

Transition to school – visits!

Children can begin their preschool visits from 4-6 weeks prior to their 5th birthday. Our new entrant teacher will be in touch with you so that suitable times can be arranged. Most students have between 4 and 6 visits. Parents / Caregivers may stay if they wish.

During visits, Mrs Wilkinson will familiarize your child with the school, and classroom in general. Your child will experience many of the activities that are set up around the class, and will learn how the class operates. They will meet many new friends too - which all adds to the excitement! Your child may or may not join in immediately - that's fine - they'll be taking it all in and before long, they will engage and love it!

Please remember Mrs Wilkinson is there to help - both parents and students - so any questions - please ask!



Lunches

The children eat morning tea at 10.20. Children then have another break at 12.30 - the school lunch break. As they get very hungry, lots of small, eat quick type foods are great - such as sandwiches cut into quarters, pieces of cut fruit and other snack type foods. For ideas, try [here...http://www.kidspot.co.nz/baby-kids-children-family-easy-food-recipes+10+Lunchbox.htm](http://www.kidspot.co.nz/baby-kids-children-family-easy-food-recipes+10+Lunchbox.htm)

Uniforms

Please see our school website for information about the school uniform. We do have a compulsory uniform, and all articles can be purchased at Whitwells, Motueka, and The Warehouse.

School sunhats are available at the school office. Please remember to name all clothing with a permanent marker.

Stationery....

The school has ready made packs of stationery packs available for purchase, at the school office.

It is great if your child can have their own school bag and pencil case - for their personal belongings. Please do name all items clearly.

What about reading? Maths? What can I do?

Books always enrich a child's life and thinking. Quality time spent reading books at home can be very rewarding. Time spent with your child reading will never be time wasted. Take the time to enjoy a book - relax, give lots of praise and encourage your child to discuss the pictures and ideas in the story. Children will be sent home with reading and library books, when they start school. Whatever you do, if you model reading to your child, they will always see you as a great reader - and want to be one themselves!

During the year, your child will cover lots of different topics in maths. You can encourage maths concepts by... practicing reading numbers, talk about things cut in half/quarters, telling the time, playing eye-spy or spot the difference, measuring things or making patterns! Everything you do helps!



Lower Moutere School looks forward to a long and happy association with your family!

