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From The Principal

Kia Ora

Term 2 has started off in a very positive way with staff learning more about our local history and then working on how to integrate this into our teaching and school wide programs. ANZAC Day saw Nicole Gray and Aaron Bensemman speaking at the Motueka Dawn Parade and other ANZAC events, detailing personal connections to the ANZAC story plus insights and impressions from a youth perspective. This was exceptionally well done, and Nicole and Aaron should be as proud of their efforts as we are of them.

Term Two is about making the most of learning opportunities. Classes are settled, first assessments are completed, reports and parent interviews have provided feedback and the term is about taking next steps and moving forward. Unfortunately, there are still disruptions to manage, that will require patience and management. The Post Primary Teachers Association, which represents nearly all secondary teachers, are still in negotiations over pay and conditions with the Ministry of Education and there are ongoing industrial actions that are underway and planned. Those of you with children at primary schools will also be aware that primary principals and primary teachers are also in negotiation and involved in industrial action. Please keep an eye on emails from school to explain how these actions will impact your student(s). I really hope that this situation will be resolved soon.

Motueka High School

Te Kura Tuarua o Motueka

Today's Learners, Tomorrow's Leaders

INSIGHT

**Ngā
Rongo
Kura**

**TERM 2
2023**



There has been a massive and highly publicised campaign to encourage regular attendance at school as a critical first step to engaging in and being successful at school. We have a number of strategies at Motueka High School to support this and it can be an area of tension as while we seek to put pressure on students so that they don't take random days off for no particular reason, we acknowledge that there are times when a student will have a legitimate reason to be away. Finding the balance around this can be tricky and we will always aim to work with you as parents and caregivers around this. If you are having trouble getting your student to school, please make contact with your student's Dean if there are particular situations or issues or let us know of any specific barriers that are preventing regular attendance.

It has been great to hear and read in numerous articles, how well our students are doing, not only in next steps outside of school like Moeka Koyama, and sporting successes like our orienteers, adventure racers, roller-hockey players, but also generally being great assets to our community like meeting government ministers to sharing their views or finding and returning Go-Pros.

Our students, your children, are a wonderful combination of skills, talents, personalities, and values that make our school a great place and our community a fantastic place to live. There is no end

of young people at school happy to talk, tell me what they are up to and to share a joke with when I am walking around the school. However, students and families have times when they need extra support, and this is our core role as a school.

As I write this, the school is setting up for our Careers Day and I'd like to thank our local employers and industries for their support, for coming in to share their knowledge, and to make students aware of opportunities in their areas. This really important event is organised by Amy Dalton and her team and congratulations to them for the way they have tailored and adapted this to meet the needs of our students and community.

I am looking forward to another energetic, enjoyable and productive term. Thanks for all the contact and support as we work together to make Motueka High School the best place for students in our community.

Ngà mihi



John Prestidge, Principal

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Calendar

May

- 13 Rock Quest heats
- 15-18 Year 9 Ignite camp
- 15-19 Pride week
- 16 TSS Badminton
- 18 Hospitality Careers Day
- 19 Pink Shirt Day
- 23 TSS Cross Country
- 24 Aquaculture Careers Day
- 26 Rock Quest finals
- 28 TSS Rogaine
- 29 TSS Futsal Seniors
- 30 TSS Futsal Juniors
- 31 Hair & Beauty Careers Day

June

- 5 King's Birthday holiday
- 6 Big Sing
- 7 TSS Squash
- 9 Regional Ngā Manu Kōrero
- 12 TSS Equestrian
- 14-19 Talent Quest heats
- 15 TSS Junior Supernet
- 20 TSS Table Tennis
- 23 Talent Quest final
- 24 Golf Croquet
- 25 TSS Orienteering Forest
- 30 Last day Term 2

July

- 17 Term 3 starts
- 28 Momentum Dance
- 28-30 Production Noho
- 31-4 Library week

Bus Rules

For the safety and comfort of students on the buses, it is very important that these rules be observed:

1. Buses stop at the pick-up and drop-off points only. Buses are not allowed to stop at shops, to or from school.
2. Students should not eat or drink on the bus.
3. Students need to be seated and facing forwards at all times.
4. Extending hands, heads or any other objects out of the windows is not acceptable.
5. Show courtesy to each other and the driver at all times. Bullying and bad language will not be tolerated.
6. No items will be carried in external lockers on school buses.

Deans Info

2023 MHS DEANS



Year 9 Dean
Adele Fordyce



Assoc Yr 9 Dean
Anna Haddon



Year 10 Dean
Vicki McKerrow



Year 11 Dean
Lesley Paxton



Year 12 Dean: T2 only
Oakley Salton



Year 13 Dean
Lizzie Graham

ATTENDANCE

There is a strong correlation between regular attendance at school and academic success. If a student is not in class, then they cannot achieve to their potential.

An 80% attendance rate means that a student has missed on average, 1 day per week for the whole year.

The Ministry of Education's expectation is that the average attendance rate for students is at least 91%. Justifiable reasons for absence from school are illness or bereavement.

Illness: After 3 days continuous absence parents may be asked for a medical certificate. If there are on-going problems that are causing a student to miss school, please contact the Dean to make an appointment to discuss this.

Bereavement: Please advise the school as soon as practical.

Advising the Principal: If a student is going to be away from school for more than 4 days for any other reason, please advise the Principal in writing, at least a week before the student will be absent. Letters may explain an absence but if the absence is not for the reasons above, it could still be marked as an *explained* absence but not a *justified* absence.

Note: Any time outside the classroom affects attendance, even if justified. Please contact the relevant Dean for any attendance concerns.

Food & Nutrition

Year 12

At the end of last term, the Year 12s were lucky enough to visit two food rescue organisations to see the impact these organisations have on the local community. They visited Motueka Food Share here in Motueka, where they found out that over 50 boxes of food are donated weekly to families in need. Not only does this benefit the families receiving this food, it also reduces food waste going into landfill.



They also visited Kai Rescue in Nelson, where the students got to help unload donated food and learn about the 60 different recipient groups who receive donations from them.

The Year 12 students started this term making delicious Japanese bento boxes.



Year 11

Year 11's finished off their food safety unit in Term 1. The highlight of this unit was a visit to the local soda company "Pete's Naturals" where they were shown around the factory and observed their food safety practices.



Nutrition is the focus for Year 11 students this term. This is a critical term for them in terms of building their basic nutrition knowledge which provides the platform necessary for Level 2 and 3. The ultimate bonus is being food savvy when making food choices for optimal health and well-being.

Year 9, 10

Year 9 Global Foods classes are learning about their chosen cuisine. Investigating everything from the flavours, to traditions and cooking practices.



Yr 10's are learning about the merits of balanced nutrition, the foods to include in their diet and ones to steer clear of.

Year 13

The over consumption of sugary and caffeinated drinks in New Zealand has been the focus for Term 1 for our Year 13's. Now they are writing up their reports while new research is being published in New Zealand showing that our sugary drinks are the highest compared to the UK, Canada and Australia in terms of sugar content. It is a nutritional issue that is closely associated with obesity, Type 2 diabetes and poor oral health. A highly relevant and poignant topic where the Food and Nutrition students are rethinking what they are drinking.



Any spare produce/food from the home garden, work or orchard is gratefully received and we welcome parents to come and check out what we are up to at any time. Just get in touch.

Leigh McKinlay, Vickie Cameron and Mandy White.

Woodwork/Building



Our students have been hard at work over the past term making and creating magical stuff.

Year 9 are almost finished Project 2 which is a serving Tray. The main focus was getting neat dovetail joints in each corner.



Year 10 students have just completed a stool project and are now moving onto a folding table.

The Year 11 Building Class have been learning how to set out and build

a fence. They have worked as a team, digging holes, establishing profiles, erecting posts and getting the structure vertical. They should all be finished next week, all going to plan.



The Year 12 class are just finishing constructing a simple deck. Again, they work as a team, erect profiles to locate the pile holes and learn how basic structures are assembled.



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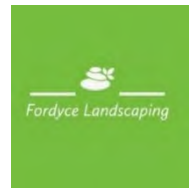
Agriculture/Horticulture



Tasmin Nelson-Knauf and Sanne Appleby carried out a sensory investigation for an internal assessment for Level 3 Ag/Hort. They were investigating preferences in apple flavours, colours and textures.



Our new garden beds and glasshouse are looking great. The vegetables are growing well and students are enjoying the lack of weeding required in the raised beds.



Huge thanks to Casey Fordyce from Fordyce Landscaping for making the fabulous garden beds.



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Business Studies and Commerce

To date the Year 11, 12 and 13 Business Studies classes have been hard at work preparing for their business activities, both planning and making products to sell.

Years 11 and 12 will be selling their products at the Motueka Sunday Market on May 7. Products include the hanging pot plant holders and coasters as pictured. Year 13 will be selling their products for the whole of Term Two and would appreciate any custom from friends of the school. They are selling chopping boards and wall art, the details of which are included in the attached advertisements.

Year 10 Commerce have also been busy learning important life lessons about financial literacy through using the engaging Banqer app. This app has been generously sponsored by local accountants, Milnes Beatson.



We are grateful for the way in which the local community rallies around our business students as this subject requires a lot of real-world input and help from adults. Thank you.



Products made by
Year 11 students







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Email: rhys.burridge@motuekahigh.school.nz
or finn.wilgar@motuekahigh.school.nz



The Base

Getting Out and About

Some of our students have been enjoying getting out into the wider school life. Victoria has been a regular volunteer at the Breakfast Club on a Monday morning. Jack enjoys showing his dance moves in the Year 11 Dance class on a Monday too. His favourite moment is when he gets to lead and the other dancers have to follow his Gangnam style grooves, involving a lot of squatting!! Go Jack!!



Victoria volunteering at Breakfast Club bright and early on Monday mornings

Another part of being out and about in the school and wider community is our Social Studies topic of “Our Town Motueka”. The students are exploring the township and will be mapping out landmarks and other important spots (like Margot’s new café!) around the town. This crosses over with maths and literacy as we look at grids, maps, directions as well as reading about Motueka and a little of its history. If you have any books on Motueka we would love to borrow them at The Base.

Puppy Power

We had a visit from Sharyn’s puppies a couple of weeks ago. These were a big hit with staff and students alike. There were a lot of puppy cuddles happening across the school! They were like magnets to others and soon the Base Garden was crowded with visitors. Sharyn is hoping to keep one of the puppies (Winston) and train him as a therapy dog. You may see more of him around the school. Watch this space!



Above: Katelyn gets a free early morning cuddle from Archie the golden retriever.

Canoe Trip

Last term we were lucky enough to take part in a Canoe Journey’s Trust trip out of Kaiteriteri. Did you know that it’s actually “kaiteretere?” And it translates literally to “fast food” because of the wealth of seafood in the area early on in our history.



We had an amazing time out on the water and the highlight was getting Alun out of his chair and into a special harness lent to us by Waka Abel Tasman.

It was so lovely to see all the students having access equally to the beautiful outdoor area we call home.

Senior Leadership Team

Participation in school activities

Extra-Curricular activities are an important part of a well-rounded education. Benefits include a sense of belonging, learning to work with others, and developing communication skills.

Participation in these activities can also mean that students are absent from their timetabled classes. Because there is correlation between attendance, behaviour and academic success, the school has requirements for participation in sport, cultural and other school activities including the Senior Ball.

These are:

Attendance: The Ministry of Education definition of regularly attending is more than 90%. In Term 1 only 49% of our students were regularly attending school. If a student's attendance rate is lower than 90%, they will require their Dean's approval to participate.

Behaviour: When a student is representing the school or attending a school activity, their behaviour at school, including the correct wearing of the school uniform is also taken into consideration. If there are concerns, they will require approval from their Dean or a member of the Senior Leadership Team in order to participate.

Students who do not meet these criteria should not be surprised or offended if they are unable to participate.

If you have any concerns, please contact the form teacher who will liaise with the Dean as required.



International speaker and author, Emma Wright will be coming to Nelson on **18th May**. Tickets at: <https://emma-wright-nelson.eventbrite.com/>

Her "Raising Body Confident Kids" seminar is engaging and empowering; many parents say, "*Emma's talk can quite literally change your kid's life and maybe even your own.*"

Find out more about Emma at her website: <https://emmawright.co.nz/>

MHS MIGRANT SOCIAL CLUB

Today, 2 May was the launch of a new lunchtime club- an inclusive club for our new migrant students, to help them make friends and settle in.

This club is by no means exclusive- it's a starting point. A huge thanks to **Janine** who has set this up, as she has noticed some of her ESOL students sitting or walking alone at lunchtimes.

Janine provided games, music and some snacks for today's group. Lots of smiles and some shy conversations!

Thanks also to **John Erueti** who spent the lunch hour playing noughts and crosses on the whiteboard!



Digital Technology – Hangarau Matihiko

Technology is intervention by design. Digital technology focuses on building student capability to apply technological ideas within a digital environment.

Year 9 - All Year 9 students will have the opportunity to take the Digital Technology course for a term. During Term 1, students covered the topics of:

- Design and Publication
- Computational Thinking
- Digital Citizenship
- Touch Typing

This gives them an overview of Digital Technology and what they would cover in further years of school. They also learn core skills in the above topics which they will be able to use in all areas of their learning.

Using the technological design process students created images for keyrings and learned to code our Edison Robots. Students were also given the opportunity to complete their digital licence through the Allanah and Madeline Foundation. This helps give students the skills to manage themselves online and how to keep themselves safe.



Images created by Year 9 DGT students for their keyring project.

Year 10 - The optional course runs over two terms.

During Term 1 students focused on: Design and Publication; Digital Citizenship; Touch Typing.

The main project completed for the term was an image for a notebook cover (see right). Students used the skills they had learned and the technological design process to complete this task. In Term 2, students will be focusing on the strand of computational thinking.



Learning website design and development using HTML & CSS – they will have the opportunity to create their own, coded website. To finish the semester, we will focus on an introduction to Python coding language.

Year 11 - Year 11 students take digital technology for the full year. In Term 1 they focused on learning the core skills they will need for their project in Term 2 & 3. They used the context of website design and development, advancing on the skills learnt in Year 10.



Year 11 Students hard at work on their website assessment.

In Term 2 they choose one area to focus on: Design and Publication; Computational Thinking; Ready for Work. Next, they complete a project - creating a digital solution for a client – in their chosen strand.

Year 12 & 13 - Like the Year 11 class, the senior Digital class has been focusing on website design and development, leading to the creation of websites for organisation use.

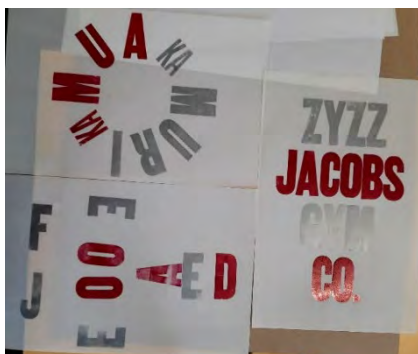
Part of technology is learning about the history of technology and how it has developed over time. Students had the opportunity to visit Founders Park where artist Renee Hadlow of The Armarie Room showed them the vintage printing press machines and gave students the opportunity to have a go using them.



Senior Digital Students at the Armarie Room, Founders Park



Above: Preparing a design for printing



Above:
Harper
Kelly using
the press
machine
with Renee
and left:
some
printing
examples

Strike and Rostering Home actions

With strike and rostering home actions happening, we wanted to remind you of the dates - please read carefully as there are different dates for each year level.

On a rostered home day, no classes will run for that year level on that day and those students would need to remain at home. There will be no in-school supervision available for rostered home students.

On the strike day all students remain at home. If you need supervision on the strike day (not available on rostered home days), please email admin@motuekahigh.school.nz

- ~ 11 May (Thursday) - Year 13 home
- ~ 16 May (Tuesday) - Year 9 home - please note that Year 9 Ignite Camp students will continue with this camp
- ~ 17 May (Wednesday) - Year 10 home
- ~ 25 May (Thursday) - Year 11 home
- ~ 30 May (Tuesday) - Year 13 home
- ~ 1 June (Thursday) - Year 12 home
- ~ 6 June (Tuesday) - Year 10 home
- ~ 8 June (Thursday) - Year 9 home

This information by year group is below:

- Year 9 - 9 May, 16 May, 8 June
- Year 10 - 9 May, 17 May, 6 June
- Year 11 - 4 May, 9 May, 25 May
- Year 12 - 9 May, 1 June
- Year 13 - 9 May, 11 May, 30 May

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Vacancies: Casual staff to become Reader/Writers for our students

The aim of Reader/Writers is to assist the Special Assessment Conditions (SAC) student to overcome their learning difficulty during both internal assessments and external exams, and for practice assessments. You may be reading or writing/typing the activity brief or questions to the student and reading their answers back to them.

This is sporadic work and involves different times during the school day and on different days of the week. There are no guaranteed times or dates, it is purely on a casual basis as and when needed. Training is available. Please note you would be required to complete a Police check as this is a requirement under the Vulnerable Children Act.

If you think this might be of interest to you, please email your details and a brief description of your skills to : Julie.Marshall@motuekahigh.school.nz

Environmental Action Groups

Term 1 was busy for the MHS Environmental Action Groups. They took part in a leadership hui, Tasman Mission, Mana Whaitaki, TDC Youth Engagement Session and started creating a school composting plan.

Environment Captain 2023 Phoebe is a Year 13 student who cares passionately for the environment and moving the school towards more sustainable practices. She hopes to use her position to encourage other students to join environmental initiatives and fight for their future.

Enviroschools Leadership Hui held at the Brook Waimārama MHS was represented by Phoebe and Ai Takahashi. 15 student leaders from the district attended. They spent time getting to know each other and make connections then looked at different actions schools are taking and how they can support each other. Time was also spent learning about the flora and fauna at the sanctuary.



Student Enviro Leaders at Mana Whaitaki.

Mana Whaitaki is held annually at Kaiteriteri beach during Sea Week. We were based at Breakers Bay. This was a fantastic day where our student leaders got to work with primary students, helping them learn about our coastal environment.



Milo, Connor, Phoebe and Ruby ready to lead our school activity

Tasman Mission is held annually at Whenua-iti Outdoors. It is run by Enviroschools and involves providers running activities for primary students to learn about various elements of the environment.

Our captain Phoebe created a game called Wonderous Waste Shoot for students to learn about correct recycling and waste disposal. Four students ran this activity while the other students helped out at other stations.



Luka Winz helping students at her station make water filters

TDC Youth Engagement Session The Year 13 student leaders and environmental action group students were invited to take part in a session with the TDC to learn about the District Plan and give their feedback. Students filled out surveys about how they see our district in the future and undertook an activity to learn about district planning and the complexities involved.

Students explain the city plan they created and why they made the decisions they did.



MHS Composting Plan Lead Teacher – Anna Hughes

This year the committee has decided to focus on a school composting plan for their school project. They have submitted a funding application to the TDC and are talking to the BOT about how this could be implemented at MHS.



Based on a waste audit completed in 2022 students realised over 50% of the school's waste was food. This has driven their desire to set up the composting system. Compost can then be used by the Horticulture Department and grounds keeper. When food is put into the general waste stream it breaks down releasing greenhouse gases that damage our atmosphere and attracts pests, this is one of the reasons it is important as much food as possible is composted.

ATYA 2023 Lead Teacher – Adele Fordyce

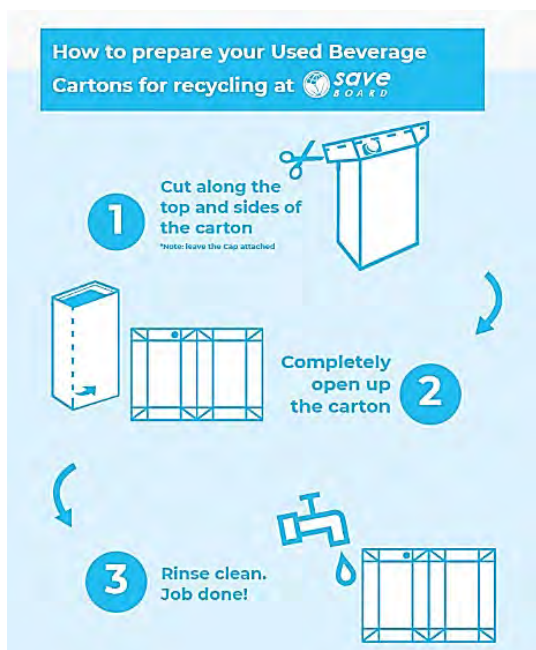
The Abel Tasman Youth Ambassadors are a group of youth who work with Project Janszoon and DOC to represent and learn about the Abel Tasman National Park. Each year 4 students are selected to represent MHS in this group. They spend time and hui's and retreats in the park, learning about the flora and fauna and the issues the park is facing. This year's MHS representatives are Zahli Greenhough (Yr 9), Connor Haldane (Yr 10), Livinya Jayasinghe (Yr12), Fern Leenhouders (Yr 11) and Anabelle Schaffer (Yr 11). This year we are fortunate to have 5 representatives.



ATYA students at their Term 1 Hui.

Applications for ATYA open in term 3. Students need to be a member of the Enviro. Action Groups and be in Year 10 or above the following year. When applications open it will be advised in the school notices.

Tetra Pak Recycling - Weka Peckers now collect tetra paks for recycling. This is fantastic as previously these cartons have needed to be thrown out. See the information below on how to prepare your tetra pak.



When you are ready you can take them into Weka Peckers.

Cell Phone Recycling - We have a box at the school office for cell phones to be recycled. The cell phones can be in any state and with or without a charger. The cell phones are sent away, recycled and used for fundraising by Sustainable Coastlines. This is only for cell phones. Not tablets or other electronics. Nelson Environment Centre will take your e-waste for recycling.

Did you know?

An estimated 80,000 tonnes of Electronic Waste is being disposed into landfill in New Zealand each year. E Waste contains rare heavy metals, as well as materials that are toxic to the environment when they break down. It is estimated that E Waste contributes to 40% of the lead and 70% of the heavy metals found in landfill.



Plant sale

Saturday 10 June | 9 am – 12 pm
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For sale

- Native trees
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- Herbs
- Houseplants

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nmit Te Pūkenga

Horticulture ākonga (students) at Te Pūkenga NMIT develop their skills with an on-campus nursery, propagation house and market garden. Whilst learning necessary skills for employment in the many horticulture industries nationwide, ākonga also develop business and marketing skills that help them to achieve their own commercial dreams. The plant sale is a fun and informative part of the horticulture programmes at Te Pūkenga NMIT. Come along, support our learners, and be wowed at the diverse range of very well-priced plants including natives, fruit trees, herbs, flowers and shrubs, house plants and many more. We plan to have our next markets on the following dates: 10th June, 16th Sept and 25th Nov 9-12 at the Richmond Campus, 390 Lower Queen Street.

Outdoor Education

“Take the risk or lose the change”.

Risk Management, navigation, campcraft and trip planning are currently the focus this term as most year levels prepare for trips into neighbouring national parks. Fingers are crossed that the weather will continue into the beautiful, settled Autumn conditions that make it ideal tramping weather here in Te Tau Ihu/the top of the South.

The **Yr 9 Adventure Race** class had their first taste of real racing when they competed in teams against each other down at the Motueka waterfront. Students worked in teams to complete as many mountain bike laps as possible and then put their navigational skills to the test and completed a 30min orienteering course. Well done!!

By the time you read this, the **Year 10 Adventure Expedition** will have taken place. This is where they get the opportunity to put into practice all they have learnt to date, including caving, climbing, navigation and adventure race style tramping activities.

Yr 11 OE have been busy learning bushcraft, navigation, tramping skills in combination with their self and group management strategies and have an expedition heading away **Mon 15/5 to Wed 17/5, Week 4**. Contact Ms Anna Hughes or Mr O'Donnell direct for further information. This programme continues to evolve and get stronger. There is a motivated group of students producing practical and written work of a high standard which will set them up for future OE studies and outdoor adventure recreation opportunities outside of school.

Year 12 OE students were fortunate to have enjoyed the Abel Tasman NP on their sea kayaking trip last term. They worked incredibly well as a team, leading the trip and overcoming many challenges including

head winds! Coming up, there is a Risk Management Tramp scheduled for **Week 6**. Check in further dates and information.

The Yr 13's travelled to Murchison to kayak the Buller River and its tributaries in the last week of Term 1. This group of students had a fantastic week as their skills improved along with their confidence. They are an incredibly supportive group of young people, and we are excited to see all they achieve this year.

Next, we move on to caving skills where students will head underground and learn to navigate huge waterfalls, big abseils and tight spaces. Then we have Risk Management and Bushcraft with a tramp scheduled for **Wed 14/6 to Fri 16/6**.



Music

Term 1 – The primary schools Music Tour was held in Term 1 for the first time in 2 – 3 years. It was a great day out for the performers and a lovely opportunity to connect with some of the primary schools that feed into MHS. This year we visited Brooklyn, Ngātimoti, Lower Moutere and Parklands. Items included the Senior Band, The Imperfect Circles band, a saxophone trio, string quintet, Suono Bellissimo choir, and solos from Phillip Iosefa and KC Clist.



String Quintet



KC

Phillip



The Imperfect Circles



Suono Bellissimo



Ngā Iwi E

Upcoming Events -NZ Music Commission runs the Music Mentor in schools' programme. This year on 9/10 May we are lucky enough to be getting Kim Halliday, an amazing Pasifika mentor, multi-instrumentalist, songwriter, and performer.

Rockquest has its heats on Saturday 13 and final on Friday 26 May. We have several entries with bands, solo and duos.

Big Sing- Marlborough Tues June 6. This is the event Suono Bellissimo has been working towards for the first half of the year. It is a fun and inspiring event as we perform and hear other choirs from secondary schools from around the region.

And then there is Talent Quest with heats June 14 – June 19. And the Final June 23. Always a fun event which the students and community enjoy. Make sure you put 23 June into your calendar!

Some MHS students are also performing in the Chamber Music Contest 15 June in Nelson and there will be an End of term Concert on 29 June.

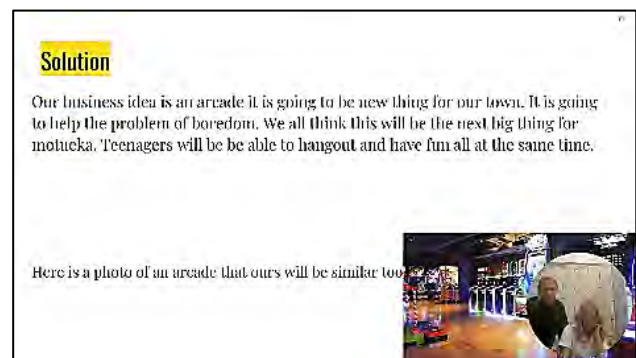
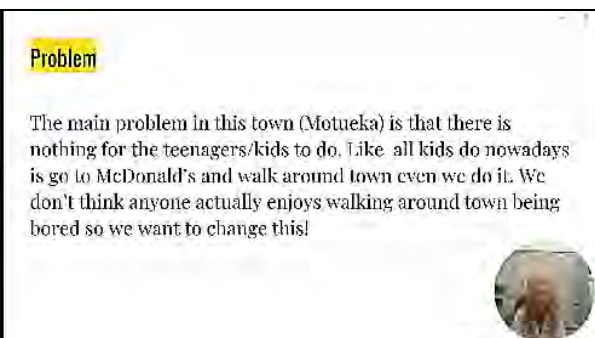
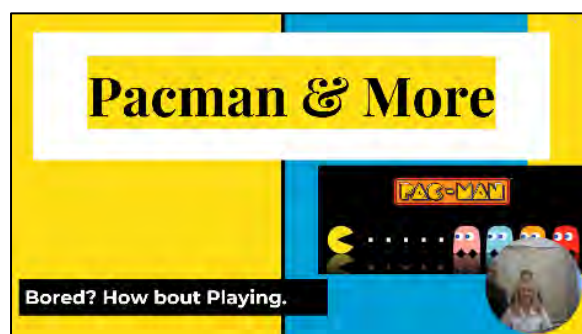
Social Sciences

Year 9 Social Studies - Tūrangawaewae was our theme for Term One. Our tamariki did an excellent job of creating displays that represented their Whakapapa, Culture and Identity.



Year 10 Social Studies -

In Term One, Year 10s created a business for Shark Tank Week. They had to collaboratively work in teams to create a presentation that could be presented to the class and say how their business would help the community.



Pacman & More was created so young people could have a place to go to for fun and adventure. Amelia Bryan, Tayla Richards, Chris Brereton, and Yusuf Deboub worked hard on their concept and even thought of possible buildings they would buy in Motueka for the business.

Year 11 Geography - students were fortunate enough to head out on a field trip to our local area. As part of their geographic research internal, students conducted stream health assessments in the Moutere area to determine the effect of land use on stream health. They collected data on water clarity, stream flow, temperature, conductivity, nitrate and phosphate levels as well as the presence of invertebrates. A big thanks to Elliot from the Tasman Environmental Trust, and Prashanti and Rick from EnviroSchools for their assistance and expertise.



Year 11 Geography students conducting a stream health assessment of Bosselmann Stream

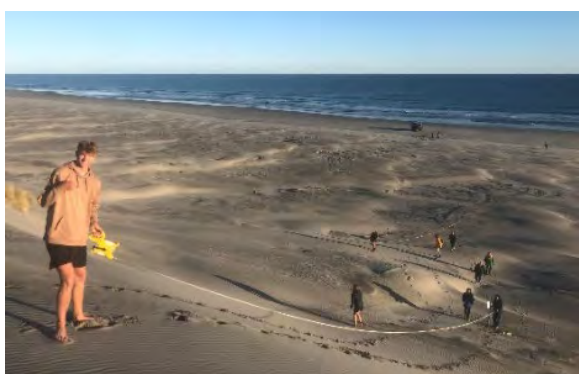


Year 13 Geography -

Year 13 Geographers headed over to Golden Bay for an overnight trip, visiting Wharariki Beach and Farewell Spit. As part of their geographic research standard students collected data including dune profiles, longshore drift, wind speed and direction, sand samples and dune vegetation. They will use this data to analyse spatial variations and coastal processes occurring in the area.



Year 13 Geography students collecting data at Wharariki Beach and Farewell Spit to analyse spatial variations and coastal processes in the area



Reusable Period Products Trial

The Ministry of Education will be trialling reusable period products in seven schools this term including Motueka High School. This is partially in response to students requesting reusable options. The products for the trial are period underwear and menstrual cups.

An external evaluator will report back on various aspects with outcomes helping to inform future policy decisions. Resources will be provided to students on the products and how to use and care for them with brochures and a special assembly. Students can order 6 pairs of period underwear and/or a menstrual cup. Students can order one, both or no products throughout Term 2.



An external evaluation team, Malatest International, will be collecting data on the trial. Further information on what this will look like will come from Malatest, including info on the type of data they want to collect and consent forms for those interested in participating in interviews. There is no obligation to participate in any surveys or interviews. The school contact for this trial is Leeann O'Brien of Whanake Youth - leeann@whanakeyouth.org.nz

Drama

Starting with an apology is never ideal but this Insight issue will attempt to celebrate the success, describe opportunities from the start of Term 1 2023 then... given an insight into theatrical goings on for ākonga (learners/ actors/ thespians!) in Terms 2 and 3.

Motueka High School Shakespeare Show

Wow! Did we represent or what? From “Romeo and Juliet” to “Timon of Athens” to “Julius Caesar”, “Macbeth” and “Twelfth Night”! Tragedies, comedies, tragedies as comedies. Social satire and superb acting. So proud of our thespians ... 30 students trekked to Nayland College on the wettest day of the year to rush back and forth through the rain, to own the stage and share Motueka High’s theatrical gifts. We had students who were completely brand new to Drama performing alongside our actors who are already comfortable treading the boards in multiple scenes.

Special mention to Ngahere Hedlund for “Best Understanding of the Text” and being our regions’ only direct entry to observe the National Competition in Wellington AND attend an intensive week filled with workshops and rehearsals, culminating in two public performances of 40 minutes of scenes from three Shakespeare plays in Wellington.

Musical Theatre Conference - Blenheim

Alyssa Burt (our Head Librarian and Arts Captain) accompanied, and we had an amazing weekend of workshops, dinners and a Priscilla themed ball. We also ran into Michael Pickering (old boy from MHS) who is doing really well with Gravity Events Company.

My Father My Son – short film (extras)

Motueka High students had the opportunity to audition for a 5-line role in a short film directed by Patsy Burke. The scriptwriter hails from Motueka, and the film shows the journey a young Greek man took navigating cultural/family expectations and his own dreams. Our students were extras with shoots taking place at the Anglican church and Te Awhina Marae. Early on Saturday morning they were powhiri’d on, then repeated the process with the film version of a powhiri! Talk about method acting! A chilly morning with constant traffic whizzing by halting the shoot. We learnt heaps about the film industry, met some talented actors (flown down from Auckland) and heaps of yummy kai. Thanks, MFMS and good luck with your crowdfunding!

And an update on our Drama classes...

Year 9 Drama - On the Stage - What an amazing bunch of talented actors! We have completed the intro unit and are flinging ourselves into 2-3 different performances. 1. “Take One” a short play about the dangers of drinking and driving. 2. “From Page to Stage”, students self-direct and embrace production roles in their interpretation of scripts 3 “Matariki” devising.

Year 10 Drama – devising and styles - These actors are a rollicking bunch and have created cool Horrors, due for completion in week two. We will then compile our Mime, Fairies, Wizards, Magicians (Circus themed) acts and tour local pre-schools. A super class that has gelled well with loads of energy.



10/ 11 Drama – production - We are aiming to present “Macbeth on the Loose” a 1-hour production on Wednesday 24th May. Rolling strikes are making rehearsals difficult but we will get there! Then devising “Matariki” themed original theatre.

12/ 13 Drama - Actors were assessed for their application of drama techniques for their Shakespeare scenes. Now we are preparing the concept for the school production “Antigone” in Term 3. Aaron Bensemam, Alyssa Burt, Lyn Siobhan, and Brooke Perry (Yr. 12) are the directors. Also looking into local stories/ history as stimulus for devised mahi.

Theatre Sports 2023 - Lyn Siobhan leads Theatre sports **every Tuesday lunchtime in the Drama room**. Play!

Drama Club - We meet **every Friday at lunch**. We are currently developing the concept and rehearsal schedule for “Antigone” our school production. Keep an eye out for-audition dates and there is an open audition (anyone from the school can participate). We need muso’s, dancers, actors, Te Reo Māori speakers, makeup artists, costume/prop/set makers, poi kanikani, videographers, babysitters, lighting/sound techies, Mau Rakau practitioners, and cooks! Would love whānau/caregiver support too!

Ngā mihi mahana

Emily Shepherd
HOD Drama

Below: MFMS film crew, actors and our students as extras at Te Awhina marae



Science

Congratulations: Alyssa Burt won a place on the Elaine P Snowden Astronomy School. The programme consists of a mix of seminars and practical work. Students travel to UC's Mt John Observatory at Tekapō and explore our cosmic neighbourhood with modern astronomical instruments. Back at the University of Canterbury, she'll learn about the universe past, present and future, the life cycles of stars, planet exploration, extra-terrestrial life and more. A highlight of the programme is the opportunity to meet fellow students with the same astronomical interests. Only 20 people in the country are invited to attend.

William Dimery-Knight has won one of the ten scholarships nationally to attend The Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand (RASNZ) annual astronomy conference in Auckland. The scholarship comprises the registration fee, travel, accommodation and a banquet ticket on the Saturday evening.

Right: Year 10 students, Lexie and Lily using a temperature sensor



L3 Biology field trip

This took place at Kina beach and students are currently typing up their final reports.



Left: L3 Biology student, Sophia, with her snails

Below: Year 10 students, Spike and Ari using a heart rate sensor



Level 2 Physics students with their crumple zone designs. They have just finished writing a report on the physics of driving safely.

Local Nelson Astronomical Society member, John Burt has donated a meteor tracking camera to be installed at our School. It will form part of a public network of fireball-tracking cameras with the goal of locating New Zealand's next meteorite. These cameras capture the night sky (on clear nights!) and are triggered by bright flashes. The camera data are uploaded each day to the Global Meteor Network (you can see the info captured here: <http://istrastream.com/rms-gmn/?country=NZ>).



With enough cameras capturing a fireball, it is possible to triangulate the trajectory, speed and mass of the rock traversing Earth's atmosphere, and therefore the strewn field for potential meteorites. This led to one meteorite search in Dunedin in mid-2022. We expect that several meteorites per year should land in NZ, although only 9 have been documented in the last 160 years. Meteor showers can be identified (one camera in 2022 captured > 400 meteors in one night).



The current tectonic situation was described and ideas for preparation were discussed.

Alpine Fault Magnitude 8 (AF8) recently ran a workshop for 4 of our

Right: Maddi is covering Carter in newspaper to work out the surface area of his skin in a Year 9 lesson.



Sport

TSS Tennis - All the students who attended TSS Tennis tournament at the start of Term 1 did exceptionally well. Anna Perkovic one of our international students played Div 2 A grade and reached the semis alongside Lexie Burridge who played her first tournament.



Ryan Kroupa and Ollie Werner lost their first game but won an extensive tie break to win their second doubles match. Unfortunately, time ran out for their follow-on singles. Max Inglis, Spike Barrow and Jonah Golsner put up a great fight but were beaten in their games. All players had a great day and a huge thank you to Dave Willers for managing the team on the day.

TSS Mountain Biking - The awesome bunch of mountain biking students were recently at TSS Mountain Biking. We had a number of Top 10 finishes as well as students making the podium. Thank you again to Ben Roborh who managed this team over two days.



Results were;

Hannah Roborh – 2nd XC, 4th Enduro, 3rd Overall U15 Girls

Leo O'Donnell – 1st XC U19 Boys

Eli Robertson – 3rd Enduro U16 Boys

Hector Griffin – 7th Enduro U16 Boys

Jayden Cooper – 6th XC U16 Boys

Louie Burger – 10th XC, 31st Enduro U16 Boys

Cedric Harvest – 12th XC U16 Boys

Connor Simkin – 17th XC, 26th Enduro U16 Boys

Theo Hansen – 21st XC U16 Boys

Logan Fry – 42nd Enduro U16 Boys

Rio Wolf – 22nd Enduro U16 Boys

Hamish Lawrence – 8th Enduro U19 Boys



SISS Mountain Biking - At the end of March, seven students travelled to Coronet Peak to compete at the SISS Mountain Biking competition. The conditions were cold, with snow falls causing a slight delay in competition. Some fabulous results with a lot of our riders making top 10 and Hannah Roborh making the podium in 3rd. Thank you to all of the whanau who travelled and helped made this experience so memorable for all the students.



The results were;

Jonah Golsner – U16

Enduro 7th

Hector Griffin – U16

Enduro 6th, Downhill 7th

Leo O'Donnell – U20 X

Country 11th

Max Roberts – U16 Enduro 13th

Eli Robertson – U17 X Country 10th, Downhill 9th, Enduro 10th

Hannah Roborh U16 X Country 3rd, Downhill 9th, Enduro 10th

Cooper Russell U17 Enduro 18th, Downhill 15th.



TSS T20 Cricket - We were extremely lucky to have our MHS cricket players combine with Nayland College and Nelson Girls College to attend the recent TSS T20 Cricket tournament. Thank you to Luke Walton for assisting the students on the day.



Some of our students also played in the combined Wakatu Weka's Team taking a very well-deserved win in the College 4th grade final against the Wanderers Atoms. Huge congratulations to Petra Cederman for representing Nelson Nyxons Women's Cricket side.

Athletics - It was fantastic to have our school Athletics Day back for 2023. Overall winners were:

Boys

U14 Robert Vlaming

U15 Spike Barrow

U16 Albie Shand

U19 Zefa Fa'avae

Girls

U14 Ilonka Blomfield

U15 Lexie Burridge

U16 Isabelle Schwarzenbach

U19 Keira Wilkins

Ahi (Red) House took the House Win.

TSS - Athletics held at Saxton Athletics Track with 54 students attending. We had 15 students finish in the top two of their event.

Zane Richards – U16 Boys 100m – 2nd – 12.34sec
 Ariana Mudgway – U19 Girls 100m – 2nd – 14.13sec
 Spike Barrow – U15 Boys 200m – 2nd – 26.31sec
 Guri Brekke – U19 Girls 1500m – 2nd – 5.39 mins
 Shaun Pattillo – U15 Boys High Jump – 2nd – 1.45m
 Luan Ritschny – U16 Boys Long Jump – 1st – 6.25m
 Luan Ritschny – U16 Triple Jump – 1st – 12.13m
 Leela Douglas – U19 Discus – 2nd – 27.01m
 Pearl Vaigafa – U14 Girls Shot Put – 2nd – 8.75m
 Biddy Thomas – U15 Girls Shot Put – 1st – 8.98m
 Leela Douglas – U19 Girls Shot Put – 1st – 10.80m
 Jacob Gough – U15 Boys Javelin – 2nd – 23.22m
 Ruby Donnelly – U19 Girls Javelin – 1st – 40.45m
 Khushi Kansara – U19 Girls Javelin – 2nd – 31.73m
 Masi Douglas – U19 Boys Javelin – 1st – 34.15



SISS - Biddy Thomas and Zane Richards carried on to SISS Athletics held in Invercargill. Biddy finished 5th in the U15 Girls' Shot Put and Zane managed a PB in the U16 Boys 100m but was just off making the final.



TSS Ki o Rahi - We were able to take two teams to the recent Ki o Rahi tournament. Well done to one of our teams for coming 2nd. Thank you to Joe Wineera, Mr Reeve and Mr Hannan for all their hard mahi with these students.



SISS Touch - Another sport we were glad to see come back after Covid was our Touch team. The girls came together under the guidance of Terina Graham and Emma Paaka and headed away to Christchurch for SISS coming away with 6th place.



Swimming - Our school swimming sports held under the watchful eye of Ms Graham and Mr Laing saw a mixture of competitive and social swimmers take to the water. Our overall winners were:

U14 Boys - Merak Manze

U14 Girls - Ilonka Blomfield

U15 Boys - Max Inglis

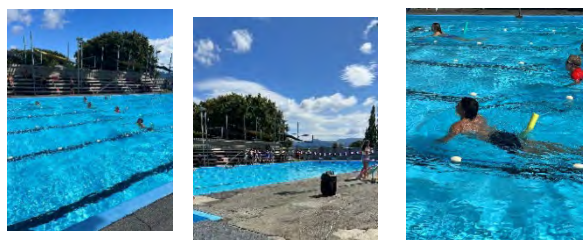
U15 Girls - Summer Brereton

U16 Boys - Zac Woods

U16 Girls - Helena Satherley

O16 Boys - Leo O'Donnell

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Volleyball - Term 1 saw MHS field 8 teams in the weekly competition. The Senior A Boys team won the Senior A Grade final against Garin College crowning them as the Champions for their league. Our senior teams also competed at the Senior Volleyball Honours.



Netball - The netball season started off at the end of Term 1 with the Geraldine Hodgkinson tournament with three of our teams participating. On the last day of term, we had Trinity College, from Gold Coast Australia who were touring NZ, come to play our Senior A Netball team. It was a great game and so fantastic to have over 100 students attend to watch. Congratulations to Sienna Mairaro-Pi, Max Inglis and Myah Wilson for making the U16 Nelson Netball teams.



Rugby - The rugby season has a very different look for us this year with all of our Boys' teams moving to Huia and Kahurangi leaving us just to focus on school tournaments and the girls' team. We will be having under 18 and under 15 girls' teams this year.



We take this opportunity to congratulate Reuben Sturgeon on making the Waimea Combined team for the season. The girls kicked off the season with a 10s tournament where they won 4 out of 5 games. We are very lucky to have Vai Aukafolau and Dion Iorns returning to coach assisted by Paul Holden, Kirsten Hobbs and Kath Saunders.



Other Outstanding Sporting Success

BJJ Martial Arts - Shaun Pattilo recently completed at the 2023 Christchurch Southern Challenge BJJ tournament where he won Gold in both his divisions.



Equestrian - Izzy Claringbold placed 4th in the NZ National Mounted Games U15s individual competition over the holidays and also in the National U18s pairs competition.

Motocross - Keira and Hunter Wilkins travelled to the Junior Motorcross Nationals in Invercargill in the holidays. Keira is now #5NZ and Hunter is now #7NZ in their respective classes. A fantastic result for them given they have only been riding 12 and 18 months.



Roller Hockey - Congratulations to Carly Guild and Serena Curran who have been selected to be in the NZ Women's roller hockey team to travel to China in October this year for the Asia/Pacific Qualification Tournament. This Tournament enables the NZ Women's team to qualify and play roller hockey at the World Skate games in Italy in 2024.



Adventure Racing

Twenty-four members of the senior Adventure Racing squad have been gathering for team training all of Term 1. Unfortunately, they had to shift their focus after the NZSS 12-hour champs was cancelled after the devastating floods up North. So, it was decided to attend the Kaikoura South Island champs instead.

One boys' team and two girls' teams took on the challenge and they all put in an outstanding performance. The course was tough and the rain prior to the event made the biking stages in particular hard work. At times wheels would not turn with mud having to be washed off in cows troughs and a lot of muddy hills turning peddling into hike-a-bike sections.

2023 12hr Logistics

Start	07:00 - 15 APRIL
Stage 1: Mountain Bike	Distance: 25km Climb: 500m Time: 02:00-03:30
Stage 2: Kayak	Distance: 0.5km Climb: 0m Time: 00:30-01:00
Stage 3: Mountain Bike	Distance: 20km Climb: 300m Time: 1:30-03:30
Stage 4: Rogaine	Distance: 10km Climb: 600m Time: 3:30-05:30
Stage 5: Mountain Bike	Distance: 10km Climb: 300m Time: 1:30-03:30
Stage 6: Rogaine	Distance: ~15km Climb: 600m Time: 04:00-06:30
Stage 7: Mountain Bike	Distance: 1km Climb: 20m Time: 0:15-00:30
Finish	By: 22:00 15 APRIL

There were six main stages (see left), including two foot-Rogaines, where teams had to choose their own order of checkpoints, making navigation a key skill in getting around the course efficiently. Additionally, there was a very real chance that the last Rogaine would have to be

completed partly or totally in the dark, adding an extra layer of difficulty to the challenge.

In the end there were only 5 school teams in total (out of 29 on the start list) who managed to complete the full course before the cut-off and MHS took two of those spots, with the third team not far behind. This was an awesome achievement, particularly since none of them had ever done a 12-hour event before. The boys even managed to pull off a second placing in the official school category (the criteria being: four students from the same school).



Louie Burger, Beck Weber, Sam Maley, Leo Easton finished after 12 hours and 19 minutes, just a wee bit muddy!

Regardless of placings, our students really do us proud in this arena, not just with their results, but how they perform as a unit, how they look out for each other and how much they are willing to suffer and persevere for their team. This event was not just for schools but the general public as well, and our Year 12 girls' team was the top performing women's team overall in the 12-hour. A bonus fun fact, which they very much enjoyed, was that they also beat Keiran Read's team (Yes, the All Black)!



Guri Brekke, Line Grace Werner, Nika Rayward, 6:30AM at the startline just before embarking on a

13 hour adventure!

Our 3rd team, consisting of three Year 11 girls, showed incredible grit and persistence, pushing it right to the time-cut-off to finish 4th in the open schools' category.



Isabelle Swarzenbach, Hannah Roborgh, Riley Nelson-Knauf still smiling after 14 hrs 41 min out on the course!

Last but not least, we had Riley Croxford join forces with three other Christchurch schools (all orienteering stars) and with their superior navigation skills, it came as no surprise that they took out the overall fastest school-team time on the 12-hour course (in 10 hrs 27 min).

The squad is now preparing for the Hillary 6-hour in Geraldine on the 21st of May. We will have all 24 students taking part, our largest contingent yet!