

Starting at Lower Moutere School!

Welcome to Lower Moutere School and the junior team! Starting school is a really exciting time - we hope that the information here will help you and your child have a great transition to our school!



Dear Parents, Caregivers and whanau...

It is with pleasure that we welcome you to our school. We aim to deliver high quality programmes, in an exciting environment - in the rural setting of Lower Moutere! You are always most welcome to come and visit us - see what makes our school unique!

Our **DISCOVERY** programme ensures that our students start school building strong foundations in literacy, maths and key competencies - all the ingredients to support students to be amazing learners for life!

We strongly encourage students to become independent learners and thinkers - self managers - from a young age. Asking questions and exploring the world around them are vital skills which we nurture! If you have any questions, please ask!

Maureen Wilkinson ~

New Entrant teacher

Your child's first day...!

There will be many emotions associated to the first day of school - both for parents and children. This may include excitement, enjoyment or tiredness. Your positive attitude, plus preparation time prior to the first day, all helps to ensure your child is successful and happy! On the first day, do ensure you come along a bit earlier. This gives everyone plenty of time to settle in, find where to sit, hang up school bags and meet new friends! Your encouragement really helps here. Please ask your child's teacher about what to do, and possibly when is a good time to head away. If you are concerned about your child after you have left for home, we are more than happy for you to ring in and check - it's not a problem!



Parents as first teachers!

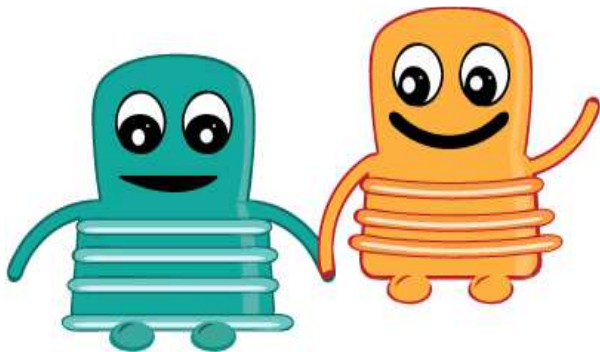


Parents - never underestimate how valuable you are in a child's life...you are their first teacher! Here are some more ideas of how you can help!

- Children learn by example. They need to be involved and conversing with adults who are interested - share ideas, try new things, listen, talk and tell stories!
- Everyday happenings are an invaluable basis for learning - both in the home and beyond.
- Never underestimate the wonder and amazement that can be gained from the most simplest of things! A trip to the beach, a walk or bike ride or even time in the garden!
- Children are naturally curious - they love asking questions. Let this happen - it is great! Encourage the wonder of the world around them!!

At Lower Moutere School, we encourage the development of our students through our vision ...

TO BE THE BEST THAT WE CAN BE!



Getting ready for school!

The big day is drawing near ... wondering what your child will need to be 'ready' for school? Here are some ideas that might help!

Can your child

- ☺ Read their own name ...or even write it?
- ☺ Hold a pencil or pen correctly?
- ☺ Read and / or count numbers up to 10 ... 20 ... 50 or even 100?
- ☺ Know some letters of the alphabet? They may know them all ... do they know any letter sounds?

Is your child able to ...

- ☺ Go to the toilet by themselves?
- ☺ Wash their hands by themselves?
- ☺ Be able to pack and unpack a bag?
- ☺ Take clothing off and put on independently?
- ☺ Sit and eat lunch from a lunchbox?



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