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

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We are hitting the halfway mark for term 2, and really starting to see the impact of a vicious flu, taking out both students and staff alike. There is so much change ahead in schools at present and the impact of the budget will no doubt dictate more. **But what about students** ...

On Tuesday, all schools in Motueka and the surrounds are holding a Teacher Only Day so that we can learn more about neurodiversity and trauma, and how this impacts on child development and their learning.

Our growing depth of knowledge in areas such as trauma, neurodiversity and brain development has significantly changed how we approach situations and our ability to support students in different ways. Schools are becoming better resourced and our access to professionals such as Learning Support Coordinators are helping students, families and schools connect to get the best resourcing for students.

This includes students who face the daily challenge of ADHD. Greater understanding of this from us all will help remove the stigma, and with the support often from medications to allow them to access learning and experience a day of calmness, we can develop positive relationships with peers and make it through a day without a significant outburst. We help those with headaches and migraines, with diabetes or other ailments... and we may never know how it is to walk in the shoes of students who battle the variety disorders each and every day. That is without imagining how hard it must be for the parents to watch on and see their child struggle.

Ensuring that we, as a school and community, foster and maintain a culture of inclusivity and positive encouragement, is our school being **the best it can be**. Our staff are amazing at accepting students for who they are, the gifts that they bring and supporting them with the challenges they face. Conversations on a regular basis, with our children about 'it is who we are that matters – not what we are' is what will make the difference. Can we do this as a wider community? Of course we can!

# Long weekend ahead ....3rd & 4th June – NO SCHOOL

A reminder to you that this weekend is Kings Birthday, which means that Monday is a public holiday. The Kahui Ako (all schools in the Motueka region) have agreed to close on the TUESDAY as well, for professional development. We will all be meeting at Motueka High School for a presentation by Kathryn Berkett - Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics practitioner and psychologist. She will also be presenting to parents – see the flyer further on in this newsletter! (She is amazing ....!)

### LOWER MOUTERE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

We are certainly one of the luckiest schools around in the fact that we can still have a Cross Country that is in a hilly paddock with challenge, up and downs, a bit of mud and in the country! A big thanks to Chambers and Jackett who allow us to use their paddock each year!

Congratulations to the students who have managed to earn a placing in the district champs, being held at Rabbit Island on FRIDAY 7 JUNE!



### THANKS RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY!

Thanks to the Riverside Community who have generously given us \$500 – which will be used to help pay towards some costs with our breakfasts at school programme!

#### **BIKE SAFETY WEEK**

Starting Monday 10 June, we have Bike Safety week at school. This weekend could be a good time to get the bike out and have a few checks run over them in preparation for this focus. A BIG thanks to the team from MyRide who will visit us on the 19<sup>th</sup>, to run workshops for students and give checks too!



# **Richmond Mall - Vote for OUR school**

We have been selected to be part of this. If you shop in the Richmond Mall between 10th June and 22nd July, please pop your receipt in LOWER MOUTERE SCHOOL's box opposite Whitcoull's. They will divide the amount of receipts by the current roll number at our school, so the more receipts the better chance we have. Make sure you tell family and friends!



### New Entrant and Room 1 ready to run in the Cross Country race today



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. <u>Please note:</u> 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. <u>Ph</u>: 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               |                                     |                |   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|---|
| Kings Birthday Public Holiday | Monday 3 June                       |                | School closed                           |
| TEACHER ONLY DAY              | TUESDAY 4 JUNE                      |                | All schools closed– Motueka<br>district |
| Reading Together programme    | Thursday 6 June                     | Room 3         |   |
| District Cross Country champs | Friday 7 June                       | Rabbit Island  |   |
| Bike Safety week              | Mon 10 – Fri 14 June                |                | Years 5- 8                              |
| Dental van arrives            | Friday 14 June                      |                |   |
| Board meeting                 | Thursday 20 June                    | Staffroom      |   |
| Matariki celebration          | Thursday 27 June                    | School grounds | 6am breakfast & celebration             |
| Matariki Public Holiday       | Friday 28 June                      |                | <mark>School closed</mark>              |
| Dental van leaves             | Friday 5 July                       |                |   |
| Last day term 2               | Friday 5 July                       |                |   |
| First day term 3              | Monday 22 July                      |                | Welcome back!                           |
| Board Meeting                 | Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August    |                |   |
| Cancer Society Daffodil Day   | Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August      |                |   |
| School Photos                 | Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September |                |   |
| Board Meeting                 | Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September |                |   |
| Last day term 3               | Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September   |                |   |
| First day term 4              | Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October     |                |   |
| Labour Day                    | Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October     |                | School closed                           |
| TEACHER ONLY DAY              | Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November    |                |   |
| End of year celebration       | Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December |                |   |
| Last day term 4 – Finish 12pm | Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December    |                |   |



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# JULY HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

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Plus we have programmes for 14 -18yr olds

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# Can you help?



are collecting cans to sell for some much needed cash

Just collect your aluminium cans and drop them off to us at 452 Lower Queen Street, Richmond







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 17<sup>th</sup>.

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 <u>Mayors for Peace Art competition 2024 | Tasman District Council</u>