Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tena Kotou Katoa

Term 4 is upon us and the School is full of busy staff and students as we all get ready for senior and junior prize-giving, exams, farewells and the huge number of activities on the calendar.

As I’m writing this now I have to remind myself that it was only a few days ago that my family and I were welcomed into the school and the powhiri last Monday will always be a highlight for us. The warmth of the welcome from students, staff and community has continued to make my transition to Motueka High School extremely enjoyable.

As always there are student successes and activities to celebrate and these include:
- The kapahaka group working weekly with outside tutors Arcadia Edwards and Phillip Tarawa
- Amanda Fitiseamanu competing at the Youth Commonwealth Games in Samoa
- 30+ Athletes heading to Athletics in Richmond
- The U-18 Rugby team winning the Nelson Bays competition for their age group

Staff have been active as well and I would like to congratulate Tony Aitkenhead who has been nominated for Coach of the Year at the upcoming Sport Tasman Awards. This is a thoroughly deserved recognition of his skills and passion. Although he is quick to say this is an award earned by the athletes he coaches we all know that a lot of their success tracks back to the time and work he puts into them.

Paul Blackbeard has returned from sabbatical and has put together a very interesting and thought provoking study of attendance and the impact on learning and certainly got a lot out of his time away.

Another key event coming up is the selection of student leaders for 2016. Motueka High School has been very well served by Head Students Kora and Nathan, along with massive contributions from Nari, Stella, MacKenzie, Lívia, Callum, Hannah, Alok, Shania, Ariana and Eliza. I have been impressed with their range of skills, their contribution to the school and the role models they are for all students. No less impressive are the next group of potential leaders and listening to their presentations it was impossible not to be encouraged by the quality of their speaking and good ideas. Next year’s Head Students will be announced at Senior Prize-giving.
The Arts Committee, under the direction of Stella Bogdanoff, has recently completed a vibrant mural that is now a welcome feature on the end of the Art Rooms. This piece represents a huge amount of work by many students and I urge you to call in and take a look (visible from Grey St entrance).

I have been spending a lot of time meeting with staff and students, getting to know them and learning about the school. I’d love to extend this to parents as well. Please feel free to catch up with me around the school or make a time to meet with me over any ideas or issues you have.

John Prestidge
Principal

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Calendar

**Term 4 - 2015**

**November**
4  Last Day for Senior Students
7pm Senior Prize-giving
6  NCEA Exams start
8  Ambrose Golf Tournament
Tasman Sports Awards
12  Year 8 Parent Evening 7pm School Library
13  Year 8 Student Orientation Day
13  Day off for Year 9 & Year 10 students

**December**
2  Graduation Dinner 6.30pm Hall
2-4  Year 10 Whanau Camp
7-8  Student Contact camp
9  Leadership Day
9-10  End of Year Activities
11  Last Day for Junior Students
11  11am Junior Prize-giving, Reports given out
14-15  Teacher Only days
16  School closed for Holidays
25  Christmas Day

**January**
1  New Year’s Day
2  New Year’s holiday
19-20  PTA Clothing Market School Hall
28-29  Teacher Only Days

**February**
1  Nelson Anniversary Day
2  Year 9, 12 & 13 students attend school
3  All Students attend school
5  New student and staff powhiri
8  Waitangi Day
9  All Students Attend
17  Year 9 Barbeque

Arts

This year the Arts Committee has been massive thanks to the Arts Captains Stella and Mackenzie. Stella got a group of enthusiastic artists together to plan a mural for the back of the Arts block on the Grey Street side. She got permission and funding from the BOT and costed all the paints and equipment out to fit the budget. In short it was a slick production from start to finish. The team conceptualised an idea of a Rubik’s Cube, with each individual cube painted by an individual or group and then stuck to the wall afterwards. Stella even ran a competition for someone to redesign the school crest on one of the cubes. The maths involved in cutting the pieces to fit was mind boggling and just enforces how important Maths knowledge is in all areas of life!

Stella and her team painted the mural and the pieces at lunch times and after school over about 4 months. They have done an outstanding job and set a precedent for all future Arts Committees. Go and check it out sometime! Stella would like to thank Winch who took time out to screw all of the individual pieces to the wall.

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**SENIOR NCEA EXAM STUDY ADVICE SUGGESTIONS:**

1. **Be Prepared**
   - Go to all revision sessions for your subjects
   - Have up-to-date course notes. If you don’t, ask your teachers for the latest versions
   - Practise assessments and examination papers
   - Know what is required for each achievement standard

2. **Planning**
   - Set regular routines of study
   - Choose a quiet, airy, well-lit place to study
   - Set study goals – daily, weekly and long-term goals
   - Know your deadlines
   - Make a study timetable
   - Do a small amount of study on each subject every night

3. **Relax**
   - Have lots of breaks eg break every 50 minutes for 10 minutes
   - Eat healthily, sleep regularly and exercise
   - Reward yourself regularly with something you like doing
   - If stressed, ask for help. Your teachers want you to succeed, ask them!
Term 4 involves completing assessments and focusing on exam study as our busy year comes to end. The dance students have worked extremely hard across the year and now the challenge for dance students is to stay focused and commit to their exam preparations.

**Term 3 ‘Move’**
Last term finished off with our final ‘Move’ performance which involved all senior dance students. We put on 2 performances in one evening, full of dances from across the world. A highlight of the evening was watching our Level 3 Dance students completing their final performance before heading off to pursue their chosen path’s for 2016.

![Level 3 Dancers Amy Pratt & Mackenzie Lusty in 'Move']

**Hip-hop Crew**
In Term 3 the Motueka Hip-hop crew attended the regional Shakedown Hip-hop competitions in Nelson. The Motueka High crew ‘Misfits’ competed in the schools division placing second. The competition involved crews from across NZ and included some of the country’s top performers. This was the first time some of the dancers had experienced a hip-hop competition. The MHS Misfits performed with conviction and passion and will be ready to compete and represent our school next year.

![Above: Level 1 Dance students perform the African dance taught by Koffie our guest tutor in Term 3]

**Level 1 Dance**
The students are currently finishing their final assessment which involves them choreographing a duet with a partner. They are working hard to challenge movement ideas and bring originality and creativity to their dance.

**Level 2 Dance**
Students are choreographing their group dance based on a poem they have researched. They are using students from the combined class to bring their dance to life ready for the end of October. The students are also working on their final performance of the year which focuses on a Theatre styled dance and will perform a dance from the 2009 movie ‘Fame’.

![Above: Level 2 exchange students Noemie Hooch, Selina Paul, Hannah Behrendt & Lena Soeldner perform in 'Move']

**Level 3 Dance**
Term 3 was the last chance for our Level 3 Dance students to perform in a Motueka High ‘Move’ performance. All our Level 3 Dance students are extremely talented and I wish them the best for their future endeavours. Now it is time for them to focus on their exam study examining ‘Trees, Birds then People’ performed by the NZ Dance Company.
This year Motueka High School has had an active Environment Committee and the highlight of the year was the organisation and implementation of the “Partners for the Park” restoration day 1 August 2015.

Working with Project Janszoon and DOC, the students planned and carried out a day full of dune restoration and activities at Anchorage, Abel Tasman National Park. Anchorage is a part of our Adopt-a-section through Project Janszoon.

“All in all the day was a huge success and had a great outcome. Everyone we talked to seemed to highly enjoy the day and all the work we planned to do got done. Our goal is to get the community involved in the park and inspired to help in any way. From the comments and feedback received, I feel we are well on the way to achieving this. It was also extremely rewarding for us as members of the Student Advisory Board for Project Janszoon to plan and put all the hard work into the event and for it to pay off is a great success. So thank you to all those involved, from those who participated, to those helped us plan the event. Hopefully the event will turn into an annual occasion”. Nari Casley – Student Leader

Students have been members of the Project Janszoon Student Advisory Board, representing MHS at term board meetings and attending a retreat held at Onetahuti, Abel Tasman National Park. Students learned leadership skills and visited the bird sanctuary on Adele Island.

Committee members also took part in Arbour Day plantings with the Tasman District Council at York Park, Motueka. To finish off the year, students will be taking part in Project Devine, removing old man’s beard from the Riwaka Valley.
Well here we are at the end of the year, the costumes are being put away, and our budding thespians have yet again performed their hearts out.

**The Caucasian Circle Year 12/13**
Students performed to two small yet discerning and appreciative audiences this masterpiece of Brecht. It’s a compelling story about a young girl Grusha who rescues or steals (depends on point of view) an abandoned baby of noble birth. The play is quite complex and long so the class did an amazing job in putting this together.

![Jemima Meegan as Grusha](image1)

**Year 10 Drama**
The Year 10 Drama classes have been doing Horror Make-up and clowning. Some fabulous make-up has been created by my year 10 class, while Ms Graham’s class performed a clown show for the students from The Base.

**Year 11 Melodrama and NZ Scenes**
The year 11 are a talented bunch and performed some hysterically funny Melodramas for a series of lunch time audiences.

![Left: When Azdak made Judge by the soldiers, Marli Anderson, Nathan Peacock, Tia Baker-Hutton, Alok D’Hindt](image2)

Their last assessment was scenes from NZ plays with a great range with comedies, tragedies and tragi-comedies.

![Above: Bright’s scar made with PVA glue and tissue](image3)

**Theatresports**
Another fun year and we had both a junior and senior entry. The juniors didn’t get a place but received accolades for their skills, while our seniors placed 2nd in the region out of 7 competing teams.

Junior Team: Alex Garlick, Josh Giles, Stella Stevens, Alex Watson. Senior Team: Nathan Peacock, Jack Ayers, Fergus Cotter, Alok D”Hondt

**Coming to Motueka High**

**The Biggest Little Circus**
Zane and Degge are fresh from 2015 World Buskers Festival where they won the Iron Chicken for best kiwi act and also as Grand Finalist in NZ’s Got Talent. Described as The Flight of the Conchords of Juggling bringing world class juggling and a brilliant sense of humour. Imogen toured with Circus Aotearoa (NZ’s only home grown circus) and has since performed in high profile events such as “World of Wearable Arts” and along-side Weta Workshop. She is incredibly talented and an inspirational performer.

All Year 9’s invited and Year 10 Drama classes
When: Period 3, 12 November
Where: School gym, Cost: $4 to office
It is hard to believe that very soon we will have to farewell Cole Brewer, Bonny Fitches and Raquel Walker.

They have had very busy timetables this term to help them prepare for the changes next year will bring. Cole has been involved in walking groups, swimming sessions and supermarket shopping followed by preparing and cooking the purchases. Bonny enjoyed skittles, dance and music, aerobics and a wide range of Youth Group activities. Raquel immersed herself in volunteer work in the community. She helped out every week at the Greenwood Kindergarten, The Plant Barn, Fusion Hairdressers, and the Salvation Army Family Store. A big thank you to the businesses who were willing to support her to have those valuable experiences. We wish all three of them the very best for their future.

In August we were invited to a concert put on just for us by Piano on Tour. The students enjoyed listening to a wide range of incredible music. They were able to see the inside workings of a grand piano and were given a chance to try it out for themselves. Thank you to Jean-Francois for that very special morning.

Many of our students attended the Special Olympics Basketball. As a team they came third in the skills event, including dribbling and shooting. After playing against a variety of schools they were thrilled to find they had placed first in their grade. It was wonderful to see how they supported each other. They made sure they passed the ball to give everyone the chance to shoot a goal, even though it often took quite a few attempts!

As the weather improved we took up the Steptember Challenge and walked every day to support Cerebral Palsy. The students enjoyed wearing the pedometer and seeing how many steps they did each day. It was gratifying to see how often we reached the recommended target of 10,000 steps. Thank you to the parents and staff who donated to the cause.

We have taken up cycling as well. Many thanks to the Goodman family who fixed up and donated a trike. It has proved very popular. Staff maintain it is harder to ride than a two wheeler so the students must be doing exceptionally well!
Hey parents! When Xmas fever takes hold and you are thinking about buying a present for your hard working teenager, keep in mind all the local businesses that have supported our school by taking on a work experience student and SHOP LOCAL! A variety of businesses in Motueka have taken on 43 senior students for work experience throughout the year and invested a lot of time and energy into supporting these students. If you shop local it helps these amazing employers.

Here are a few of the local businesses who have taken on a Gateway work experience student this year:

**Local retailers:**
- The Warehouse (13 students!), Affordable Computers, Coppins Outdoors, Whitwells, Zest

**Local hospitality / tourism employers:**
- Elevation, Kai Waka, Wilsons Abel Tasman, Skydive Abel Tasman

All things library including reading, research and e-learning is what’s on offer at Motueka High School Library with your new Librarian Michele Ayres. See [www.facebook.com/motuekahslibrary](http://www.facebook.com/motuekahslibrary)

Thanks to the previous librarian Mrs Barr for introducing the library’s Facebook page and to MHS staff for being so welcoming. I am already discovering how awesome it is to live in Motueka. I relocated to Motueka from Christchurch, although I am originally from Mt Cook.

I have worked in public, university and school libraries and am passionate about libraries and education. Not surprisingly, reading is a main interest closely followed by tramping. Recent library highlights include a visit to Alexandria Library and working as a Library Consultant in Lagos Nigeria.

I enjoy seeing MHS students and their parents so pop in to the library any time between 8am and 4pm or Facebook me.

Above left: Sam at Kai Waka  Above right: Liana at Zest

Above left: Christmas Show at Lekki Campus  Below left:
Highlight for Term 3 was the outstanding success of our Year 9 and Year 10 Nelsomathix teams – 2nd in Year 9 and first in Year 10. This is an outstanding achievement and we are already planning for 2016!

Third consecutive year (2013, 2014 & 2015) both Year 9 and Year 10 teams have had podium finishes. Year 10 – second consecutive year as outright winners.

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION 2015

Well done to the 90 students who took part in this year’s competition – all students receive a certificate with a summary of their score. Special accolades go to the 2 students who gained High Distinction (placed in the top 1% of their year level nationally), the 5 who gained distinction and the 36 who gained Credit.

High Distinction
Thomas Pearson – Y9, Casey Boyes – Y10

Distinction
Y9 - Isabella Cranshaw, Alex Brogan, Raven August
Y10 – Ethan Penman
Y11 – Jacob Bowdler
Y13 – Chris Hendrickson

Credit


Y11 – Abigail Roxburgh, Josh Wemyss, Lawson Maclean

Y12 – Aaron Bunn, Hannah Gordon, Hine Markham, Rachael Wood

Maths Tutors

Once again, a huge thank you to our stunning group of Maths tutors. The Y13 tutors will be sadly missed in 2016 – fortunately we have a great group of Y12’s ready to work alongside students in our Junior classes. Several Y10’s have also joined in with tutoring on a Thursday morning and it is great to see our junior students making the most of the help offered before school on a Thursday.

Above: Our Maths celebration lunch hosted by the Year 13 Food Tech students at the end of last term

Yr13 tutor, Robbie Jensen has helped out all year with 9 TG and is seen here with Toby Henry

Nelsomathix teams from back left: Ethan Penman, Bryn Richards, Raven August, Casey Boyes, Cody Robinson Middle: Thomas Pearson, Jade Heath-Keen, May Takahashi, Isabella Cranshaw, Alex Brogan Front: Jade Hartlaub, Susie Adams, Pamela Currie, Rheanna Wood
Student of the Week

Amanda Fitise manu
Liam Patu
Buller MHS Exchange
Kawiti Moka
Stella Bogdanoff

Emerging Talent Winners
100 Graduation Term 1
100% Graduation Term 2

2014 - NCEA Endorsements – Merit Level 1 & 2
Shave for a Cure
2014 – NCEA Endorsements Excellence Level 1 & 2

TSS Triathlon
Student Leaders
Volleyball

MHS Girls Rugby Champions
Lighting & Sound crew
Anzac Choir & Head Students
Outdoor Education

Made it! Year 13: After a fantastic 3 days vertical caving on Takaka Hill with Kieran McKay where we recapped SRT skills and explored Earl Grey, Corkscrew and Middle Earth to end Term 3, the crew have some final lead climbing adventures in Golden Bay, and then it’s time to say “Haere Ra”. Thanks everyone for your questions, efforts, enthusiasm and good humour. Y13 have mixed it with the best out on the water, in the hills, underground and in the bush... all without forgetting and leaving too many things behind! They leave the course as independent outdoor adventurers in all these environments... “not just good paddlers, but good people to go paddling with!” Yr 13 have without doubt been one of the most enthusiastic, motivated, independent and highly skilled groups I have ever had the pleasure of teaching. I wish them all the very best.

Yr 12: The last few weeks have seen the emergence of some great rock climbing talent as we have journeyed from the school bouldering wall, the Recreation Centre, Vertical Limits in Nelson, Takaka Hill, to climbing at Paynes Ford. Everyone (even an aging Mr Wheeler!) has scrambled up something in fine style with all belaying safely and many pushing higher grades and ready for the next step to becoming safe, independent ‘rock stars’ starting to lead climb.

Yr 11: The Year 11 class capped off their year with a multi-adventure expedition to Golden Bay. They endured tramping, sleeping in a cave, sea kayaking and rock climbing. The year finishes off with climbing skills, physical activities and paperwork to gain NCEA credits. There is some great talent and leadership coming through.
Cheerleading

What is Cheerleading?
In its simplest terms, Cheerleading is the performance of athletic skills, jumps, dance and/or chanting. It is a sport involving both male and females and draws from gymnastic, dance and athletics.

New to Motueka High School this year is a Cheerleading team. Originally formed for the Buller Exchange, this team has continued to grow and improve their skill set in this sport. During Term 3 the team was invited to perform at the Tasman Mako VS Canterbury game on 3 October. The team worked hard in Term 3 to perfect two routines ready to perform at this event.

Tasman Makos Performance

The team performed as pre- and half time entertainment, impressing the crowd with their athletic ability. The girls represented MHS extremely well setting the standard in the Nelson region for what real cheerleading involves. The routine involved tumbling, stunts and skilled jumps which got the crowd applauding especially when Zoe Cowling, Lucy Johnston and Lillian Russon performed back hand springs towards the packed stadium of supporters.

MHS Cheer 2016
Try outs will be held at the start of Term 1, 2016 for students wanting to be part of the team. If you have a gymnastic, dance or athletic background try something new and become a cheerleader. We are especially on the lookout for male participants to help with lifts, tumbling and more. If this sounds like you get your name down early by seeing Miss Salton.

In 2016 we hope to attend a national cheerleading competition and continue to perform at regional events. MHS Cheerleading would like to thank our sponsor Leeon Johnston of Bayleys Real Estate Motueka who helped purchase new team uniforms.

X-Factor Stevie Tonks Concert

On Wednesday 14 October, Motueka High School hosted a lunchtime concert by X-Factor singer Stevie Tonks. The students were very excited to see Stevie in the school hall and really enjoyed his performance.
Science

Sciences Congratulations

Lottie Stow (Y9) won The Baking Industry Research Trust Award for ‘Best understanding of flour usage or bakery products in a food related project’ at the Cawthron Science and Technology fair.

Isabella Cranshaw (Y9) was one of the top two scorers in NZ on the Big Science Competition. The top scorers achieved perfect (or almost perfect) scores by correctly answering questions which tested scientific literacy, critical thinking and problem solving skills.


Hannah Gordon (Y12) will attend a fully residential Science programme conducted by Rotary and the Tertiary Institutions of Auckland, to enable her to gain an understanding of the tertiary courses available and a fuller appreciation of science and technology in the wider community. This will be run by the University of Auckland, Faculty of Engineering in January.

Fletcher Frater (Y12) will participate in the Otago University Advanced Science School Academy next year. He will attend two residential Science camps and be enrolled in a ‘virtual academy’. He will work alongside and be challenged by leading scientists across a wide range of disciplines.

The following have been selected to attend the Noho Taiao ki Wakatu Science Wananga: Renee Wells (Y9), Palace Whiki (Y9), Maimie Mikaere (Y10), Piers Comins (Y9) and Matiu Henry (Y10). Plant and Food Research (PFR) has partnered with Wakatu Inc to encourage the consideration of Science and related areas as a future career path. They will attend for three days with hands-on science based activities at science related organisations in the region, such as the Oyster Hatchery, Mussel farm, Cawthron Institute and Plant and Food Research.

Physics Skydive Trip

Many Level 2 Physics and International students experienced free-fall with a skydive jump at Abel Tasman Skydive.

Brain Bee

We are seeking Y10 students who like reading and are interested in the Brain. The Brain Bee competition involves reading Neuroscience - Science of the Brain - an introduction for young students. There will be an online quiz next year on the content of the book with the top 4 scorers invited to participate in round 2 at the University of Otago. We have been well supported financially in the past by Motueka Rotary and Lions.

Dream Job

Win a $5000 dream holiday for your family. Just fill out the form (access from Moodle student pages) explaining your dream job in the future. Y9 and 10 only. Entries due by 23 November.

Last-minute revision sessions

These are offered just before the NCEA exams take place for those students who wish to attend:

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This year 10 new sewing machines, 2 new over lockers and an embroidery machine were bought for the Soft Materials Technology room.

2015 has been a busy year with students learning new skill and developing their creativity. Year 9 students have completed making pencil cases, and pin cushions, learning about applied design and implementing their new found skills into one of their projects.

In 2016, Year 9 students will be making screen printed t-shirts. The program will include new skills and literacy will be the core focus.

Year 10 students have made t-shirts with a screen printed design on it learning how to sew a stretch fabric and using Over- lockers and Cover seamers. They have also made a tablet cover which was entered in the Brother Design Star Award. Stella Stevens was a finalist winning her age group and the People’s Choice Award on the 4:30 show winning a sewing machine and a scan and cut machine.

2016
New assessments will be introduced to NCEA classes next year which will enable all students the chance to gain 18 internal and 4 external credits in Soft Materials.

These credits can be endorsed and go towards University Entrance. Students are also able to gain Literacy credits through Soft Materials.

It has been a great year and 2016 will be an exciting year for all Soft Material students.

Assistant Swim Teacher Awards

Congratulations to Eliza Harris, Faiga Siaki & Samantha Trevurza for completing the ‘Assistant Swim Teacher Award’ worth 20 Level 3 credits (through STAR & Gateway). This involved doing a minimum of 20 practical hours, writing swimming lesson plans, completing water safety training and a practical assessment which they passed with flying colours. Well done!

After completing this award there is an opportunity for them to continue training towards a National Certificate in Recreation & Sport (Aquatics) which would give them the skills to deliver quality learn-to-swim education & open up some exciting future career opportunities.
International

It is a very busy yet sad time of the year for the International Department as we prepare to say farewell to many of our students. We have Hana, Mayu, Yu, Kota and Hiroshi from Japan leaving and our European students Henning, Janni, Mareike, Maren, Maximilian, Nikolaus, Rebecca and Victoria.

Our Internationals will end their year with two weeks of exciting activities, plus many are going on organised tours. Some are staying over the summer break and we ask any farming families who can host an International for 1 or 2 weeks over the holidays, please contact Rose Scheib at school, ph 528-9050.

Head Students 2015

There are many fantastic things in the world to experience and we think the experiences 2015 have brought us can be considered fantastic. We began with a leadership camp at Boyle River Outdoor Education Centre, an exciting experience. We met other student leaders and learned a great deal of super valuable head student uh... ‘stuff’, as well as testing the boundaries of our comfort zones like sitting in the bush for 2 hours in the dark on our own, high ropes, and building on our leadership skills.

After the camp, we began our role as MHS 2015 Head Students. Now we don’t really like to brag *cough* *cough*, but we think we’ve done quite well this year. We’ve certainly kept busy and it has been so rewarding despite the stress levels. Speaking at the Dawn Parade was so incredible that words fail to describe the emotions and the pride representing the school at such a monumental occasion.

Special moments and memories we will treasure include our first student assembly when we created our very own Motueka High talk show, head students day (when we almost had a flash mob), being sold as slaves to raise money for World Vision, attending the signing for the new Cultural Centre, breakfast with Mr Haines, so many more. Mostly we treasure the moments when people said hello and smiled.

All bragging rights aside, what we are actually most proud of, is our school. Not the events or people we’ve met, or the massive amounts of badges we’ve plundered. We are proud of the students and staff we represent as they make everything mean something.

One thing we’ve learned this year, is that Motueka High School really is the best school in NZ and we would know, we’ve seen the other schools, and just between us, they’ve got nothing on Motueka High.

Thank you for all you have taught us this year MHS, including how to remain motivated!
Kora Appleton and Nathan Peacock

Head Students 2015

Over this past year we have had the support of 3 senior students as International Captains. An enormous thank you to Chloe Taylor, Irene Post and AJ Binns. You have been amazing, ever positive and so willing to help. We wish you well for the future and know you have many contacts for any world travels.

MOTUEKA HIGH SCHOOL
AMBROSE GOLF TOURNAMENT

When: Sunday 8 November 2015
Time: 12 noon
Where: Motueka Golf Club, Harbour Road
Cost: $15 per person for 18 holes of golf includes team platter of food at clubhouse
Entry: On the day at the Motueka Golf Club

An Ambrose is an easy way to start playing golf for non-golfers. Each team of 4 should have 2 players new to the game. There will be plenty of prizes to be won and competitions to enter.

Proceeds go to our sports teams to assist with travel to regional and national events

Above: Irene Post, AJ Binns and Chloe Taylor
Year 13 - Term 3 Field Trip, Tasman Bay Food Group, Brightwater
We went to take a closer look at just how they make 700,000 Christmas mince pies leading up Christmas, how they get the juice into the Juicies’ packaging without spilling a drop and how they simultaneously churn and freeze the juice for their sorbet style Juicies. Christine Scott said, when we arrived back at school, ‘That, was the best field trip I have ever been on!’ This trip marked the beginning of a relationship connecting Motueka High School with a commercial food industry manufacturer. The Production Manager commented how impressed she was with the quality of questions asked by the students.

Maths Tutors’ Lunch
Another successful luncheon, showcasing the cooking highlights of Term 3. The lunch fitted our healthy eating message, our budget and the quantity was perfect. The students worked very hard to ensure we had everything ready on time, which meant that they came into the food tech room in their spare time in the days leading up to the luncheon.

Year 12
Term 3 and term 4 has been an intense time working very hard towards gaining credits. Currently, we are checking in with food for specific needs, focusing specifically on the vegan diet. This has provided an opportunity to go and see our local manufacturer of tofu and other soy based products this term at ‘Soyworks’ in Motueka.

Cooking highlights have been making bagels, fresh pasta and eclairs.

Year 11
We made a culinary ‘trip’ around India last term. The highlight was making Naan bread with potato masala.

Year 9 & 10
Term 3 was busy with the juniors in Food Technology. Year 10 students have worked on different ways for preparing potatoes for an evening meal. Then they choose their own recipes for family meals which they cooked and shared with their cooking buddy.

A new half year intake of Year 10’s and two Year 9 classes have made a great start this term.

2016
The Food Technology room is looking set to be a very busy place next year. It’s fantastic to know that we will be planning for a year that will see our kitchen being utilised every period – and a bit more!

We wish our senior students the very best for their exams.

Ngā mihi, Tersha Coppell and Heather Olds
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Senior music students performed at the Chanel Arts Centre, as part of their NCEA assessments, in the first week of term. The audience appreciated the high standard of the varied programme.

The high school years may be the only time students have easy access to music tutors and instruments. Please encourage your student to begin to learn an instrument or develop the musical skills they have already gained. It is such a pity if they later regret not taking up the opportunity.

We would like to welcome Craig Starrenburg, the new Brass Tutor to the Music Department.

As the year draws to a close, we would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the fantastic contribution made by so many members of our community in their support of the Music Department including our instrument teachers; Simon Williams, Craig Starrenburg, Aroha Pascoe, Arrion Love, Gabor Irmalos, Stef Gebhardt, Barbara White and Julie Rodgers. A special thank you to Bill Buck who has been the piano accompanist for so many of our students over the years. Also to the fantastic group of students who do such a professional job with the sound and light at the many and varied school activities throughout the year. Thanks Kase, Reuben, Jake, Oskar, Michael, Edward, Corey and Quin.

If you have any enquiries please contact me by email hilary.sinclair@motuekahigh.school.nz or telephone 528 9050 x 8226
Sports

The end of the school year is fast approaching and we would like to take this opportunity in thanking all Coaches, Managers, fundraisers, transporters, Parents and Caregivers for all the voluntary hours you give to our sports people. Without your support sport at Motueka High School would suffer immensely. Thank you very much.

RESULTS

Tasman Sec Schools Ski/Snowboarding A team of 7 skiers and 3 snowboarders took to the slopes. Addie Lowe our most successful entrant won 1st place in the snowboard category. Manu Vink was placed 3rd in the senior boys Slalom Ski competition.

TSS Motocross Championships Scott Dixon came 1st in the 250/125cc class.

SISS Rural Livestock U15 Rugby tournament Our team were outclassed on the day but winning a game made it worthwhile against the larger schools.

SISS Netball tournament Our Senior ‘A’ team competed in the B grade and were placed 8th from 32 teams.

Basketball – Our Senior Boys Basketball and Junior Girls basketball teams made the finals. The Senior Boys team lost by one point in a nail biter with the girls not able to pull off the win.

Swimming NZSS Swimming Champs saw Samantha Trevurza win a Bronze in the 16 and over Open age group for her 50 Backstroke and Daniel Trevurza win Bronze in the 14yr old age group for his 50 Breaststroke.

Rugby – U18 Champions, Girls Rugby Champions. A very successful year and great results for the Coaches Waz Curtis U18 and Mark Kelly for the Girls team.

Football – The MHS 1st X1 Football team were placed 2nd in the Women’s Division 2 grade.

Manu Vink won and was awarded 3 trophy cups in the following:

1st trophy: Nelson Canoe Club’s ‘Most improved and skilful junior’ for white water kayaking
2nd trophy: Nelson Ski Club’s John Fulton’s Memorial Cup for best combined slalom time
3rd trophy: The Ada Cup J1 Boys GS for the best Giant Slalom time

Tasman Secondary Schools Sports Awards – Congratulations to Eliza Harris, Kai Mason, Ayla Walker, Scott Dixon, Samantha Trevurza and Daniel Trevurza for being finalists at these awards. Good luck to you all. This ceremony recognises top athletes who have competed at New Zealand Secondary Schools sport. If you would like to support these Elite athletes you may purchase tickets at $5 per person from the school office. The awards will take place on Sunday November 8 at the Theatre Royal, 78 Rutherford Street Nelson with doors opening at 2pm.

We would like to wish the best of luck for the upcoming NZSS competitions: Our Girls Condor 7’s Rugby team in Auckland and our Athletes in Timaru.

NZ Accolade Amanda Fitise manu who competed at the Youth Commonwealth Games in Samoa. This is the highest level meet of any sport that a current student has attended. Congratulations Amanda you certainly made your family and Motueka High School very proud!!

Upcoming Events

8 November TSS Sports Awards
11 November TSS Junior Rugby 7’s tournament
13 November TSS Junior Volleyball tournament
18 November TSS Junior Touch tournament
5/6 December Condor 7’s Girls Rugby tournament
5/6 December NZSS Athletic Meet

Congratulations to everyone who has been part of a sport whether as a player, coach, manager or organiser. Sport at Motueka High School is thriving with your help. Thank you to the Sport Captains Livia Strub and Callum Seymour for your dedication and passion in sport for our students.

Yours in sport, Adrienne Fry, Sports Coordinator
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