



Moturoa School Tiger Cubs with Coach Hayden



# Newsletter

## TOGETHER WE GROW

Kia Ora whanau,

We have had a wonderful few weeks at Moturoa School. Students have been learning about diversity whai whahia / whakawhanaungatanga. Thank you to the parents who came in to talk in our classrooms about what diversity is. Our students showed the value of wonder had many questions to ask. He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata. What is the most important thing in the world? It's people, it's people it's people.

Friday is the last day for board of trustee nominations. It is very important that we have a board that represents our whole community. If you have a nomination form ready to go, please deliver it to the office by 12.00pm on Friday 24th May

Nga mihi,  
Hamish Hislop

### Teachers on Strike

On Wednesday 29th May teachers from Primary Schools and Secondary schools throughout Taranaki are going on strike. Moturoa School is going to be closed.

Education is in crisis in New Zealand. We have a critical shortage of teachers in Aotearoa. One in every five newly trained teachers leave the profession in their first five years. The main reasons are workload, stress and pay. Teachers pay does not reflect the amount of work our staff are doing. Many staff are working in the evenings and through the weekends getting prepared for teaching your children. This is usually at the expense of their own family time. We also are challenging the government to support our most vulnerable learners with better support in class. We are finding many students require extra support in school through a range of different reasons. Striking is not a decision that is made easily however teachers throughout New Zealand are prepared to stand up for what is really important. You can show your support

by joining us at Puke Ariki landing at 11.00am on strike day.

### Toys

A friendly reminder to make sure your children are not bringing their toys to school. This is causing problems in class and the playground. It can be a distraction for our teachers when they are having to sort out problems with them.

### Sick and Unwell Students

If your child is unwell please do not send them to school. Attendance is crucial for student learning however sick students do not learn. We have had many students arrive at our sickbay during the day and we have ended up sending them home. Keeping your sick children away from school helps to prevent the illness spreading through our kura.

### Violin Students

Reminder to bring your violins for you practice on a Tuesday or Friday.

### Head Lice

We have had a few cases of head lice lately. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat if you do find any nits. Children with long hair are encouraged to tie it up as a precaution.

### Anderson Pies

Thank you to everyone that ordered pies. These will be ready for pickup from 2:30 on the 30th May. A message from Skool Loop will be sent out. Did anyone drop off a handwritten order? Please call Karlene as there is no contact name on it.

### Car Parking

The staff car park is not to be used for drop off or pick up at the start and end of the day. This is a really busy time at our school and the students safety is very important. Walking through the car park is also dangerous. Please use the gate in front of the playground to access the school grounds.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 4 20 MAY	21 Trees for Survival	22 Orders due back for Anderson Pies Te Reo & Kapa Haka	23 Mobile Library  Sign language taster classes	24 Interschool Sports @ St Pius  Assembly @ 2:15pm
WEEK 5 27 MAY  Community Conversations @ 2:30pm	28 Trees for Survival	29 STRIKE DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	30 Anderson Pie Delivery!	31
WEEK 6 3 JUNE	4 Arbor Day - Paritutu planting The Tortoise and the Hare show @ 2pm	5 Te Reo & Kapa Haka	6 Mobile Library	7 Interschool Sports. We host Marfell - Children in team to bring a plate Assembly @ 2:15pm
WEEK 7 10 JUNE	11	12 Te Reo & Kapa Haka	13	14
WEEK 8 17 JUNE	18 Planting day @ Sandy Bay	19 Te Reo & Kapa Haka	20 Mobile Library	21  Assembly @ 2:15pm

### Inter School Sports

This Friday 24th May is Interschool Sports at St Pius. The selected Year 5/6 children will be leaving here @ 12:30pm to head to their school. They will have a what to welcome our students and the games start at 1:15pm, followed by afternoon tea. All students will be back by 3pm for pick up.

### Honey

We have restocked our honey supplies. Come on in to the office and by your 1 kilo pot of raw, natural and delicious honey for \$15. \$3 from every sale gets donated back to our school.

### Pink Shirt Day

The staff and students supported Pink Shirt Day on Friday last week. This is to raise awareness and join the movement to stop bullying and spread aroha and kindness! Many students and staff supported the day by wearing pink but unfortunately there wasn't a photo of Mr Hislop in his bright pink shirt.

### International Support Staff Day

Thursday 15th of May was International Support Staff day. We are very lucky that we have amazing support staff who make a positive difference to our school. Thank you Karlene, Fiona, Emma, Kerry, TJ, Craig, Hokipera, Morgana, Whaea Jos, Irene and Bill for the amazing work you do at our school.

### Kick Start Breakfast

The wonderful Julie and Amber B have offered to run a breakfast club out of our school hall on Monday, Tuesday and Fridays. We have approached Santitrium for weetbix and milk from Fonterra.

We are working through ways to make this a great success.

If you have any fruit that you would be able to donate on a weekly basis or are able to contribute a little bit of money to top up the vegemite, porridge and butter stores please let Karlene know.

### Trees for Survival

Last week we had a very successful planting day at the Otamare Reserve which is located near the Kaupokonui River mouth and beach. Ten children were involved this time and carefully planted out 90 of the special indigenous coastal species they have grown at school. This included 40 Waiu-atua, 30 Pinatoro and 20 Sand Coprosma/Tarakupenga. We had mixed weather, including sunny patches and quite strong winds, but the children worked on regardless and with great enthusiasm. This is the first time we have planted at this site which is quite a distance from the school but it provided a wonderful experience for the children, in a fascinating and beautiful location, that they are not likely to forget. Many thanks go to the Otamare Reserve trustees who kindly invited us to be part of this planting adventure and to Dinah in particular for helping with the planting and for being such a welcoming and generous host! Thanks go to DOC staff, Ellen, Joe, Matt and Jim for preparing the planting site and providing great support on the day. Thanks also to the parents, Sharon and Erica, who helped with transport and also provided wonderful support throughout the day.