

Te Motu Term 2 Update 2025

From the Syndicate

Wow! Where did Term 1 go? What a fantastic start to the year we have had. It was so busy but so much fun. Of course, Camp was the highlight. Two extremely successful camps were completed in Term 1. Te Motu students experienced a week-long camp at the wonderful Bridge Valley Adventure Centre in Nelson. Both Camps were supported by an excellent team of parents, who, we are pretty sure, had just as much fun as the kids! Our heartfelt thanks goes out to all of the Camp parents, without whom none of this would have been possible.

Bridge Valley is an outstanding facility and hopefully you have been given the full run down on all of the cool activities we did there. Our day spent out at Kaiteriteri and Anchorage was a very special day and thoroughly enjoyed by all. It is so cool to see all of the students enjoying the SUP boarding and kayaking, and jumping off the pontoon into the sea. Many of them thought they were on a tropical island when they got out to Anchorage. It is such an awesome experience for them all. Camps were such an amazing experience for us all.

Of course there was so much more in Term 1; the Music Challenge, Ki o Rahi sessions, Moving March, the Fun Run, Student Council and Sports Ambassadors selections, and just good old classroom learning. No wonder we were all grateful for the holidays! We hope you have all had a good break and managed to spend some time together as a family. So now here's a run down on some of the things that Term 2 will bring the students in Te Motu.

Dates for your Diary

Week 2:

Wed 7 May - Interschool Swimming Yrs 5 - 8

Week 3:

Mon 12 May- Student council at World Vision Junior Conference

Tues 13 May- Yr 7&8 Rippa Ryan

Wed 14 May - Te Motu SWAT all day

Week 4:

Wed 21 May - Te Motu SWAT all day

Week 5:

Tues 27 May - Te Motu cross country at Mazengarb

Wed 28 May - Te Motu SWAT all day

Week 6:

Mon 2 June - School closed for King's birthday

Tues 3 June - School Closed for Kahui Ako Conference for Teachers

Wed 4 June - Te Motu SWAT all day

Fri 6 June- Whānau chant practice time 11:30am

- Year 7 Immunisations

Week 7:

Tues 10th June - Year 4 - 8 Interschool Cross-Country

- Year 8s Orientation Day at Paraparaumu College

Wed 11 June - Te Motu SWAT all day

Week 8:

Tuesday 17 June - Kapiti College Open Day for Year 8s attending KC

Wednesday 18 June - Selected Kapa Haka and Pasifika Group performing at Coastal Villas Retirement Village 10 am - 12 pm

Friday 20 June - School closed for Matariki

Week 9:

Mon 23 June - Tough Guy and Girl Challenge

Wed 25 June - School Assembly - Te Motu leading this

Fri 27 June - Term 2 ends

Literacy Programme

Although much of our Literacy is done through our Inquiry Units, classes will still be working on regular writing, reading and spelling programmes. This term will also see a focus on oral language with most classes working on speeches, story telling and public speaking skills.

Maths

This term we will look to cover -

Finding fractions, decimals, & percentages of amounts expressed as whole numbers, simple fractions, & decimals.

Applying simple linear proportions, including ordering fractions and knowing the equivalent decimal & percentage forms for everyday fractions.

Measurement will also be a main focus where we will look at using appropriate scales, devices & metric units for finding length, area, & volume. Finding the perimeters & areas of rectangles, parallelograms & triangles & the volumes of cuboids.

Much of our maths will cover Problem Solving and Logic, and the use of Rich Tasks to bring maths into every day situations and problems. Please note that maths is not always a stand alone subject and will often be incorporated into other subjects such as PE, Inquiry etc.

Physical Education

Fitness programmes will be developed and will continue throughout the year encouraging students to set their own goals and targets. The biggest focus will be preparing for Cross Country at a personal level for each student, with the emphasis on striving to do their best and achieve their own personal best.

S.W.A.T

As mentioned above, this term brings the introduction of S.W.A.T, an acronym for Study With Another Teacher. This is where the students move around in class groups to each teacher in the syndicate one day of the week. This is an excellent way for the students to practice their self management in being prepared for each class with what they need, to experience a variety of teaching styles as they will have at college, and to expose them to a variety of topics and activities they may not usually choose to try out. This is an excellent way to prepare our students for college and cover a lot of new learning.

This term's S.W.A.T topics will include Music, Art, Yoga, Digital Electronics and Coding, and First Aid.

Growth Mindset

We will continue to focus on ourselves as learners and looking at how we learn and think, and how to be an active learner. Te Motu students will be taught about different zones of learning and how they can become active and engaged learners working well above their comfort zone. Students will be encouraged to keep raising the bar.

General Information

The Technology programme continues and is held weekly on Thursdays at the Raumati Technology Centre. Covered footwear and long hair tied back are essential for safety at technology.

During the term we will have a few sessions of Rippa Rugby with Ryan from the Kapiti/Horowhenua Rugby Club.

Students are reminded to ensure that they come to school prepared each day with their chrome books fully charged. It is a timely reminder to them all that their chromebook is a school tool, not a thing to play on. We will continue to stress the importance of using their chromebooks wisely and staying safe online, and would appreciate it if you would reiterate this with your child. Also, remember that your child does not have access to their phones while they are at school. If you need to contact your child or send them a message, please do so via the school office who will ensure that your child receives your message before they leave school at the end of the day.

We are all looking forward to another exciting term with your tamariki.

Ngā mihi

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