



Lower Moutere School



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Dear Parents and whanau of Lower Moutere School –

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Thanks to the large number of respondents to the latest survey that we put out to the community regarding newsletters. We had a large response and the clear indication from our community is to have newsletters emailed out and digitally available. For those families who are not connected to the internet, we have a paper version for you. Please be assured that for all permission forms and notices where we are requiring your signature (camps etc), a paper version will always be printed. This decision will certainly have a very positive impact on the environment, and financially on the school too. Thanks for your positive recommendation.

The majority of our winter sports codes are now underway. We have many children involved in sport both after school and in the weekends. A big thanks to the many coaches and parents who give up their time to support and assist with these events.

Most of you will be aware that this is the term when we write reports on students' progress. You will now be informed whether your child is below, at or above the expected curriculum level for their year for Reading, Writing and Maths. The teachers arrive at an overall teacher judgment in relation to the curriculum level based on evidence from the student's work. Interviews will be held early term 3.

BUS ACCOUNTS

The term 2 bus fees are now due. The accounts for this are \$35 for one student and \$70 for a family. As this is a 'user-pays' system, it is important that it is paid to ensure continuation of service. We therefore ask that this is paid for by **FRIDAY 28 MAY**. If you are needing to set up an automatic payment for this, please come and see us and we can help.



The school bank account is WESTPAC – 03-0693-0124662-000. Use your child's name and bus as the reference please!



TEACHER ONLY DAY

All schools (primary and secondary) in the Motueka district are having a Teacher Only Day on **FRIDAY 4 JUNE**. This leads on to Queens Birthday weekend, resulting in a 4 day weekend. This is a Motueka Kahui Ako organised day.

WELCOME SUE SAVILE!

A big welcome to Sue – who has started her first week with us at Lower Moutere School. Sue has fitted in 'like a hand in a glove' in our office.

On a sadder note, we farewell Jo O'Connor from the school staff. Jo has been a treasured member of the staff for a number of years. For health reasons, Jo has sadly said farewell to us at Lower Moutere. We wish Jo all the very best for the future and thank her for her contribution to our school!

FANTASTIC FUND RAISING TEAM!

Our awesome team of fundraisers have kicked off hot lunches at school this term. This will be every FRIDAY, ranging from Sausie Sizzles through to American Hotdogs or maybe even macaroni cheese!! Tomorrow is AMERICAN HOTDOGS and the cost is \$3.

AWESOME STUDENTS – SUPER STARS!!



BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK

Bullying is an issue that occurs everywhere and is never a pleasant experience. This week, across New Zealand schools, there has been an emphasis on what bullying is and working with students to reinforce strategies to deal with bullying. Lower Moutere School has a continual emphasis on supporting all students, as we know that it is important that we all feel safe and happy in our school environment.

We have spoken at length to students about the difference between bullying behaviour and unkind behaviour. Below is a really good chart that gives an explanation between the two ... spending some time talking with your child(ren) about this will reinforce this message for us!



To show our continued support for a Bully Free environment, we are having a dress with something **PINK** tomorrow!

IS IT BULLYING?

NOT NICE When someone says or does something **unintentionally** hurtful and they only do it **once...**
That is **Not Nice**

MEAN When someone says or does something **intentionally** hurtful and they do it **once...**
That is **Mean**

BULLYING When someone says or does something **intentionally** hurtful and they **keep doing it, over a period of time, even when you tell them to stop or show them that you are upset...**
That is **Bullying**

MAY		JULY	
27th	Board of Trustees Meeting (6pm in staffroom)	9th	Olympic Ambassador visits Last day of term 2 - MATARIKI!!
JUNE		26th	First day term 3
3 rd	LMS Cross Country	AUGUST	
4 th	Teacher Only Day	19 th	Board of Trustees Meeting (6pm in staffroom)
7 th	QUEENS BIRTHDAY - Public Holiday	SEPTEMBER	
18 th	Motueka District Cross Country	3 rd	Year 7 & 8 Ski trip
22 nd	Playhouse theatre visits	20 th	Dental van arrives
24 th	Board of Trustees Meeting (6pm in staffroom)	21 st	School photos
Fri 5 th	Last Day Term 2!	23 rd	Board of Trustees Meeting (6pm in staffroom)

Thanks for your ongoing support for our school!

Chris Bascand (JP) - Principal