



**Moturoa Lions first touch game**



# Newsletter

## TOGETHER WE GROW

Kia ora koutou,

Wow! The year is just flying by. Welcome to Kyrie and her family who have joined the Kowhai/Puriri class community.

Everyday we are delighted with the awesome learning that goes on. Last week our year 5 and 6 students had an amazing learning experience at camp. They went rafting, built fires, walked through the bush in the dark to see glow worms, went on rope courses and did the flying kiwi. None of this could have happened without the amazing organisation of Mrs Weston, Whaea Rachel and the fabulous camp parents Emma, Amy B, Sharon K, Sharon D, Paul C and Alan.

Nga mihi, Hamish Hislop

### Operation Blue Santa

We are still needing items to finish of our Operation Blue Santa Baskets. Mainly coffee, tea bags, washing powder, dishwashing liquid, Cadbury favourites, Christmas crackers, dishwashing liquid, Christmas serviettes, shampoo and conditioner and 4pk toilet paper. Please bring this into the school office if you are able to help. Money donations will also be greatly received to help buy the additional items required.

### Staff Changes

This Friday we sadly farewell Miss Fiona. Fiona has been with us for 20 years (give or take). Fiona is an amazing part of our team and will be sadly missed. There is a farewell assembly for her on Friday at 2pm. We would love for you all to attend and say goodbye. We will be having an afternoon tea straight after assembly for all parents to stay and chat. Please bring a small plate of food if you wish

### Mountain Music

Last year the author David Hill worked with a group of children to write lyrics about the eradication of pests on on mountain and the return of native wild-life. David Hamilton has now composed music based on the script written and now Taranaki young musicians have the task of performing it. 13 children from our school have been given the opportunity to be part of the choir as well as other primary schools. They will sing the lyrics and be accompanied by Taranaki Youth Orchestra. Stay tuned for more to come.

### Term dates for 2020

Below are the dates for next year.

Term 1: 3 February - 9 April

Term 2: 28 April - 3 July

Term 3: 20 July - 25 September

Term 4: 12 October - 15 December

We have one Teachers Only Day booked for Term 1 on Monday February 17th. Other dates may be added.

### Honey

We have our last stock of honey for the year. Pop in to see Karlene if you would like to purchase yourself a 1kg tub of pure, pohutukawa honey for \$15.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4 \$5 Fish and Chips	5 Trees for Survival - Paraninihi Planting Day Sustainable Backyards	6 Te Reo and Kapa Haka  BoT Meeting	7 Cricket Superstars Training Year 4/5/6  Sustainable Backyards	8 School Assembly @ 2:15pm  Sustainable Backyards
11 \$5 Pita Pit	12 Trees for Survival	13 Te Reo and Kapa Haka	14 Cricket Superstars Training Year 4/5/6	15
18 \$5 Hell Pizza	19 Trees for Survival Coastal Walkway Display	20 Te Reo and Kapa Haka	21	22
25 \$5 Fish and Chips	26 Trees for Survival Paritutu Gardening	27 Te Reo and Kapa Haka	28	29 Tag Oil Tough Challenge Y5/6

## Moturoa School Coastal Walkway Native Plant Display

Tuesday 19th of November,  
10.00 - 12.00.

You are invited to join the Moturoa School children and hear about the special Taranaki plants they grow in the school's 'Trees for Survival' native plant propagation and integrated learning programme. Rare and endangered Taranaki plant species will be on display along with photographs and information about the many conservation and restoration projects that they are actively involved in throughout the region. Our display station will be located a little way north of the wind wand on the coastal walkway, just past the Huatoki Stream footbridge.

### Trees for Survival Planting Trip

We had our last planting trip for the year on Tuesday at Parininihi. The children have been growing a rare and threatened 'native forget-me-not' (*Myosotis pansa* subsp. *praeceps*) for the Parininihi Trust for several years now. We have already had one planting day in 2017 at this site near the Wai Pingao Stream and this year we had new batch of 55 plants ready for the same site. Moturoa School and Mimi School students took great care with the planting activity with parents and representatives from both schools providing wonderful support on the day. The children also showed a lot of perseverance in the long tramp required to reach the planting site.

We are very appreciative of everyone that helped on the day including Moturoa School parent Sharon, along with Mimi School parent Richard and staff member Sibylle. Many thanks also go to the Parininihi Trust for giving our school the opportunity to be involved in this special project at this beautiful location and to Davis and Richard for assisting with the preparation of the planting site on the Sunday before the planting day. All in all it was very memorable and enjoyable day.

### Friends and Family

Are you wanting to help out more at school but not sure how? Would you love to be involved in helping to provide extra resources for the children at Moturoa School? If so, maybe you are just who we have been searching for! Even if you said no, maybe you are still who we are searching for – please read on! We are on the hunt for some new and enthusiastic people to lead our Friends and Family Committee in 2020. The Friends and Family team have an integral role in raising extra funds for Moturoa School. All of the money raised by Friends and Family is used to provide things for our children. It is essential our school has something like this. There is always a short-fall in what the ministry provide and what we need for our school to run most effectively and to provide opportunities for our children. In the past Friends and Family have sent the children on trips, paid for camps, built the vegetable gardens, purchased games, sports gear and uniforms – the list goes on! The current committee have worked together for some time now and have raised LOTS of money over the years for different things for our children but now they desperately need new help. Let Karlene know if this sounds like you!

### Sustainable Backyards

On Thursday and Friday between 1pm and 3pm we are hosting the Sustainable Backyards Trail. Come along and bring a gold coin donation and jump on one of our small tour groups to be shown around our gardens. There is also a class on making bees wax wraps! Bring some extra money if you want to buy some fruit and veggies bags or wax wraps.

