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Newsletter: Week 7, Term 2, 2020

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"Motumaoho School is a quality-learning environment where our learners are nurtured to reach their individual potential".

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Upcoming Dates

- 1st June – Queen's Birthday
- 3rd July – Last day of Term 2
- 20th July – Term 3 Starts
- Rural Schools' Cross Country – **Cancelled** (Due to Alert Level 2)
- Basketball Fun Day – **Cancelled** (Due to Alert Level 2)
- Assemblies – **We are not holding assemblies at this stage.** We will inform you when we re-start.

Principal's Message

Dear parents, families and whanau,

Kia ora koutau katoa,

Wow! Our learning environment has been fantastic with all our learners very quickly settling into their learning. I have enjoyed chatting with your child about their learning, lockdown experiences and general well-being. It really has been a pleasure. It is clear and great to see our learners displaying our 3 R's of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.

Reporting to parents on learning.

Due to Covid – 19, our reporting to parents will look a little different this year. You will receive a written report in Week 2 of Term 3. This will give our teachers the opportunity and time to work with each child over the next 6 weeks with hopefully no more interruptions. Our learning conferences will follow the week after the written reports go home. The end of year report will go home at the end of Term 4. As always teachers are available to discuss your child's learning at any time. Please make an appointment or time to meet via phone or email if you would like to see your child's teacher.

Tilli and Catherine enjoying the rural aspect of our school.

Kickstart

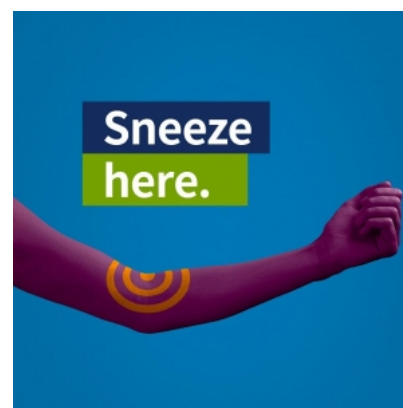
Motumaoho School is re-starting up our Kickstart into school programme on Friday 5th June. This programme is for children approaching 5 and is designed to give your pre-school child all the necessary academic and social skills needed to make a successful start to their schooling life at Motumaoho School. Our Kickstart sessions run every Friday morning starting at 8.30am. The programme is open to all children in our community and wider community. Please contact school for further details.

Board of Trustees

Our Board of Trustees meets twice per term to provide strategic leadership and direction to our school. The Board works in partnership with the community, principal, teachers, support staff, and the government to ensure the best possible outcomes for our learners.

Your Motumaoho School Trustees are:

- Board Chair – Ashley Dewhurst
- Staff Rep – Angela Henderson
- Secretary – TBC
- Parent Rep – Lisa Healy
- Co-op Member – Joy Webb





- Principal – Phillip Otto

We say goodbye to our Board Secretary, Natalie Hughes who has served on our Board of Trustees for over 10 years and has now resigned from her role. She had three children; Thomas, Emma and William who all started and went right through their primary schooling years with us. During her tenure, she has been a valued and hardworking member of not only our school board, but parent help on numerous occasions. We would like to thank her for her service and dedication to our school. We wish Natalie and her family all the best in their future endeavours.

We have a couple of positions that have become available on our Board of Trustees. If you would like more information please contact Phillip.

PTA

Motumaoho School PTA is a small group made up of parents from our little school. Where we may lack in size we certainly don't lack in determination. Sausages sizzles, chocolate fundraisers, community BBQ's, bake sales, Christmas BBQ's, colour runs and discos are just a few of what we have done, and still do. Doing so has enabled us to donate 5 iPads to the school last year, and this year we have made a sizeable donation to contribute to learning resources for our children. We are always keen to hear from anyone who would love to join us. Our meetings are held at the school and even consist of chocolate biscuits! Feel free to make yourself known to Michelle Evans or contact the office if you'd like to help out our PTA for future fundraising, whether it's a little or a lot – "many hands make light work" as they say.

Thank you to the Morrinsville Combined Lions Clubs

The Combined Lions Clubs of Morrinsville, Morrinsville Pakeke and Tahuna and Districts have donated \$1000 to our school from the proceeds derived from the sale of slink calves collected and donated by local farmers during the calving season of 2019. This is a huge help to our school in terms of boosting our learning resources for our learners. A big thank you to the Morrinsville Combined Lions Clubs!

Thank you to Paper Plus Morrinsville

If you purchase your 'Back to School' stationery through Paper Plus Morrinsville, you will be pleased to know Paper Plus gives a credit back to the school to be allocated to books for the library. This year we have \$25 to spend on a few new books to add to our library. Thank you so much to Debra and her wonderful team at Paper Plus Morrinsville!

Farewell

With the farming season coming to an end, we sometimes find we have to say goodbye to families who have become an important part of our school. We are sad to be farewelling both Noah and Griffin this week. Although we haven't had Noah with us for very long, it's been lovely to get to know you and your family Noah. We wish you all the best in your new school.

And to Griffin, we will miss you and the friendships you have made here at Motumaoho and we hope you enjoy your new school also. All the best to both families.

Thank you also, to both families who have generously donated some books for our school library. These are lovely gifts for our learners here at Motumaoho School.

New Enrolments

We have spaces available in both classrooms at Motumaoho School. If you have a child turning five soon or know of any family who has a school aged child up to Year 6 who are moving into the area, please feel free to contact me for information about our school. I would be happy to help you make an informed decision.

Kind regards

Mr Otto and staff.

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