



# Lower Moutere School



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Dear Parents and whanau of Lower Moutere School –

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The term is really belting along – with only 4 weeks left of the second term of school! Last week saw our school enjoying ‘follow your passions’ week. Being a short week, it gave students the freedom to explore and enjoy ideas and topics that they want to learn about. Teachers too, were able to introduce specific areas of their own passions too, making for a great week of learning! A HUGE amount of paint, glue and cardboard was used over the week ... as the cleaners can testify to!

Here are some pics of what was happening at Lower Moutere last week!



Thanks to the staff and students for the exciting week that we had!

## NEW TO THE TEAM!

We welcome to our admin team, Mrs Andrea Pearson. Andrea looks after all of the school finances, so with Sue in the office as well, meet the ‘dynamic duo!’. They have many ideas for the school office area, including introducing an EFTPOS facility to the school. This will be in place from July!

## FOCUS ON BASIC FACTS & TABLES

For the past 5 weeks, all students have had an in-class focus on knowing and committing to memory, the basic facts and tables. We know that these ‘tools’ are important components to being successful mathematicians. We are now changing our lens to learning the Essential Spelling words. These are the words that make up approximately 80% of all words that we use in writing and reading. This push over the term is to address our desire to raise student achievement in both maths and writing across the school. We have attached the list to this newsletter, and on our Facebook page too!

## ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Can parents please ensure that students arrive at school before the bell rings. Students find it really hard to get ready for school and be prepared, when they have entered late. The 5-10minutes before a bell rings gives them the chance to have everything ready, have a run around and see friends. It also sets a good habit for life.

If students do arrive after the bell has rung, they need to check in at the office, to ensure we can mark them present for the day.

## END OF TERM CELEBRATION

Just a 'heads – up' for the last day of term. We will be unveiling our carvings that we have been working on over the year. This special occasion will start at approximately 6am. More details will follow as we get closer to the time!

### CELEBRATING OUR SUPPORT STAFF!

Last week we acknowledged the work of our Support Staff here at Lower Moutere. Support Staff play a vital role in the success of the school and they fulfil many roles including teacher aides, office staff, caretaking, sports support and resource management among other things. They are essential in supporting children’s learning and in the day to day management of schools. These people do a fantastic job at our school and often go beyond the call of duty because of their loyalty to Lower Moutere School and the children. So ... to our team ..THANKS!



\*Monique \*Karen \*Roxy \*Emma \*Lou \*Stu \*Andrea \*Sue  
THANKS

We send a bit thanks to Riverside Community for the very generous donation made to the school recently. We really appreciate your kindness.

### MANNERS MATTER – ALL THE TIME!

Lately, we have been aware that manners in general have slipped! Students approaching staff and demanding things, pushing through doors knocking into others or interruptions when people are speaking! We are having a bit of a crack down on good manners and we’re asking for your help. Can you remind children that please, thank you, hello, excuse me, after you, are all examples of good manners and make people smile. We are also focusing on picking up sweatshirts. This week, every sweatshirt was named – if not done so already. Our school values respect for ourselves, others and our property. We really appreciate your help with this.



Thanks for your support for Lower Moutere School.

Chris Bascand (JP) - Principal

<b>JUNE</b>		<b>SEPT.</b>	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Playhouse theatre visits	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 7 & 8 ski trip
24 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Trustees Meeting (6pm in staffroom)	20 <sup>th</sup>	Dental van arrives
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Last Day Term 2!</b>	21 <sup>st</sup>	School photos
<b>JULY</b>		23 <sup>rd</sup>	Board of Trustees Meeting (6pm in staffroom)
26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>First day term 3</b>	<b>OCTOBER</b>	
<b>AUGUST</b>		1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Last day of term 3</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>	Tennis in schools prog.	18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>First day of term 4</b>
19 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Trustees Meeting (6pm in staffroom)	19 - 22 <sup>nd</sup> 21 - 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 7 & 8 camp - Totaranui Year 4 camp Marahau



Well done to Bailey in Room 3 ... he designed and made this symmetrical shape using attribute shapes!

A big thank you to Aunty Faith, her daughter Bronwyn and friends who knitted slipper socks for our Junior classes. Thank you to Mrs Beatson for arranging this. We have 5 classes who have VERY warm toes this winter!!

