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From The Principal

Kia Ora

It is hard to believe that it is more than a year since we learned new vocabulary such as lockdown, Coronavirus, Covid levels, self-isolation and key workers. This time last year I was delivering schoolwork to the many corners of the Tasman district, trying to fit Art folders into letterboxes and marvelling at the amazing autumn colours.

Term 2 exemplifies the positive aspects of coming together as a school with big events that we can all enjoy together such as: Regional Manu Korero, Haka and Waiata competitions, Talent Quest, 40 Hour Famine, Buller Exchange, Careers Expo and Shave for a Cure, to name a few. It is always gratifying to see our student leaders put together such events through which they learn great skills such as planning, motivating others, organisation, mentoring and leading by example. I am looking forward to being able to see all of these events in person.

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This year's winter sports registrations have seen an explosion of junior students join teams. The netball courts were full of Motueka High School students last Saturday and the rugby fields the same. I thank all the coaches, managers and supporters for enabling our students to get out there and enjoy each other's company, get fit and set goals for what they want to achieve.

This term John Prestidge has been seconded to the Ministry of Education to assist with the NCEA change plan. We look forward to seeing some of his work on the Teacher Only Day on May 18. We farewell Matua Ron Kelly but we welcome Dylan Nicol (English), Jo Piemontesi (Social Sciences), and Linda Fern (Maths). We also welcome back Jessica Henderson (English) whilst Nich Campbell is on sabbatical.

Congratulations to Mandy White and Mitch who welcomed Harley Bruce White into the world last term. We have loved having visits from some of our school babies and know that Oakley, Mandy, Emily, Heidi, and Ashlin are continuing to connect with each other whilst they enjoy their time with their little ones.

Our overarching theme for Term 2 2021 is Consolidating. This means that everyone will have set their goals that they wish to achieve and now they are doing the learning and the practice in order to reach those goals and enjoy success. Now is a great time to review those goals and to share them with everyone who is a part of the learning journey.

Ngā mihi nui



Stacey Fry, Principal

2021 Term Dates

Term 2	3 May – 9 July
Term 3	26 July – 1 October
Term 4	18 October – 13 December

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Calendar

May

- 17-23 International Languages Week
- 18 Teacher Only Day
- 20 Cross Country Period 4
- 21 Regional Manu Korero
Pink Shirt Day
- 25 Careers Roadshow, Hall 1-3pm
- 28 Gumboot Friday Mufti Day

June

- 3 Haka and Waiata Competition
- 4 Teacher Only Day
- 5 World Environment Day
- 7 Queen's Birthday Holiday
- 11 Rock Quest regional finals
NZ National Japanese Trivia champs
- 14-17 Year 9 Ignite camp
- 17 Big Sing
- 20-21 Buller Exchange
- 21-25 Talent Quest heats
- 25-27 40-hour famine

July

- 2 Talent Quest final 7pm
- 9 Last day of Term 2
- 26 Term 3 starts

Office

Just a reminder that students **must** sign in at the office if they are late to school or if they are leaving early for any reason.

Please make sure you have spoken with one of the office staff before collecting your student. **It is important that students are picked up from the office/reception area.**

Full information on the **absence process** is on our website – motuekahigh.school.nz/absences/

If your student is absent for three or more days, we also ask that you please provide a **medical certificate** for the absence.

Naming items – please make sure you write your student's full name on any clothing items or other high value items that come to school. If an item is named, we can get it back to you quickly. Unnamed items or items named only with initials are much harder to reunite with their owner!

Tasman Rugby Union Youth Advisory Group



Moeka Koyama has been accepted onto the Youth Advisory Group for the Tasman Rugby Union.

In 2021 the Tasman Rugby Union (TRU), with the support of NZ Rugby (NZR), established a Youth Advisory Group (YAG). The group will promote youth voice and enable Tasman's youth to be at the centre of the design, delivery, and environment of teenage Rugby. This is the first Youth Advisory Group in NZ Rugby; the groups purpose is to lead positive change in the Tasman region, with the aim of improving the rugby experience and growing the game. Congratulations Moeka on your achievement.

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Parent Info

Board of Trustees Wants Parents

Have you ever thought about joining the Motueka High School Board? Contact us as we are currently looking for more parents to join us.

The Board acts in a governance role and is responsible for setting the direction for our school. Meetings are held monthly during school terms. For more information, please contact nicki.saundersloder@motuekahigh.school.nz

Youth Health Nurses at MHS

Gwyneth Barr RN, BN and Donna Southorn RN, BN, MPH are registered nurses based at MHS, as part of a programme to improve the health of young people, so they can engage fully in education and life.

Gwyneth has expertise in outdoor therapy and youth work, and Donna is an experienced youth health nurse who has worked in high schools and youth facilities in Christchurch. They are both employed by Whanake Youth and work closely with teachers and counsellors.

They meet with all Year 9s to perform a health assessment and coordinate any follow up care needed. They also care for student health issues, referral to health and social agencies, and health education. Care is free and confidential. Need help/advice with your teenager's health? Phone 03 528-9050 ext 8205.



New initiative 'Chopper Calves'

Why not graze a 'Chopper Calve' or donate one of your livestock on behalf of the Nelson Marlborough Rescue Helicopter? PGG Wrightson will purchase the calves and the proceeds will go directly to our vital rescue service. It won't cost farmers anything, but it will help save lives in the Motueka community.

Pledging as little as one animal per year can help the rescue helicopter continue to be on-call. Email molly@helirescue.co.nz if you want to get on board.

Here is the webpage with more information about the initiative <https://www.helirescue.co.nz/livestock/>

Furniture/Building

During Term 1 our Year 9 students undertook several projects including designing and making spoons and spatula. Students were expected to cut and shape their materials using a range of hand tools to produce their product.



Above: Louie Burger / Riley Higgs / Tawn Riley – Spoons and Spatula Making

Our Year 10 students have been busy making a stool. This design incorporates several hand joints and has challenged the class to work accurately and efficiently. The design for the top is down to the individual.



The Year 11 Furniture / Building class finished a Level 2 Unit Standard, the focus of which was building a post

and railing fence. The students worked in teams of 2 or 3, had to set up profiles, dig holes and securely establish the fence posts. The rails were attached, and palings added. Some looked really professional.

The Year 12 Furniture/ Building class worked on making a sawhorse and are now outside constructing a Deck. The course has a strong focus on mastering the use of hand tools and being safe and sensible on a building site.

Right: Gabrielle Walker – Sawhorse Project



Finally, the Year 13 Furniture/ Building class have completed several pieces of work to prepare them for their Level 3 course. Students are expected to submit design drawings and sketches for assessment. They are currently working on a piece of furniture and should get the chance to do some resin casting if time allows.

Business Studies



Above: Year 11 and 12 Business Studies at Motueka Sunday Market 9th May



Gbee

Honey and Candles

We are a bee orientated Year 13 Business Studies group selling honey and bees wax candles. 10% of our profits from these sales will be donated to the NZ Bumble Bee Conservation Trust which is a charity supporting the conservation of bees.



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Outdoor Education

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 to ease into the beautiful, settled Autumn conditions that make it ideal tramping weather here.



Above: Up early, sunrise at Mosquito Bay

The Term 2 **Yr 9 Adventure Skills** class trip to Abel Tasman NP is scheduled for **Wed 7/7 to Fri 9/7**.

By the time you receive this, the **Year 10 Adventure Expeditions**, where they get the opportunity to put into practice all they learnt this year, will have taken place. Caving, climbing, navigation and adventure race style tramping activities were all successful despite a little cold and wet weather creeping in!

Yr 11 OE have been busy learning bushcraft, navigation, tramping skills in combination with their self and group management strategies and have an overnight expedition heading away **Mon 24/5 to Tues 25/5**. Contact Mr Wheeler or Mr O'Donnell 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 recreation opportunities outside of school.



Year 12 OE students were fortunate to have enjoyed the Abel Tasman NP on their sea kayaking expedition last term. A huge thanks to Abel Tasman Kayaks for being able to cater for all of us again...Naturally Inspired! Not a breath of wind, mirror calm seas, lots of seal pups, plenty warm enough to swim, play touch on the beach and back into Marahau to do a great job washing and cleaning boats. Thanks too, to Ross from DOC who led the group in learning more about our Project Janszoon site at Anchorage. Students have a Risk Management Tramp scheduled for **Week 7**. Check in with Mr Wheeler and Mr O'Donnell for further dates and information. After this, the focus will be on studying for/succeeding at their Level 2 NCEA.

The Yr 13s travelled to Murchison to kayak the Buller River and its tributaries. This was a successful trip as the group juggled where to paddle and how to “be cool at all times” under the guidance of professional kayak instructors. Their skill level and positive attitude impressed: “not only good paddlers, but good people to go paddling with”! Now they move to complete river crossing and then a focus on safety, leadership, rope-work, rigging, exploring caves and Single Rope Technique (SRT). These skills have stood MHS graduates in good stead as they have put them to use in NZ and around the world in careers as diverse as movie set construction, oil rigs, industrial rope access, safety consultants for Adventure Races, SAR and the adventure industry. The remainder of Term 2 is devoted to Risk Management and Bushcraft with a tramp scheduled for **Tues 6/7 to Thurs 8/7**.



Above right: Yr 13 OE getting their hand in with their ropework building a Tyrolean traverse on Marahau Hill

Term 2 Outdoor Education Trip Dates:

- Yr 9: Adventure Camp Abel Tasman NP, July 7-9.
- Yr 10: Adventure Expeditions
 - Group 1: Mon 10/5 – Wed 12/5 Postponed to Week 5.
 - Group 2: Wed 12/5 – Fri 14/5
 - Group 3: Mon 17/5 – Wed 19/5
- Yr 11: Expedition, Week 4. Kahurangi NP.
- Yr 12: 3-day Tramp, Week 7, (WH Mon 14/6-Wed 16/6. (OD Tu 15/6 – 17/6)
- Yr 13: Bushcraft Expedition, Week 10, 6-8 July

Below: 12OE Kayak camp at Mosquito Bay



Fabrics Technology

Year 9 students were able to gain their sewing certificate by making a small pin cushion for themselves or as a gift. I'm sure these attractive pincushions will be little treasures for a long time.



Choosing the right fabric is always a lot of fun, some students took the opportunity to tie dye their own fabric.



The main project for the term was a reversible bucket hat. Getting the right head size is sometimes more of a challenge than the making.



Students proudly wearing their product....



and ready to face the world ...



...or at least my hat!



Te Whare Pukeone - The Base



This year is the last year for Laura and it will be the best year yet!

This year we have been pretty busy at The Base. We went to the Science Roadshow, stroked cute chickens, made a bag each and even made a water wheel in Science.

We do lots of cooking and making and we have a brand-new sewing machine that we're learning to use. We've made puppets, cushions and bags.

We welcomed Kyla Dixon to our lovely group. Kyla is the most amazing artist and draws fabulous dogs.

Need help with Maths?

Please come to our Maths Tutorials every lunchtime in Room 24 of the Mathematics department. All year levels are welcome.

Careers Department

Career and Local Roadshow Tuesday 25th May 2021

Location: MHS Hall and Te Maatu

Who for: Year 11 - Year 13 & whānau

Students need: Pen & worksheet (this will be given to students in the Library session)

Career Roadshow 1 - 3pm in the Hall has a range of providers from NZ including universities and polytechnics that students can consider studying at after leaving school. The purpose is to expose students to the many options available beyond school.

Local Roadshow 1 - 4pm in Te Maatu has a range of businesses and industries from the Top of the South. The purpose is to show students what opportunities are on offer in Motueka and the surrounding areas. We have invited the providers for the Top of the South Trades Academy (NMIT & Whenua Iti), and other local providers that students may not be as familiar with such as NTI & Nelson Training Centre, plus ITO's.

Whānau sessions: Motueka High School is going to run a 15-minute university session on the hour (1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm) alongside this event for parents in Room 15: *what is UE, what is the application process for tertiary providers, applications for halls of residence & associated costs, where to look for information on scholarships (school and providers).*

Whānau are welcome to come along to both roadshows. Year levels will be visiting the roadshows at specific times:

1. Year 13 1 – 1:45pm
2. Year 12 1:45 – 2:30pm
3. Year 11 2:20pm – 3:05pm



Above: Odette talking to Wilsons Abel Tasman 2019

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Motueka High School currently has 20 students signed up as Award Participants on the Duke of Edinburgh Award. The award is internationally recognised and was launched 60 years ago. The purpose is to develop global citizens by pushing young people to their personal limits and recognising their achievements.

The award is broken up into 3 levels: *Bronze, Silver and Gold (each section builds on the previous).*

Within each level participants must complete *physical recreation, skills/gain knowledge, voluntary service and an adventurous journey.*

If a student is interested in becoming an Award Participant, please go to: doehillary.org.nz for more information and how to sign up.

At Motueka High School Mrs Dalton, Mrs Burnett and Mrs Bruce-Miller are Award Leaders and can guide students with their Award.



Above: Recently a group of MHS Award Participants completed their Bronze Adventurous Journey with Whenua Iti Outdoors. This was a 4-day residential journey where they completed their practice and qualifier.

Agricultural and Horticultural Science

Chicken Project

In 2020 some the Year 11 class discussed carrying out a project in 2021 to raise day old chicks as both an agricultural investigation, an animal husbandry exercise, and a small business. Week one of Term One saw the group start to investigate the needs of chicks in terms of conditions required for growth, how they would provide these conditions, where they would source the chicks and plan an investigation to study.

30 Day old chicks arrived at Nelson Airport from Heslips Hatchery on 1 April. All cute and fluffy. We would like to thank Heslips Hatcheries for sponsoring our project by paying for the chicks' transport from Fairlie to Nelson.



Below: Chicks on Day 1.



The students involved all invested money to purchase the chicks, purchase chick crumble and water containers. They have kept financial records as they hope to make a profit from selling the chickens. The investigation the students have carried out looked at how altering the fat content of their feed affected the chicks' growth rate. They left 10 chicks with the 5% fat in the bought feed, 10 chicks with 7% fat and 10 with 9% fat. They did not find a lot of difference in the measurements taken.



The group would also like to thank PGG Wrightsons/Fruitfed Motueka for their sponsorship subsidising the chick crumble and water containers.

The students have completed their investigations (no chicks were harmed) and the chicks are now FOR SALE. They should be ready to lay beautiful eggs in spring.

If you would like to purchase pullets, please contact:

anthea.garmey@motuekahigh.school.nz



Music

Primary Schools Tour Term 1 ended with a fun and busy day for many musicians as we were able to hold a Primary Schools Music Tour. Performances were held at Tasman, Mapua, Motueka South and Rudolf Steiner schools on a gloriously sunny day. Groups performing included both choirs, Jazz band and Jazz combo, guitar quartet, string quartet, and Yr 11 & 12 rock band.



Left: *Livinya Jayasinghe, Juliette O'Donnell, & Quinne Weber*

2021 Rockquest Success Rockquest heats and regional finals for Solo / duo and Tangata Beats was held on Saturday 8 May.



Congratulations to Lucy Summerfield for being the first MHS student to enter Tangata Beats: a competition where songs must include Maori or Pacifica elements. Lucy wrote a song in Te Reo and won, receiving a prize of \$300 to be spent at the Rockshop. She also entered the same performance into the Solo/Duo section of Rockquest and came second. This came with a prize of \$100 again to be spent at the Rockshop. It would be great to see more students entering Tangata Beats next year.

Congratulations also to Bryn Stevens, Bella Shand and Harrison Frater and their band F.E.A.L. for getting into the regional finals to be held on 11 June at the Theatre Royal. They were scored very highly by the judges and we wish them well for the final. *Left: Bryn Stevens*



NZMM Library Concerts

With NZ Music Month students are performing at Motueka Public Library on Friday lunchtimes at 1.15. Last week singer/songwriters Phoebe Leenhouters, Ruby Botica and Lucy Summerfield entertained a small but enthusiastic audience with their own compositions. The final concert is on May 28th where the choirs will perform the songs they will present at the Big Sing.

The Big Sing is being held in Blenheim this year on 17 June. It is always a great day for the choirs both with their performances and also hearing the other secondary school choirs in the region. Many thanks to Executive Limousines for the use of their cars and vans to take students, staff and parents over to Blenheim.

Talent Quest is a favourite event for many students and is always well supported by the Motueka Community. Students are busy preparing their entries and there will be a great range of music, dance, drama and variety acts. Best acts selected from lunchtime heats with the final being held on Friday 2nd July. We are also hoping for items from form classes with staff preparing another showstopping item to entertain while the judges deliberate.

NCEA students have just performed their first solo performances and are now focusing on their group performances. There will be a NCEA and Group performances concert at the end of the Term 2. Keep an eye out for the date on the MHS website.

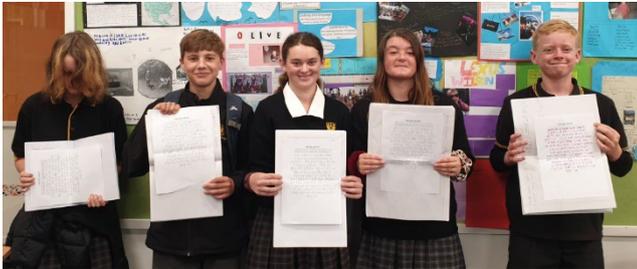
MADD - Students are also planning and preparing for our Music, Arts, Dance and Drama extravaganza – MADD in Term 3. The theme this year is ‘Musicals’ with a variety of acts being planned. Put 27 or 28 August in your calendars NOW!

Coming up May – August

- NZ Music Month **lunchtime concerts** at the **Motueka Public Library**
- **Rockquest** Regional Final **Friday 11 June**
- **Talent Quest heats 21 – 25 June** lunchtimes school hall. Gold coin entry
- **Talent Quest final 2 July, 7 pm** school hall. Tickets will be at the school office soon.
- The **Big Sing 17 June, ASB stadium Blenheim**
- **NCEA music concert** tbc
- **MHS ‘MADD’ Term 3, 27 and 28 August** MHS Hall. Tickets will be available from the school office in Term 3.

Social Sciences

Junior Social Studies Year 9 will be looking into Migration, Te Hekenga and people's impact on NZ society. In Year 10 students are learning through the theme of 'Human Rights' including both historical and contemporary issues facing NZ and the rest of the world.



Above: 9PQ – showing their migration cryptic crosswords



Left: Students from 9JS completing a class wero-challenge

Geography It's been a busy start to the year for Year 11 and 12 Geographers with both classes going on field trips to the Abel Tasman National Park.



The Year 11s looked at sustainable use of the environment and were lucky enough to visit both Anchorage and Awaroa, speaking to DOC rangers, members of the public using the coastal track and an employee at the Awaroa Lodge.



The Year 12s visited both Watering Cove and Anchorage, collecting a range of climate, soil, vegetation and relief data from three study sites in order to investigate what

factors and processes interact to create variation in the contrasting landscapes between Watering Cove and Anchorage.



Both trips were accompanied by Brooke, the education coordinator from Project Janzsoon, and made possible through the Abel Tasman Sea Shuttle who are huge supporters of a range of class trips from MHS that visit the park. A big thank you to them both!

Global Studies This term students are planning how to engage in social action and making positive change. Their goal is to raise money and awareness for either a regional, national or global charitable trust.

They are using their time deciding which non-government organisation to support.

Giving students the choice of their



personal social action, ideas suggested so far are World Vision, Cancer Society and Multiple Sclerosis New Zealand (MSNZ). We look forward to seeing them in action this term!

History

Right: Year 13 planning a debate on prohibition.



Science

Good luck to Alyssa Burt who is applying for the Students with a passion for Astronomy scholarship to enable them to attend the RASNZ annual astronomy conference in Wellington.

Congratulations to Nikita Christie, Lisa Schubert and Ai Takahashi who completed the Innovative Young Minds online course. Nikita reports:



My experience at IYM (Innovative Young Minds) was eye-opening with about 100 participants and Zoom classes every day during the first week of the holidays that ran for at least four hours. We had many speakers over the days, learned new things and about careers for young women in S.T.E.M and about 30 speakers recounted their amazing experiences in their place of work. An all-round favourite was Alexia Hilbertidou from 'Girl Boss NZ' who told us of her experiences as their representative, how she met the Queen and visited a NASA site in NZ. She told jaw-dropping facts about how only 4% of the world's CEOs are women. It was unforgettable.

Often during our Zooms we'd break out into groups and were given the problem of NZ's use of energy. We needed to be innovative to create something new that uses renewable energy to power the creation. My group decided that fish dumping had to be solved to save the fish and NZ's fishing industry. We found that nets were the main problem, so to fix it we re-designed the nets. We changed the weights that destroy the ocean floor, replacing them with submersible drones with scanners to indicate there's coral coming up. We changed the sizing of the net to cater to the fish to be caught by changing the nets colour for the fishes' eye sights (different fish see different colours) and suiting the bait to them. We added an A.I scanner to the net to scan which fish have entered and how many of which species we have. If there's too many of a type of fish the scanners flash lights into the fishes eyes forcing it to swim away. All of this was to be powered by tidal power: the conversion of waves and currents, to become a renewable source to power things. The currents the boat goes through creates the power source and is converted on the boats. Solar panels placed on top of the boat are a back-up power source in case the water is calm. This means there's no excuse to use fossil fuels on the boat and makes everything renewable. Even though my group didn't win the challenge we were all extremely proud of the outcome we had created.

My experience at IYM was something I'll never forget, same with the friends I made there. Nikita Christie

Big Science Competition Y9-10 will take place during lunch & Period 5 on 28 May. It challenges students to think critically and solve scientific problems using everyday examples.

Skydiving Senior Physics students learn the principles of projectile motion. This will take place on Friday 25 June from 1pm at the Motueka Skydive.



Above: Izia, Dom and Rupert at their Kōkōkaha – Power of the wind sailing experience. This was part of their Y10 Science course after studying Heat & Energy and Forces topics. There will be a wind powered design challenge this term.



Above: Lachy, Sam and Alex enjoyed the sailing too. Thanks to the Motueka Yacht Club and Brendon Gordon

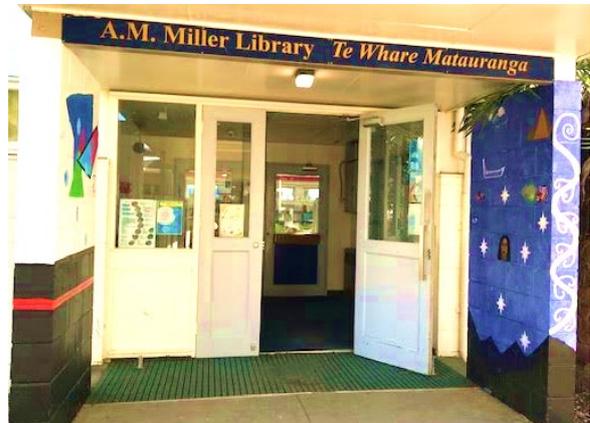


Above: L3 Physics students after their Fouetté lesson where they discovered that knowing about rotational inertia and putting it into practice are two different things! Thanks to Kate Hailes and Chelsea Ward for running the session.

MHS Library

Te Whare Mātauranga

Reading research and relaxation



2021 – have you joined up with the Goodreads Challenge? Curious how many books you have read? There are some big readers in Year 9!

Join the Library book chat group, play some chess or extend to a tournament.



Above: Librarian morning tea. Check those badges

5 July 2021 Top of the South Reading Challenge is here. Jack, Lucy, Anneke, Alex and Taylor are off to challenge other Year 9 teams at Nayland College.

Book Day 4 August Steampunk theme and visiting speaker Ryu from Paper Nautilus Café. Dress as a favourite book character – no muggles. Prizes! Visiting writer [Tim Jones](#) will hold workshops and talks.

What's new: Check the latest on the [library catalogue](#)

New book series:
[King of Scars](#)
[Duology](#)

Top 3 2020 reads were [Wild Lands](#), [Tiger Heart](#), [Slider](#)

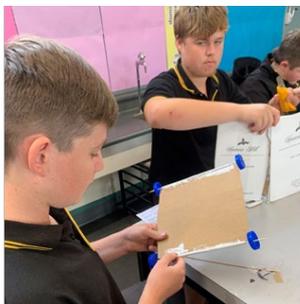


Left: Louie, Alex and Harrison explore two-dimensional momentum and spin with a game of pool at the

recent L3 Physics play-based learning session. Thanks to RSA club and Stefan Laing for making this happen.



Left: Kiera and Tessa exploring physics on the pool table!



Left: Marshall and Blake and (right) Harper build wind powered carts



Left: Lauren about to explore the science of sailing



Left: The Kōkōkaha – powered by the wind project includes sailing experience and a design challenge to build a cart that travels the furthest.

English – Ingarihi

Term 2 sees some staffing changes in the English Department. Nich Campbell is on sabbatical and his Head of Department role is being shared by Sarah



Matheson (pictured left) and Vicki McKerrow (right).



Lizzie Graham (left) picks up his Year 11 class and we are fortunate to welcome Jessica Henderson (right) back to Motueka High School to cover his other classes.



We also extend a very warm welcome to Dylan Nicol who has joined us for a term to cover staff illness. Dylan was a student teacher here last year so is well versed on the systems and structures of our department and already knows many of our students through football and debating. A great combination!

Motueka High School Speech Competition

As a supporting event to Ngā Manu Kōrero Regional Competition which is being held here in week three, we are running a Motueka High School Speech Competition. The competition has two sections, Year 10 and Senior, and takes place on Monday 17th May. Currently there are a number of students preparing for this event which will give our top speakers an opportunity to entertain, provoke and compete.

Writing opportunities are also available to students this term. Danielle Davis (right) is the teacher in charge of these competitions and is keen to support our students who write.

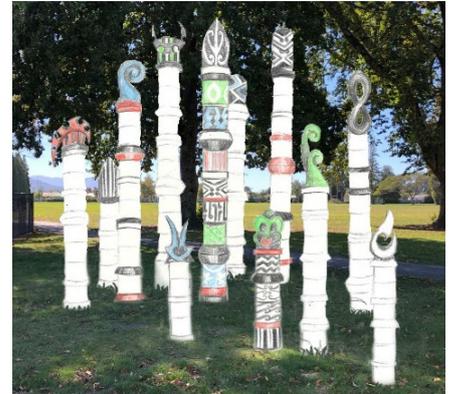


Current competitions include: The Sargeson Prize – entries open from 1 April – 30 June, The Schools Poetry Award – entries closing 5 July, The 2021 NZATE Youth Writing Competition – entries close 9 July, and the National Re-Draft Competition – entries close 30 September. The competitions include short story and poetry writing, are open to various age groups and are a fabulous opportunity for those interested in writing.

Art

More information on the exciting project that the Art Department are running this year, spearheaded by Lauren Kidd.

Right: Artist's concept of what the Pou might look like in situ



Tūhononga-the connection of our people will be a ceramic

installation of 8-10 Totem Poles (approximately 3-4 meters high). These will be installed permanently in the garden bed, between the Art Department, The Base and Alternative Education, essentially creating a connection between all three. The artwork's theme is about connection.

The main focus of this project is to build connections between people. Students will learn not only practical art making skills but how to build relationships with each other and wider community members. They will work alongside parents and community whanau, including teaching staff, who will be invited to contribute to the installation through a weekend wananga held at the kura.

All contributors to the project will learn how to make connections between themselves and the place they stand (their Turangawaewae) by incorporating local stories and patterns into their design work. As well as this, they will build a permanent collaborative installation that they can return to in the future and have a great sense of ownership and pride in. (Whakahi).

Over the course of this project students will learn basic hand building techniques, exploration of traditional and contemporary whakairo design, working with tools, carving, decorating and firing. They will focus on developing strong skills in building connections between a concept and a final work. This will be a unique experience for students (and whānau) at Motueka High School to work with a medium (clay) we can no longer use in our curriculum due to resources.

The plan is to have all work finished by the end of Term 3 and for it to be installed and an opening ceremony held in Term 4. Watch this space!

HATA conference

In first week of the April holidays Motueka High School hosted 46 Agriculture and Horticulture teachers from around New Zealand.

They spent the week visiting a range of our region's large and small Primary Industries. Discussions were had regarding the importance of the Primary Industries to local and regional economies, how to promote the range of career options (that don't involve gumboots) in the industries to young people, current issues such as losing productive land to housing developments, biosecurity, sustainability. Conference attendees enjoyed speaking with Damien O'Connor, local West Coast-Tasman MP and Minister of Agriculture, Biosecurity and Food Safety.

Below: Conference "staff" with Damien O'Connor



Above: Visit to Paratiho Farm

Conference organisers, MHS teacher Anthea Garmey and Primary ITO Education Manager Jeff Bryant would like to thank the following local organisations, people and businesses who helped make this a fantastic educational event for all involved: Miriana Stephens – KONO; Robert Schaffer and Plant and Food Research; Golden Bay Fruit; Dave McEwan – Paratiho Farm; Neudorf Mushrooms; Damien O'Connor; Freestyle Hops; Abel Vineyard; Pics Peanut Butter; Ewers Tomatoes.



Left: Range of mushrooms grown at Neudorf Mushrooms

Below: Conference attendees at Plant and Food Research



English

Time for a Change? *A personal response by Hunter Heath-Keen (Year 12)*

Critical thinking in English: Heath-Keen takes one of the most famous short stories of all time and uses it as a critical lens for thinking about high school traditions. What follows is an essay extract, that poses some interesting opinions and comments about our own MHS traditions. Is it time for a change? Should we be coming up with new traditions to suit the 21st century learner? What do you think?
- Mrs Davis-Nicol

The Lottery, by Shirley Jackson, is about a sadistic lottery of life and death set in a small town on the 27th of June 1948.



This so-called "lottery" is designed to sacrifice someone every year to ensure a better harvest, like a tribal ritual, by stoning an unlucky soul to death [...].

This story made me think how grateful I am to live in a society where we can acknowledge the unnecessary traditions and instead focus on what makes a tradition great and what obsolete bits can be removed. In parts of the story, this is addressed by neighbouring towns talking of abandoning the ceremony and the old man operating the lottery dismissing them as, "young fools," for leaving a tradition that has lasted since the beginning of their colony. In current day society, we face similar problems with old men dominating governing bodies and deciding traditional over progressive in places like the United States.

The story also made me think of the similarities between the lottery and schools continuing the traditional assembly of not just posting all notices to a board, but instead forcing a school into being bored to death by messages that only apply to the 1%. The school has become too wrapped up in the idea that everyone must gather in a hall and present on a stage. Although the villagers had forgotten the ritual and lost the original black box, they still remembered to use stones." This has led to assemblies in schools losing their purpose of effective communication. When, considering we are in the 21st century and not BC, it would be more logical to send an e-mail directly to students, instead of wasting half an hour of the entire school's time and making students less likely to even listen to notices in the first place.

This final statement by Mrs Hutchinson after her death, "it isn't fair," says a lot, and I felt it deserved some unpacking. She was trying to say the village's tradition was trivial and that the villagers have become wrapped up in the wrong part of their practice, with villagers thinking what mattered was the brutality of stones and not their harvest. This idea can easily be linked to schools and how it has been more focused on students to conform rather than improving the education and academics of these students. This conforming technique is for better control of armies, not children. The "tradition" of creating students that do anything they are ordered to do was held onto by schools, leaving the actual point of having a school to educate but instead, it continues to conform a similar mind. I see it all the time in classrooms, when a teacher reprimands a student for wearing a comfortable, warm, hoodie. The teacher's attention is drawn away from the rest of the class, delaying the main source of learning; conformity is coming first over academia. The school's campaign for conformed students being the pointlessly brutal stones and the villagers being the higher-ups that control what "matters" to the school with us, of course, the students being the ones pelted by stones for a weak cause.

I would recommend this short story to my age group because then we might agree on an issue related to everyone and finally break some obsolete traditions. It will also make others think of old habits that might be holding them back and how we can finally let go to progress faster as a society. It gives the reader a red pill of information showing how wrapped up we can become in the trivial parts of a tradition and lose sight of what it represents.
Hunter Heath-Keen

Netball 2021

This year Motueka High School has entered eleven netball teams in winter competitions. There are over 100 students playing which makes it one of the larger participatory sports in the school.

Four teams will be travelling to Nelson each week to play at Saxon Stadium.

Senior A (Coach Terina Graham, Manager Becky Johns)

Senior B (Coach Bex Isherwood)

10A (Coach Leah Keown, Manager Hayley Wilson)

9A (Coach Shannen Smith, Manager Vicki McKerrow)

In Motueka we have 7 teams entered in Grade 3 and 4.

Senior B2 (Coaches Alana Beckett and Grace Ferguson)

10 Black (Coached by Rebekah Fraser)

10 Gold (Coach Tui Cook)

9B (Coached by Rebecca Greaney/Madi Wheki)

9 Country (Coached by Kim Lammers/Liligail Barrier)

9 Mapua/Moutere (Coached by Jade Sundbye/Mila Botica)

9Town (Coached by Ellinor Visser and Molly Wilson)

These teams are also ably supported by many parent managers. The Year 9 teams are fortunate to have Senior A players as coaches who travel back to Motueka after their own games in order to be there for their team. We are also very fortunate this year to have a group of students prepared to be named umpires and undergo training in order to officiate at games. These umpires are:

Tasmin Nelson-Knauf, Carly Graham, Shania Greaney Lily James, Meyah Greenhough, Ashlee Tolsen, Sophie Maxwell, Ellinor Visser, and Molly Wilson.

Key Dates for the season:

Queen's Birthday weekend No netball

June 17 Junior Supernet Tournament, Saxon Stadium (All Year 9 and 10 teams)

June 18 NetballSmart Coaching Session (All teams)

June 20-21 Buller Exchange (A, B and 10A)

June 24 Sprig and Fern Quiz Fundraiser (A, 10A)

July 12-14 SISS Junior Tournament, Christchurch (10A)

August 18 Senior Supernet Saxton Stadium (A, B, B2)

August 30-Sept 2 = SISS Tournament, Timaru (A squad)

September 11 = MHS Fundraiser, Motueka Courts

Two orders have been made for netball hoodies for players who have ordered them. These hoodies will be

fantastic for students to wear to tournaments as well as an extra layer to be worn to school when needed. Thank you very much to Bronte Orchards who have sponsored the 10Black hoodies. 10A used their hoodie as a fundraising opportunity to help pay for the costs of their South Island trip in the holidays. The businesses that kindly supported this were:

Paradise Insurance Brokers

Hills Cleaning Services

Beyond Your Numbers

Burnett Auto Electrical

Several Services

NJS Contracting

Kelly's Coffee Cart

Coppins

The Barber Shop Motueka

Outsourced Tasman

Chocolate Velvet

ITM

Southfuels

CWS

Pages Automotive

Guthrie Bowron

Uprising Motueka

Caltex Motueka

The three businesses who won the naming rights for the hoodies were: Burnett Auto Electrical, Southfuels and Kelly's Coffee Cart. Thanks so much for your support. One more order of hoodies will be made in two or three-weeks' time. Finally, a reminder that subs are now due and will be on the school financial statement that has recently been sent home. If you are having difficulty making this payment, please let me know urgently. Stacey Fry (TIC Netball)



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Ignite Programme

A partnership between Motueka High School, Whenua Iti Outdoors and a local donor, the Ignite programme provides a group of boys commencing in Year 9 with a stimulus for enhanced personal development over a three-year period, during their Years 9, 10 and 11.

The selected students undertake activities as a group, working with staff from MHS and Whenua Iti Outdoors. Students can improve their skill set, grow in confidence and generally become more motivated at school. Initiated by Heidi James, Ignite is funded by a local resident desiring to assist the development of our students, in particular boys in those key years, and aims to deliver personal qualities, including:

- To work and exhibit respect, within groups, for mutually beneficial outcomes.
- Being adaptable to challenging environments and situations.
- Being aware that all actions have consequences, and that good decisions are made by weighing up different options - often after consulting with others.



- Gaining relevant independence attributes and leadership skills.
- Developing a positive sense of self confidence and personal identity.

The groups have two 4-day residential journeys with Whenua Iti each year, and in between, the staff at MHS work with the boys to enhance their potentials within the above goals. At year's end each group has a graduation when the students outline their experiences to their whanau, MHS staff, and WIO tutors.

Now in its third year, this year's graduating Year 11s are the first group to complete the full programme. Presently we are recruiting from the Year 9 cohort.



If your son is selected students, an information letter and application form is sent home from their dean.



Sports

SISS Mountain Biking - The South Island MTB was held in Methven. Thank you to Helen Forsey for transporting the boys and being the team Manager. Over 500 different riders there for the weekend I believe.

Ethan Woods - 1st in U17 XC (4th overall, so only 3 x U20 beat him despite them starting 3 minutes ahead.

Eli Robertson - 20th in U15 downhill 17th in U15 enduro

Caleb Stow - 28th in U16 downhill & 33rd in U16 enduro

Jake Sinclair - 32nd in U16 downhill & 40th in U16 enduro

Jake Clarke - 14th in U20 downhill & 19th in U20 enduro



Above: Jake Sinclair, Caleb Stow, Jake Clarke, Eli Robertson



Left: Eli Robertson

Below: Eli Robertson, Jake Clarke, Jake Sinclair, Caleb Stow, Ethan Woods



MHS Athletic Champions 2021

Girls U14	Lauren Wood
U15	Keira Wilkins
U16	Ashleigh Wood
U19	Riley Smart
Boys U14	Jayden Aldworth
U15	Rhys Burrige
U16	Tom Haunch
U19	Henry Russon

MHS Swimming Sports Champions 2021

Girls Under 14	Helena Satherley
Under 15	Bree Fraser
Under 16	Nina Lowry
Over 16	Kim Lammers
Boys Under 14	Zac Woods
Under 16	Leo O'Donnell
Over 16	Ollie Whittaker

National Orienteering: The Nationals were held in Auckland over the Easter weekend at Woodhill Forest. Excellent results from our four MHS students.

Riley Croxford - 2nd M16 (16 and under) Sprint and Long Distance. Zefa Fa'avae - 1st M20 Elite (Under 20) Long Distance. 2nd M20 Elite - Middle Distance.

Congratulations to Zefa for being named as one of the 6 boys in the New Zealand Junior World Orienteering Team. However, because of Covid, the team will not travel to Turkey. Zefa also ran the last leg of the Mixed Open Relay, bringing his team in to 6th place in a very tough field. This is a huge achievement; he is one of the youngest team members of 6 men and 6 women aged 20 and under. It is also only the second time that someone from Nelson has been selected.

Tide Fa'avae and Leo Croxford competed in the large Women's and Men's 14 and Under grades. Both enjoyed the competition and were in the top half of the field in their grades.

Mountain-biking Orienteering Nationals - were held in Alexandra where Zefa and Tide Fa'avae competed. Congratulations to both Zefa and Tide on their outstanding results:

Zefa - 2nd Middle M20. 1st Sprint M20

Tide - 1st W16 - Long- and Middle-Distance 3rd W16 - Sprint

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South Island Orienteering Champs - Alexandra

Zefa - 2nd M20 Middle and Long Distance, 3rd in Sprint

Tide - 1st W16 Middle distance



SISS Touch This was the first time in over 15 years that Motueka High School have taken two teams away to Secondary Schools Touch Tournament!

There was little time for preparation with only 3 weeks' notice and confirmation to get 26 players match ready. Thank you to Coaches Weesang Paaka for the mixed and Mackenzie Taikato for the girls' teams.

It was a wonderful experience for both teams to play against some tough competition as they developed their own skills and game understanding. Captains Preston Pickworth and Kim Lammers (for mixed) Riley Smart and Jade Sundbye (girls) were great role models for the two teams. The most experienced players helping lead the way included Jonty Pickworth, Damani Cullen and Lucia Young who were all recognized in February at the NZ Youth Touch Nationals, selected in the U16s NZ and Development squads. Teacher in charge of Touch, Sam Hannan says "although it was a tough campaign it was a great opportunity for our players to get exposure to a higher level of Touch and has set the bar for players wanting to represent at Nationals Secondary Schools in December."



MHS would also like to thank Fletcher Pickworth Mixed tournament coach; Megan Richards Mixed manager and Terina Graham girls' manager, who also oversaw the campaign. Thanks also to the team's supporters.



Volleyball College League competition

Congratulations to the Jnr Boys Volleyball team for winning the Division 2 competition against Nelson College Jnr Boys 2 – 1. There was an outstanding all-round effort by the whole team. Two outstanding players were Hutana Taylor and Jayden Aldworth. Thank you to Mr Peter Leathley for coaching the boys and Hutana for his great Captaincy.

Equestrian Congratulations to Josefina Lerbs for winning a Secondary School National Riding competition in Cromwell during the holidays.

Chessmate Challenge Luca Prestidge came 3rd in the Schools Chessmate Challenge and qualified for Nationals in Auckland on 24th October.

Haruno Fujita won the MHS Jnr Girls Champs

SISS Athletics Congratulations to our 10 athletes or took 9 medals at these championships.

Gold medallists:

Tom Haunch U16 Javelin

Ruby Donnelly U15 Javelin

Nikau McMurray U16 200m

Luan Ritschny U14 Triple Jump

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Silver medallist:

Leela Douglas U15 Shotput

Bronze medallist:

Bryn Stevens Senior Boys 400m

Khushi Kansara U15 Javelin

Josh Fitzgerald Senior Boys 3000m

NZ Division 2 Swimming Champs Jacob Satherley represented Motueka at the NZ Div2 swimming champs in Dunedin on 9-13 May. Approximately 500 kids attended this meet. Jacob placed 8th in the 50m breaststroke, 9th in the 100m breaststroke and 5th in the 200m breaststroke.

This was a superb achievement as you have to qualify just to attend. To make a final is impressive, all thanks to his hard work and dedication at training.

With the Summer codes behind us we now look forward to our Winter codes hitting the courts and fields. This year we have 11 netball teams – 4 teams play in the Nelson competition and 7 in the Motueka competition. Rugby has 4 teams and Basketball a probable 4 teams that play weekly at Saxton Stadium.

Thank you to all the voluntary coaches, managers and Teacher in Charge of various codes. Without your support our students would not be able to participate.

Buller Sports Exchange will take place on the 20/21 June with MHS travelling to Buller. Information will be emailed to parents as soon as all teams are confirmed. The cost per student to travel is \$40. To date the following will be playing:

Rugby 1st XV
Girls Rugby
Netball Snr A, Snr B and 10A
Basketball Snr Boys
Football 1st X1 Boys/Girls
Badminton Boys/Girls

Upcoming events:

MHS Cross Country – 20th May
TSS Badminton – 25th May
TSS Cross Country – 26th May
TSS Squash – 3rd June
TSS Equestrian – 14th June
TSS Jnr Supernet – 17th June
Buller Exchange – 20th/21st June
TSS Table Tennis – 24th June

Yours in Sport, Adrienne Fry, Sport Coordinator

Rugby

MHS Rugby Club has players mainly from MHS, however, welcomes others and hopes to mature and develop players who will serve our rugby community after leaving school.

We strongly believe in keeping our youth involved in sport. Our committee is actively working towards growing our club and continue to encourage our youth to get active and belong to one of our teams.



Above: U14 team focusing on body position



Left: Sam Maclean receives a pass at U17 training

Tasman Rugby Union have made a change to the age grade structure this season trying to retain numbers (U14, U15, U17 and U19). We have a secondary school girls' team, and three age-grade male teams: Under 14, 15 and an Under 17 team this season. We are also very excited that the U19 team can represent the Kahurangi name and become the very first U19 Kahurangi colts in our area!



Above: Girls' 1st XV preparing for the season ahead

A huge thank you to our volunteers, without you our club would not exist. The commitment and time that our coaches and managers give our youth is exemplary. Also, a big thank you to parents, whanau and supporters. We appreciate your time, taxi services and positive encouragement on the side lines!

MHS had a great start to the season with our U14 team having a big win over Waimea college and our U15's going down to a competitive Stoke team. We look forward to seeing our U17 team take the field and our Girls 1st XV later in the term.

Teen Ag – Junior Young Farmer

House Sports Day

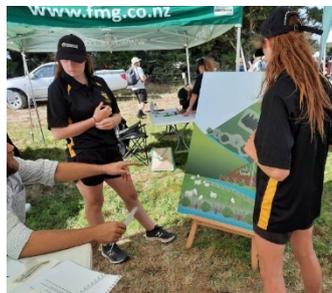
An early start on Saturday 27th March when Mr Allan picked us up at 5:30am so we could travel to Sheffield in Canterbury to compete in the Tasman Regional Junior Young Farmer Competition.

Right:
Bridget
Peter,
Lauren
Wood,
Ashleigh
Wood,
Jorja
Ayers,
Hannah Claringbold and Bailey Lea



We had 3 teams of 2 girls each and the competition involved working through a series of stations with a variety of tasks including identifying a range of different cheeses, native plants, biosecurity hazards to NZ, farm safety, sustainability issues on farms and answer a range of general farming questions.

Unfortunately, none of our teams made it to the final but Jorja and Larissa should be proud of their sixth placing, just missing out on the final. A highlight for



the teams, other than the 12-hour van trip with Mr Allan and Ms Garmey was watching the regional final of the Young Farmer Competition.

Left: Hannah and Ashleigh designing an environmentally sustainable farm.



Left: Jorja and Larissa showing safety with chainsaws.

Below: Lauren and Bridget answering quiz questions.



The Teen Ag group meet regularly and are planning field trips, guest speakers and other activities. Anyone interested in farming, agriculture and fun is welcome.

