

Kia ora to whanau, family and friends of Lower Moutere School –

14th June 2024

Great to hear the rain – tanks will be filling – our rural sector will certainly enjoy this moisture! It does feel like there is snow about now however long that may last!



This leads nicely into school uniforms ... with winter being on us, a number of students are wearing their fleecy tops in the morning however shed them after a good run around. As many of these are not named, we have a large pile of ‘needing a home’ fleecy tops building by the hall. If your child is fleecy-less in the mornings, this pile could be a place to search!

Uniform bottoms ... a few variations to the black shorts / leggings / fleece pants are starting to creep in. Can we please remind parents that the bottom half of our uniform is plain black. A few students have had reminders however it would be great to have this message coming from home too!

Learnings from Kathryn Berkett

Thanks to you all for your support with the Teachers Only day. At Lower Moutere, we take the closing of the school for training very seriously due to the wider impact that it has on the community – however – this professional development that all schools in the area attended was EXCELLENT.

So key ‘take home points’ that emerged from the day ...

- Children need opportunities to experience times when resilience is needed – on a sports team, playing board games etc – and then be supported to work through when things go wrong. Rescuing is not building resilience.
- Being bored is good for our development – we do not need to be in a full on stimulated environment all the time – it’s just too hard!
- Know what your children are playing online – what they engage in is what they will later imitate. If they engage in games such as Fortnite, that is what they will play – however the difference is, in real life, it’s real people...
- Keep devices and phones out of bedrooms. You will have a battle on your hands at first, however it is worth it in the long run!
- Let our children make mistakes ... it is all part of growing. If we fight their battles, they will never develop the skills they need for adulthood.

A quick google of Kathryn Berkett will give you a wealth of information including some great TED talks! She is real, down to earth and makes sense! Kathryn is a mother of 2 very different children and assures us she has experienced quite a bit! While nothing really ready’s us for parenthood, when good information is available, it can certainly help!!

VOTE FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Richmond Mall is currently running a promotion – ‘Vote for your school’. Only 10 schools have been chosen for this competition, where any docket from any store in the mall go towards a chosen school. If you have ANY docket from ANY store in Richmond mall, feel free to drop it in at school and we can get them to the right place!

As my wife is a teacher at one of the chosen schools in Richmond, there is a greater than ever personal incentive to get more than her school!!!! Hope you can help!!

Spread the word ... chat to your friends and neighbours ... imagine what \$10, 000 worth of gear could look like at Lower Moutere!!!

Page 9 of “The Guardian” has a special voucher, if that could come to school too??



Some staffing news!

We have a few changes ahead that we would like to share...

- Sophie Strawbridge is expecting her second child later in the year. Her last term at school will be term 3! We wish her and her partner (and nana in Room 5) all the very best of wishes!
- Amy Pratt – an ex-student of Lower Moutere and ex-trainee of Lower Moutere, will take the place of Sophie in Room 6, through term 4!
- Sarah Fisher has taken a new job working in a plant nursery, so we farewell Sarah at the end of the term. Sarah has been an awesome Teacher Aide to so many students and her energy will definitely be missed!
- Kelly Atkin, one of our casual Teacher Aides will increase her hours to cover some of our aide needs.

What's happening with the ukuleles!???

With Kathy heading back to the UK last term, Miss Clark and myself have been attending night school to learn this magic wee instrument! We are now at the point where we are feeling brave enough to start some lunch time clubs for students keen to learn! If you are keen for your child to learn, have a chat with them and ask them to keep their ears and eyes open for when the club will start!



MATARIKI celebration!

For many years now, Lower Moutere School has celebrated Matariki in the early hours of the morning ... many have braved the cold, enjoyed standing around roaring fires and then had a hot breakfast well before the sun starts to appear over the sidehills!

This year we have again, planned for a great celebration to be held at the school on the morning of THURSDAY 27 JUNE, starting at 5.45am. More details will come to you all closer to the time

however please know that it will be an amazing event, that will include the sharing of special art works and a mid-winter dip for those who are keen! We generally have over 600 here – so we are all ready for another success – which is open to family and friends of Lower Moutere School.

Celebrating talents in our school..

Each weekend, a number of staff enjoy watching our school teams in various sports – be it soccer, netball or rugby. Our school teams and students always do us proud and it's awesome to be able to talk about their achievements come Monday. Monday nights, a number of senior students travel to Richmond for basketball – often a nail-biting experience that is from the sideline! We have a group of senior boys awaiting news in regards to the chosen U52kg rugby team ... fingers crossed this Sunday!

We also have a group of students who are involved in sharing other talents – and this week, we have learnt about Georgia Perry who was awarded the following at her recent dance competition ...1st Place – Tap Solo Under 8 years, 3rd Place – Novice Tap Solo Under 10 years, Highly Commended – Novice Hip Hop/Funk Solo Under 10 years, Commended – Novice Hip Hop/Jazz Funk Solo 12 years & Under. Well done Georgia and all our students who are finding ways to be **the best that they can be!**



NEW WORLD MOTUEKA – THANKS!

A HUGE thanks to the parents, caregivers and staff who gave up their evening to help New World Motueka clear and remove shelving. The donation from New World will towards Year 5/6 and 7/8 school camps.



Sick Kids: When to Stay Home from School

FEVER A temperature of 100° or higher	COUGHING THAT WON'T STOP Or other problems with breathing	DIARRHEA OR VOMITING Within the past 24 hours	RASH Body rash with itching and/or fever	HEAD LICE Itchy head, active head lice	EYE INFECTION Eye is red and oozing a yellow or green discharge
When to Return to School					
Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication such as ibuprofen or acetaminophen	Cough is mild and infrequent and evaluated by doctor if needed	Free from diarrhea and/or vomiting for at least 24 hours and evaluated by doctor if needed	Free from rash, itching or fever and evaluated by doctor if needed	After first head lice treatment	24 hours after starting antibiotic eye drops or ointment

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PICKING UP YOUR CHILD EARLY FROM SCHOOL?

Just a reminder that if you need to pick your child up early from school for an appointment or any other reason, please come through the office to let us know. Whilst at school we must ensure we know where our students are. Thankyou - Your help is appreciated!

A big THANKS to the team from Ride On and Sport Tasman who have been out on the roads with senior students this week! This programme is funded by the Tasman District Council – to ensure all our children are road wise and have the skills to ride safely around Lower Moutere / Motueka! See our Facebook page for some snaps of their ventures!!



There have been a frightening number of house fires in Motueka over the past few weeks – thankfully without fatality, however devastating to say the least. This is a really good time to go over, as a family, escape routes, safety around home heating, and what to do if you do find a fire in your home. Charging of devices is on the rise of causes of fires, along with clothes dryers and unattended cooking. Take care as families and do go over safety routines with your children.

Thanks for your support for Lower Moutere School!

Chris Bascand (JP)
Principal

Absentee Messages - Please notify the school of your child's absence before the start of school each day. Please note: When texting the school cellphone please include your name, so that we know who the message is from, as we do not have contacts stored on this phone.

Ph: 03 526 7775 or Txt: 027 339 8801

Please provide the following details: Your child's name, room number and reason for absence – thanks!



Upcoming Events

Bike Safety week	Mon 10 – Fri 14 June		Years 5- 8
Board meeting	Thursday 20 June	Staffroom	
Matariki celebration	Thursday 27 June	School grounds	6am breakfast & celebration
Matariki Public Holiday	Friday 28 June		School closed
Last day term 2	Friday 5 July		
First day term 3	Monday 22 July		Welcome back!
Board Meeting	Thursday 22 nd August		
Cancer Society Daffodil Day	Friday 30 th August		
School Photos	Wednesday 4 th September		
Dental Bus Arrives	Thursday 12 th September		
Board Meeting	Thursday 19 th September		
Last day term 3	Friday 27 th September		
Dental Bus Leaves	Thursday 3 rd October		
First day term 4	Monday 14 th October		
Labour Day	Monday 28 th October		School closed
TEACHER ONLY DAY	Monday 11 th November		
End of year celebration	Wednesday 11 th December		
Last day term 4 – Finish 12pm	Friday 13 th December		

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Photo competition for school students

These school holidays will be a great time for students to take photos to enter in the 2024 Mapua Boat Club's Tasman Region Amateur Photographic Competition which has great prizes to be won. Entries close on July 22 and there's a special section for children under 15 with the same categories as the open competition - Nature, Boats and People. As it is the Mapua Boat Club's contest – all entries in each category must have a maritime theme – photos taken on or near the ocean or relating to boating. Entry is open to photographers from anywhere but the photos they enter must be taken in the Nelson Tasman Region. There are generous prizes for each category, thanks to CopyArt Richmond, once again the competition's major sponsor, and other Mapua sponsors. Photos will be displayed at the Mapua Maritime Museum from Thursday July 25 to Thursday August 8. Prizegiving will be at 4pm, Sunday August 11 at the Mapua Boat Club on the Mapua Wharf. A selection of the images will be used to produce a calendar sold as a fund raiser to support the Mapua Maritime Museum. Entry forms containing full details of how to enter and where to have images printed will be available from Delicious Homewares at Mapua Wharf or email: mapuaboatclubevents@gmail.com



A panel of judges will select the five best artworks in each of the two age categories and Mayor Tim will announce them at the opening of a special art exhibition on October 17th. Selected works will be sent to the Mayors for Peace Secretariat in Japan. The artwork that wins the Mayors for Peace President's Award International will be used to promote awareness of the importance of peace education on various occasions. Entries are open now and close on September 1. Entry form and more details about the competition are on our website [Mayors for Peace Art competition 2024 | Tasman District Council](https://www.tasman.govt.nz/mayors-for-peace-art-competition-2024)