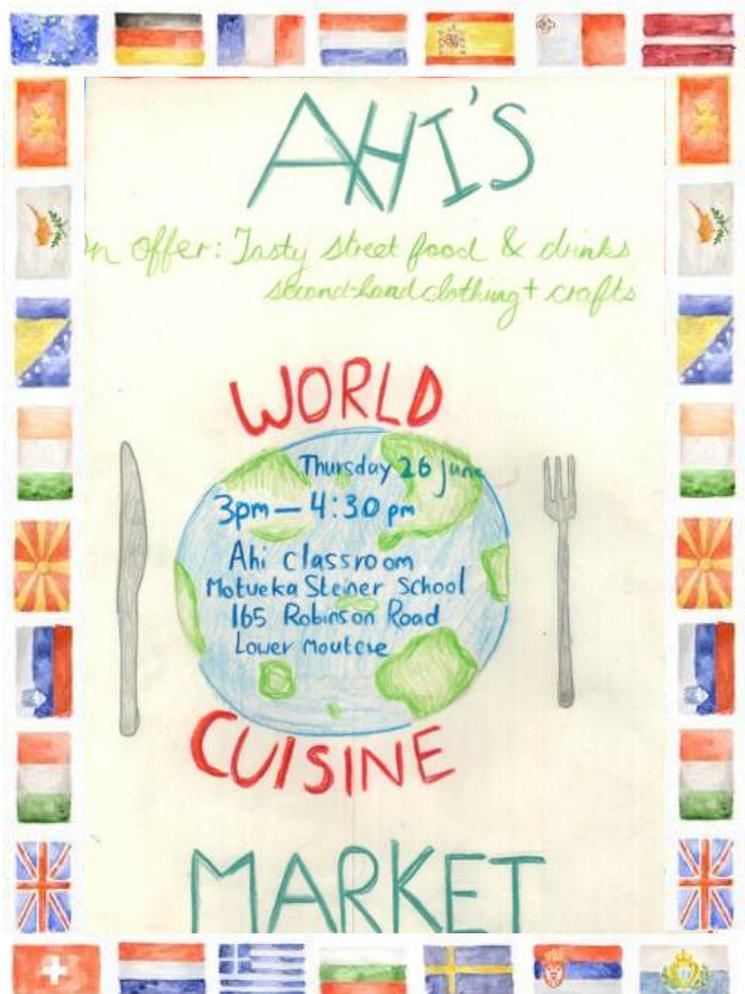
AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS *Congratulations*



Indoor Football
Class 3 and 4 champions



Miniball
Class 6 and 7 champions



SCHOOL NOTICES

LIBRARY NEWS

Did you know that our little library container is open on Tuesday and Friday for lunch break? We encourage children and parents to come and browse through our library books. Our library volunteer Amy, is happy to show you our collection of books. We have a wide range of novels for older children.

And a friendly reminder to please return any library books your children have on loan by end of term.

WELCOME

This term we welcome:

Esmee-Belle
in Kohatu

WORLD CUISINE MARKET

Come and support Ahi 's World Cuisine Market

Thursday 26 June

3:00-4:30pm in Ahi Classroom

On offer: Tasty street food, drinks, second hand clothing and crafts

GENTLE REMINDERS

Lost and found— Please remember to check the lost and found basket in front of the staff room. Uncollected items will be donated to the local op shop in term break.

10Km/hr zone If for any reason you need to use the school driveway, please remember to drive mindfully and keep to the speed limit at all times.

NATIVE TREE NURSERY

Dear community,

As you might have heard already, class 5/6 has taken over caring for the school's native tree nursery which Edith and many other volunteers have set up on our school land, as a class fundraiser. We have the following plants available in different quantities and sizes:

Ground level plants:

Carex Grass (up to 1.5m)

Red Flax (up to 1.5m)

Shrub and small trees:

Akeake (up to 6m)

Manuka/Tea Tree (up to 8m)

Karamu / Comprosmia Robusta (up to 8m)

Comprosmia mix

Makomako/ Wineberry (up to 10m)

Putaputaweta/ Marbleleaf (up to 10m)

Subcanopy:

Manatu / Ribbon wood (up to 17m)

Emergent/Canopy:

Kahikatea/ White Pine (up to 50m)

Totara (up to 30m)

Tawhai Rauriki/ Black beech (up to 25m)

We are having a nursery sale on the 26th of June from 3pm-4:30pm for our school community at the school nursery (next to school garden on top of the hill) before we open sales for the broader community. Please bring cash and trailer/boot space to bring your plants home. Please come and support us by enriching your land while helping our children grow on their Steiner Greek Olympics this year.

Any questions please contact Annemarie:
021 132 7122

CLASS 1—7 MATARIKI LANTERN FESTIVAL

THURSDAY 19 JUNE 5:30 PM

Programme

1. 5:30 Families arrive
2. 5:45 Bell rings - classes go to classrooms where lanterns are ready. Light lanterns (parent liaisons to help with this). Parents are welcomed and given a brief of the festival.
3. Classes line up outside their classrooms as soon as they are ready. Mahana starts singing and walking, gathering other classes as they go, to form three lines at the far end of the court for singing of lantern songs.
4. Ahi leads off up the driveway to the hill for the spiral walk followed by classes 1 – 6. Lanterns are in place for the spiral on the hill, with two full rounds to go into the centre.
5. Gather around the fire with lanterns, class by class to make a big circle around Ahi.
6. Ahi: Matariki Korero
7. Ahi recites fire-lighting verse and lights fire to Rise Up O Flame.
8. Matariki waiata
9. Karakia kai
10. Classes leave in orderly fashion back to classrooms to extinguish lanterns. Hand-over to parents.
11. Soup and bread served in front of individual classes.

Important Safety Information

The various aspects which make our Matariki Winter Festival so special – holding it at nighttime, in the dark, with a brazier and live fire on the school site – also brings additional health and safety risks. To ensure that everyone is able to fully enjoy the evening in a safe environment, please adhere to the following:

- Parents, please have pre-school children within arm's length at all times.
- Please do not use the playground on the evening or during the festival.
- Ensure that mobile phones are switched off.
- Please line up quietly on the right-hand side of the road as the children pass by on the way to the hill for the lantern spiral.
- If there are any accidents during the evening that need medical attention, please make your way to the office. Alternatively, alert one of the teachers or the principal.
- Any lost children will be taken to the office - please collect them from there.

Gratitude and Reverence

Please encourage your child/ren and whānau to maintain a sense of reverence as you enjoy the evening by keeping our voices quiet while we enjoy the performances; especially the songs, waiata, poems, and lantern spiral.

Thank you everyone, we look forward to seeing you all there.

KOHATU LANTERN FESTIVAL



SPRING FAIR

WE NEED YOU!



The Steiner Fair Steering Committee needs YOU! Please come to our meeting Tuesday 24th June 9am at Toad Hall to chat and see what roles need filling. The Fair is a mere 3 months away and our biggest annual fundraiser. We are also 10 families down from last year and for some fair coordinators and stall

holders this will be their last year. They need to pass on their knowledge and are happy to work side by side with us. So EVERYBODY counts, let's pull together and actively shape our school! It's gonna be magical.

Next meeting:
Tuesday 24th June
9am
at Toad Hall

STAR SHOP

The Spring Fair's very popular ☆STAR SHOP☆ is looking for people who enjoy making simple crafts at home, to help create little treasures for the children to buy and enjoy.

If this sounds like something you could help with please get in touch with Jo Wilcox 0211709495

Thank you



MATCHBOX CASTLE



Our Matchbox Castle keeper has been busy cutting out shapes for us to sew into small felted treasures. Each little treasure comes with instructions and pre-cut pieces making it an easy project to do at home by the fire. You can find the envelopes with prepacked projects in the office with samples for you to see what the end result is. For more information, please

email Davina (Handwork Teacher)
davina.clarke@motuekasteiner.school.nz

THE JOY AND BENEFITS OF READING

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

As we prepare for the long, sun-warmed days of summer, we invite families to rediscover one of the simplest, most nourishing treasures of childhood: the shared joy of reading.

In Waldorf education, we often emphasize the importance of rhythm and reverence, of stories that awaken the inner life and help children find their place in the world. Reading—whether curled up with a loved one, listening with rapt attention, or delighting in decoding a word alone—is more than literacy instruction. It is soul nourishment.

Why Stories Matter

When we read to a child, we do far more than teach language. We are helping build a foundation for lifelong learning, empathy, and wonder. Research confirms what teachers and parents in Waldorf schools have long known: that early exposure to stories, especially those shared in the warmth of human presence, supports a child's development in profound ways:

- Children build stronger language skills when exposed to a wide and varied vocabulary.
- Reading supports imagination by encouraging children to picture and explore new ideas.
- Listening to stories helps improve focus, memory, and attention span.
- Stories offer opportunities for children to understand emotions and develop empathy.

Exposure to rhythm, repetition, and well-structured language supports a deeper appreciation for language and storytelling.

Perhaps, and most importantly, a bond is formed between reader and listener, between child and word, between heart and story.

Reading Through the Seasons

Just as the classrooms bring stories suited to the turning of the seasons, summer offers its own special reading rhythm. Morning play time might be followed by quiet time with a book; evenings might close with a beloved tale. Whether reading a favorite picture book for the hundredth time or beginning a new chapter adventure, know that you are giving your child something lasting and sacred: the love of language and the quiet companionship of story.

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MIDNIGHT ELVES

Winter retreat from 11 July 5pm to Sunday 13 July 4pm in Karuna's house—222 Rosedale Road, Upper Moutere. Any questions, please phone Karuna 027 231 3700

Midnight Elves Winter Retreat

King Winter now is in the land, he reigns with cold and freezing hand. He makes Jack Frost touch nose and toes and gives our cheeks a shining glow.
from Myrabeline Press 'Winter' Book

Whatever your approach to craft, please join us on a weekend of learning and making. Hang out, make new friends, fill your cup and leave the chores.

Retreat Features:
Two needle felting workshops hosted by Gabrielle & private movie screening on Saturday

We'll be at Karuna's house at 222 Rosedale Road, Upper Moutere from Friday, 11 July 5pm to Sunday 13 July at 4pm. Come for some or all of the weekend.

Bring a food contribution appropriate for the length of your stay. Children are welcome but no childcare provided. Call or text Karuna 027 231 3700 if you have any questions.




Come and find the perfect winter gift from the Midnight Elves' winter shop (school office). Beautifully handmade items made by the Midnight eEves. A perfect winter gift!



KINDERGARTEN

On Friday, 6 June, our kindergarten community gathered to celebrate the Lantern Festival to honour the inner light we each carry through the cold and dark times. It was a magical evening indeed, with glowing lanterns lighting the way as we wandered through the garden discovering gnome grottos while flute music and singing floated through the air. The children were filled with eager anticipation in the weeks leading up to the festival as we learned lantern songs, made lanterns and practiced walking carefully with them. Heartfelt thanks to the teachers for creating such beauty, and to the generous helping hands who supported us on the evening: Danny Partridge, Konstanze & Robert Palzer, Charlie Booth, Tanja & Nia Golsner and Oliver Weber. We couldn't have done it without you! Surely this special festival will leave our tamariki with warm memories of light and wonder to carry in their hearts for years to come.



KINDERGARTEN TERM DATES

- 20 June Matariki Holiday - no Kindergarten
- 27 June Last day of Term 2
- 14 July First day of term 3

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Short Term Rental in Motueka Valley

27th June to 27th September

New, warm, off grid. 2 bedroom. 7 mins from town.

Call Jamie 027 405 6226

For Sale

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

If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth at school

Offering Childcare, Cleaning and Gardening

Kia Ora!

My name is Ruby, I am an ex Motueka Stiner school student and I have recently been accepted into the International Youth Initiative Program ([YIP](#)). This is an anthroposophical societal and environmental entrepreneurship course based in Sweden. Find out more [on the Yip Website](#).

I am currently working hard towards supporting myself financially to make this happen, but I would appreciate some more work. I am in Motueka until the end of July and am available to look after children, clean houses, weed your garden, or do any odd jobs. I have over two years experience in childcare. I am creative and fun, patient and kind.

Hourly rate from \$20, we can discuss what will work for everyone.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Ruby Botica: 022 077 2559

rubybotica@gmail.com

Babysitting service

Hey there! My name is Agustina :)

I am 25 years old and I am 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 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 Humantix:

<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



TARUNA COLLEGE
Connect, Nourish, Sustain

Enlivening the Earth

Introductory Biodynamics Weekend Workshop

11 -13 July: starting Friday afternoon, finishing Sunday afternoon
Cost: \$350

Are you interested in growing good food, working with mother nature and weaving a spiritual understanding into the very practical work of farming and gardening? Are you curious about holistic farming, gardening, food, and nutrition - and how to incorporate good growing practices at your place in Aotearoa?

Then we welcome you to come and take part in this introductory Biodynamics workshop. We will explore topics that include:

- the foundations of biodynamics
- growing nutrient-dense food
- themes of spirituality, connection, and planetary rhythms
- an exploration of biodynamics within a medical frame.

We will also build understanding of:

- biodynamic preparations - including stirring and spreading 500
- how to utilise the rhythms of the biodynamic farming and gardening calendar
- how the inner life of the gardener or farmer also needs to be cultivated.

Biodynamics is a holistic approach that views the farm or garden as a living organism, emphasising the interconnectedness of all living things. It incorporates cosmic principles, biodiversity and unique homeopathic preparations to enhance soil health and overall farm or garden vitality.

This workshop is designed for everyone:

- wanting biodynamic regenerative practice in their own farm or garden
- interested in wellness for land and people
- wishing to increase their perceptive powers of land, soil and life
- already a biodynamic practitioner wanting to experience the wider context and community of biodynamics.

Your workshop facilitators:

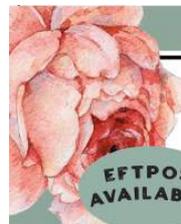
Monique Macfarlane - biodynamic practitioner and educator, who makes biodynamics relatable

Rachel Pomeroy - biodynamic teacher and star watcher.

Earlybird price - \$320 if registered by 10 June

Gratitude to the Kete Ora Trust for generous sponsorship of this workshop.

For further information and registrations please contact
info@taruna.ac.nz or see our website www.taruna.ac.nz
or call +64 6 8777 174



25 JUNE 2025

Welcome Wednesday

EFTPOS AVAILABLE

ENTRY FEE:
\$5 PER ADULT
\$2 PER CHILD

WILLOW BANK
HERITAGE VILLAGE

SPECIAL!
\$12 PER PERSON
INC. ENTRY,
TEA/COFFEE
& SCONE

COME AND ENJOY THE CHARM OF WILLOW BANK HERITAGE VILLAGE ON A RELAXED MID-WEEK VISIT.

While a little quieter than our usual Open Day, it's the perfect chance to stroll through the village, soak up the atmosphere, and enjoy a peaceful outing. Whether you're a regular or it's your first time, we'd love to see you.

No Bookings Required - Just Come Along!



**WED 10 AM - 2PM
JUNE 25**

THE VICTORIAN CAFE
WILL BE OPEN.
HOT DRINKS AND LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE



www.willowbankwakefield.co.nz 79 Wakefield-Kohatu Highway, Wakefield, Nelson



GARIN COLLEGE

Parent & Whānau Information Evening

Wednesday 16 July, 7.00pm
Garin Gymnasium

Come and hear about your Catholic college
This evening is aimed at providing information to parents and whānau. Students can also attend

Open Day for Year 8 Students

Wednesday 23 July, 12.00pm - 2.20pm

Come to your Catholic college for lunch and a look around

Programme

12.00pm Welcome from Principal at the gym
Complimentary lunch
Presentations from Garin College Leaders
Guided tours to see the school in action
Return to the gym for band performance and farewell

2.20pm Visitors depart and return to their own schools



(Any families wishing to have a tour of the Hostels, please meet Robert Booth - Hostel Manager at the main school office at 2.20pm)

MOTUEKA HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY 23 JULY 2025

Commencing at 6.30pm

In the School Hall.

Come along to experience the many rich opportunities available to your son or daughter.

Self paced-tour.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Today's Learners, Tomorrow's Leaders

Thursday After School Club Craft
 With Lindsey
 3.15 - 5.00pm

There are a couple of spots left for term 3.
 If interested please contact Lindsey 021 1401 244

Labyrinth Art Therapies
 Cacao Immersions
Midwinter Deep Diving
Double Cacao
Day Retreat
 At Wild Clover Farm in the Motueka Valley
Saturday 5 July | 10:30am - 5:30pm
 \$135

Cacao Ceremony
Labyrinth walk
Medicinal music pilgrimage
Visualisation
Art

Cacao Ceremony
Medicine songs
Gentle movement
dance
Sharing

Booking essential LarT@tutanota.com Labyrinth Art Therapies

Term 3!

Mountain biking sessions full of adventure, skills and fun!

Wednesday's
Koata Park Trails (Coddgers)
8-15yr olds
NEW 2hr Sessions 4-6pm
Starts July 23rd

Sunday Shreds
Rabbit Island
6-9yr olds
12:30 - 2pm
Starts July 27th

Sunday Shreds
Silvan Trails
6-9yr olds
NEW 2hr Session 3-5pm
Starts July 27th

Find information and bookings at www.krunkinkids.co.nz
Krunkin' Kids mountain bike coaching for youth info@krunkinkids.co.nz

Labyrinth Art Therapies
 Marije Laarakker Anthroposophical Art Therapist - BA
Anthroposophical Art Therapy
 Motueka - Riwaka

Stressful situations, illness and discomfort disrupt the natural harmony between the physical body, its life forces, the realm of feelings and emotions, and the Self. Anthroposophical Art Therapy offers inspiring tools to restore the balance and find acceptance, healing or relief. Experience the healing qualities of colour, movement and form, accompanied by story, poem or song. Individualised therapeutic exercises with paint, crayons, and clay offer support with physical, emotional, and mental health.

Marije studied Anthroposophical Art Therapy at Leiden University for Applied Sciences, and holds her Bachelors degree for this 4 years full time study since 1998

Email: LarT@tutanota.com
 Website: www.labyrintharttherapy.wordpress.com
 Text: 022-5169989

Zacchaeus
 small man
BIG change

June 24th 5-7pm
 ST THOMAS ANGLICAN CHURCH
 101 HIGH ST, MOTUEKA
 0204727474

GAMES CRAFTS SONG
ACTIVITIES DINNER

CHILDREN UNDER 14 MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT

GOLD FOSSICKING & more

July School Holiday Programme

Go to yikesnelson.com click on Holidays or call: 021803411

8am-6pm
 Primary age

A&P Showground