

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Everything comes to us that
belongs to us if we create the
capacity to receive it.

- Rabindranath Tagore

Kia ora e te whānau

Welcome back to the last term of the year. We have enjoyed beautiful warm sunshine days this week. The campus is bursting with blossoms, flowers, and new growth. It was so lovely to see the children on Monday – all of them happy to be back at school and reunited with their friends. They took off where they left off last term, and you would think there had been no separation in between. Really heartwarming to witness the kindness and camaraderie amongst the tamariki.

Term Four is always a very busy term. Some teachers will be completing standardized testing in their classes; there is one more class play to look forward to; Ahi will have their adventure camp at Mistletoe Bay; the teachers will start to compile the end-of-year reports; we will be preparing for Advent with songs, verses and little gifts for each other; and of course, we will walk the Advent spiral with the children later on in the term.

And finally, we will have our end-of-year assembly on the last day of term – possibly in another venue this year – we will let you know. We are also finalising budgets and timetables for 2027.

Thank you to all of you who attended the meeting on Tuesday evening as we move forward with our 2027 class structures and staffing. I will announce the 2027 staffing a little later in the term once we have completed our recruiting process.

I wish you all a splendid and sunny Term Four.

Mā te huruhuru te manu ka rere

Ngā mihi, Elizabeth



TERM DATES

Monday 26 October

Labour Day

NO SCHOOL

Wednesday 28 October

Proprietors Trust Mtg

7:00pm

Friday 6 November

Sports Day (C1-7)

11:30-2:30pm

Sunday 8 November

Working Bee

9:00-1:00pm

Wednesday 16 December

End of Year Assembly

CLASSROOM CORNER

KōHATU



Last Friday we celebrated the Kōhatu Spring Festival with our parents on a beautiful spring day. The rhythm of the year is now becoming very familiar to the children. During preparations the children enjoyed practising the Spring pole and singing songs they knew and new ones they learnt, with joy and gusto. It was a lovely time to come together to connect as a community and celebrate the change of season together.

We were also very happy to welcome Leo with Mum Ewa and Dad Wojciech, also Klara with Mum Birgit and Dad Udo joining Kohatu. A warm welcome to you all.

The children are still very involved in their 'Golden Year' of co-operative, self-initiated, creative play. They are becoming experts at skipping, love to garden, draw and sing! All of the children are showing us much greater social and emotional capabilities as they work out any difficulties independently. They have been given the time and space to come into and take hold of their bodies and will be ready to fly into their academic journey next year.



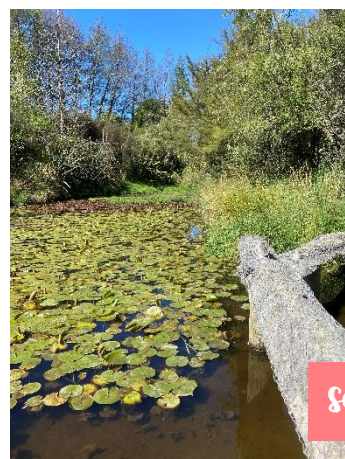
SCHOOL PHOTOS



Michaelmas



Outdoor Classroom



School pond

SCHOOL NOTICES

SAVE THE DATE

Sports Day (Class 1 to 7)

Friday 6 November

11:30am to 2:30pm

Bring a picnic lunch

Working Bee

Sunday 8 November

9:00am to 1:00pm

Sign up sheet coming up soon

SAFEZONE MAGAZINE

We want to get to as many parents, whanau and caregivers as possible to keep reinforcing messages to the tamariki.

The publication is aimed at primary aged tamariki and we thank Safekids Aotearoa (Starship Digital and Community Engagement) for editorial.

Our shared vision is that every child in the Top of the South region and Aotearoa New Zealand enjoys a childhood free from traumatic, unintentional injury

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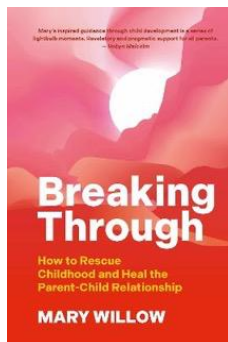
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MARY WILLOW

BOOK TOUR



Mary Willow, of Plum Parenting fame (PlumParenting.com), parent educator and early childhood teacher, will be visiting our school in November to give talks and to offer her book for sale and signing.

Her book *Breaking Through: How to Rescue Childhood and Heal the Parent-Child Relationship* were released to all bookstores in Aotearoa NZ in June.

Mary will be here in the week of 9 November to work with the College of Teachers as well as the Kindergarten teachers. She will also give a parent talk on Monday 9 November at 7:00 here at school. Her book will be available for purchasing.

COFFEE CATCHUP WITH THE WEAVERS

We warmly invite you to our first Coffee Catch Up of term 4. Come, have a cuppa and some yummy home baking and connect with your fellow parents, teachers, kids, elders and friends. We believe in fostering our connection so we can all come together as a community and make things happen.

Our Coffee Connection Catch Up dates for this term will be (if needed to change we will inform you here):

5th Nov

19th Nov

3rd Dec

Time: from 2.30pm

Where: Outdoor Kitchen (behind the kindi)

We hope you will join us, with you picnic blankets and chairs and your lovely selves

Enjoy the sunshine!

The Weavers - Anna, Karuna, Dunja and Pippa

Spring Fair Update

Hope you all had a lovely school holiday.

Following on from the last newsletter, which shared that the fair raised over \$43,000 for our school, here is the breakdown by stall:

Anthro Books: \$155.30
Café: \$3,697.20
Candle Dipping: \$1,038.82
Clucky Hen: \$470.00
Coffee: \$1,683.20
Cold Drinks: \$465.90
Crepes: \$1,149.00
Curry & Salad: \$2,311.00
Donation Box: \$2,409.60
Face Painting: \$496.77
Fairy Queen: \$127.00
Fishing Game: \$237.00
Floral Crowns: \$419.10
Ice Cream: \$2,165.90
Matchbox Castle: \$909.50
Medieval Games: \$1,154.00
Midnight Elves: \$4,893.00
Outdoor Classroom: \$500.40
Patatas: \$1,548.00
Photo Booth: \$437.50
Pirate Dig: \$156.00
Pizza: \$2,219.60
Plants: \$2,663.30
Pony Rides: \$1,796.00
Puppet Show: \$738.00
Sausage Sizzle: \$2,092.00
Second Hand Books: \$1,044.40
Second Hand Clothes: \$2,125.40
Silent Auction: \$5,294.00
Silk Streamers: \$774.50
Star Shop: \$1,161.00
Tickets (Upper): \$2,615.00

Thank you again for all your help. It has been a pleasure to organise the fair this year.

A wee reminder: if you haven't already, please share your feedback in the quick survey: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeIVbkUnGo-C8J-FGkrxwUwd5o9_c4L0mp-oqpxa5pDN4qvow/viewform

Thank you.
The Fair Steering Committee

Motueka Steiner Kindergarten

I recently attended a seminar as part of the Steiner Diploma for Early Childhood. A message that really stood out for me was how important it is for children before the age of seven, to have plenty of opportunities to move their bodies in all planes of motion. This is where free play comes in. It is through the freedom to determine how, where and when to move their own bodies that children can become aware of how their body moves in space, where their edges are, and it is this experience that works on their developing will forces. Children in kindergarten learn by imitation, and that is why we focus on rhythm, repetition and purposeful work. The children initially are not organised enough to hold it themselves, as they are learning to co-ordinate their bodies. That is why a strong, secure external rhythm is so important. With time, it becomes internalised and the children can hold it for themselves and find satisfaction and harmony in doing so. Children in this age group are developing the four lower senses; touch, life, movement and balance. Steiner kindergartens are designed to support the senses, by having calm spaces, simple open-ended equipment, nourishing food and lots of opportunities for uninterrupted play and movement. How lucky are we to support optimal growth and development in this way?

Melissa Van Boekhout - Motueka Steiner Kindergarten Kaiako



