



Plant of the Term - Rimu tree



Newsletter

TOGETHER WE GROW

Kia Ora whanau,

Welcome back to School for term 2. Students and staff have returned refreshed ready for another busy term. Our school wide concept this term is still Mana however we are now looking at how does respect for diversity affect Mana. Classes are looking at diversity in a range of areas. We will be having a celebration of diversity this term. Keep and eye out for dates and information.

Our students are involved in a range of activities outside of the classroom this term. We have sports exchanges, planting days, rippa rugby tournaments to name a few. Thank you to all parents who have been supporting our students. Without your support these events can not happen.

Nga mihi,
Hamish Hislop

New Teacher in Pohutakawa

Kat McDonnell is teaching in Pohututawa this term. Kat is an experienced teacher, originally from Wellington and has recently moved to Taranaki. She is living just a short walk away from Moturoa School which is her first New Plymouth school. She has enjoyed the warm welcome from staff, students and parents. Kat is looking forward to meeting more of the parents from the Pohutukawa class as the term progresses.

Pink Shirt Day

Help us turn Aotearoa into a sea of pink this Pink Shirt Day to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying! Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying, after a peer was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. In Aotearoa, Pink Shirt Day aims to create schools, workplaces and communities where all people feel safe, valued and respected. More information is here www.pinkshirtday.org.nz/schools

Board of Trustee Elections

Nomination forms have been sent and you should receive them shortly. Being part of the school board of trustees is a rewarding experience for parents. The Board help govern the school. The board of trustees has an important role in making sure every child at their school can reach their highest possible standard in educational achievement. Some areas of responsibilities include:

- *Working with the principal and consult with staff, students and the community
- *Setting the educational goals and strategic direction of the school
- *Monitoring progress and inform parents on how the school is progressing against its annual targets and on the development of the students
- *Deciding how the school's funding will be spent
- *Selecting the school's principal and support the development of all staff
- *Ensuring the school is a physically and emotionally safe place for all students and staff, and is inclusive of and caters for students with differing needs

Board of Trustee - Continued

*Overseeing the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.

There are workshops and online courses to help new Trustees understand their roll on a Board. If you would like to know more feel free to talk to our current Board members- Glen Robinson (Chairperson)

Cees Bevers
Jase Rowe
Gillian Somers
Jordan Hartley-Smith

Anderson Pies

How are your orders going? Have you asked your aunties/uncles/ neighbours/friends to support our school and buy some delicious pies from you? These pies are great for those cold nights that are coming! Order forms are due back 22nd May. If anyone is able to help sort the pies please let Karlene know.

WEEK 2 May 6 \$5 Pita Pit	7 School Closes @ 12:10pm - NZEI Union meeting	8 Te Reo Kawahaka	9 Mobile Library	10
WEEK 3 May 13 \$5 Fish n Chips	14 Planting Day @ Otamare Rippa Rugby Tournament 10-2	15 Te Reo Kawahaka Rippa Rugby Tournament Postponement date	16	17 PINK SHIRT DAY!
WEEK 4 May 20 \$5 Hell Pizza	21 Trees for Survival	22 Te Reo Kawahaka Orders due back for Anderson Pies	23 Mobile Library	24 Inter school sports @ St Pius 1pm-2pm
WEEK 5 27 \$5 Pita Pit	28 Trees for Survival	29 Te Reo Kawahaka	30 Anderson Pies delivered and ready for pick up from 2pm	31

Welcome to TJ Ane

We are lucky to have employed TJ as a teacher aide in our junior classes. He comes to us from Dunedin and will be involved in supporting our students in class and in the playground. Keep an eye out for TJ on the sports field. He is going to be playing rugby for Spotswood

Ukelele

A NEW UKULELE CLASS FOR BEGINNERS

Its' fun to learn to play and sing!

Starts Monday May 13th

It will be 7 weeks @\$10 = \$70

To book in, please email Tony Hansen

taranakitonyhansen@gmail.com

Or contact via [0221840720](tel:0221840720)

Suitable for children aged 8 or older.

School Hats

We have decided that school hats will only be worn in term 1 and term 4. Staff will collect the school hats and store them safely until they are needed again. Sometimes on trips outside of school we will wear the hats to help identify our students.

Inter School Sports

On Thursday 2nd of May our senior school students took part in our first inter school fixture. This was away at St Joseph's Waitara. We took a football team and a netball team and all the students represented Moturoa School with dignity and pride. Our Football team had a win and our netball team lost their game. It was great to see parents come out and support our students. Our next fixture is on Friday 24th May at St Pius.

Plant of the Term

The rimu (*Dacrydium cupressinum*) is probably our most well-known native conifer. It generally varies in height from 20-35m but has been known to reach 60m. Very large rimu have been estimated to be **700-1000** years old. Many tall emergent rimu are found in the forest on the lower slopes of Mt Taranaki and the Pouakai Range. The rimu has a particularly attractive juvenile stage with cascading branches and delicate looking foliage. The foliage of both the juvenile and the adult rimu is a very distinctive olive green which the striking features of the tree especially when it catches the light.

Lunchbox Rubbish

As an enviroschool we are continuing to look at ways that we can improve. The amount of rubbish we create each day is our latest focus. We are looking at minimising lunch box rubbish. We will be encouraging students to take all their lunchbox rubbish home each day. Other ways we can reduce rubbish are:

Using refillable containers for food. They can be washed each day and refilled.

Buy large bags of food items (which is cheaper overall) and fill compartments in the lunchbox.

Using wax wraps instead of glad wrap.

Whanau lunch days are opportunities for staff to teach students about minimising rubbish.



