

# MOTUEKA HIGH SCHOOL

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## kainga atu i te kainga

*Translation: Our home away from home*

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### International team

We are delighted to have welcomed international students back to Motueka High School.

Naomi Uren has added International Director to her Homestay Coordinator role and Nicki Saunders-Loder is the schools Executive Assistant and also our International Marketing Manager.

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### Keeping in touch

The point of this newsletter is to keep you up to date with what is happening at Motueka High School for the international students.

Our intent is to publish a newsletter each term and we invite feedback as to the content. Is there something you would like us to include?



*Nicki Saunders-Loder*



*Naomi Uren*



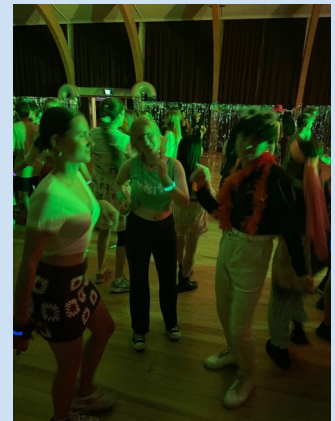
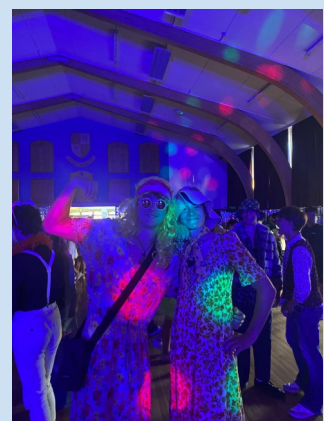
*Enjoying the last of summer at Wharariki Beach, Golden Bay*



## Student Activities



*Our students were invited to a 70's themed dance at Nayland College on 15 March. Each student drew a name out of a hat and had to buy a cheap outfit from a Op shop (2nd hand shop) for that student. They all looked fantastic and had a great night.*





## Student Activities



*Above: A fantastic day spent over in Golden Bay horse trekking. The summer is drawing to an end so we are loving the continued great weather so we can continue our activities.*

*Below: Student and host families gathered for a shared kai (food) at one of our host families home.*





# Student Voice

## Jette Kurth

*Jette loves horses and every Tuesday she had class time spent helping out at the local RDA (Riding for the disabled)*

If you like horses, kids and have empathy, RDA is the perfect thing to do for you.

The horses are all super cute and friendly. Furthermore it's amazing to see the development the kids.

One example of how you can change someone's life. I worked with a kid who had difficulties to speak loud enough and so that you could understand him. When I first met him, the RDA team and I couldn't really understand him. We made him repeat himself a few times and still most of the time we had to guess what he was saying, after half a year and spoke loudly and we could understand almost everything he said. I was so proud when I looked back at this huge improvement. Another example would be a kid who was very scared to be on the horse's back. He was terrified, all the time asking what the horse was doing. At the end of the session he was so confident and even wanted to trot. I was really happy when he said that he trusts the horse now.

Of course, it's not just leading the horses and help the kids do little games. You also get to ride the horses. And you can help with other stuff there like cleaning out the stables and so on.

I think it's great to know that you can make such a big difference in the life of someone. Many of the kids have only the riding at RDA which makes it possible for them to do something partly on their own-Independence is extremely valuable to them. I love to see how they get more confident and independent with the time.

You can change someone's life with going to RDA

## Are

I think MHS is great fun, everyone is kind and welcoming and the school offers some different subjects. In particular Outdoor Education, a subject where we go rock climbing, kayaking and caving, amongst some amazing landscapes. OE and Food and Nutrition are my two favourite subjects. I have also enjoyed hiking, swimming and going to the gym,. I would have liked to know more about the sport options the school offers before I came.

The International staff are amazing and I did meet heaps of kiwis but feel I didn't really get to know them too well.

Motueka is a small town and I feel really safe here.

It is very close to the beautiful Abel Tasman National Park.

I enjoyed my homestay family although it took abit of getting use to a different way of life. I had to do chores such as dishes, get in the firewood, clean my room, vacuum, clean the shower and do my clothes washing sometimes. My room was small but cosy. It took a little while for the host children to respect my privacy but this was easily sorted after a meeting.

When at home I would read, play with host siblings, board games, I could have my friends over, watch TV and exercise.

The best thing about my homestay was experiencing having younger siblings and going on family trips.



**"I am not the same, having seen the moon shine on the other side of the world"**

— Mary Anne Radmacher





*Top of the page: Students are assigned a House in which points are competed for throughout the year. Blue and Yellow House represented.*

*2nd row: Kayaking in the beautiful Abel Tasman National Park in Outdoor Education class. Below: Getting involved in Athletics and Volleyball/*







*Top of the page: Host fathers took a group for a hike up Mt Arthur.  
great weather so we can continue our activities.*

*Below: Sightseeing at the lake, playing mini golf in the sun and preparing cockles  
for dinner*

