



Lower Moutere School

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Kia ora to whanau and friends of Lower Moutere School!

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So, we have officially clicked over the halfway mark of the term ... and into the winter season. The wetter than usual times are impacting on our ability to get a number of outside activities completed ...such as the Cross Country! A huge thanks to the team at Chambers and Jakkett for letting us use their paddocks for this ... we just need a few frosts on it now! We hope to have a new date for this next week.

STAFFING NEWS!

Our senior school release teacher, Becky Tucker will be finishing up with us at the end of this term, as her and her partner welcome a second baby into their home! A huge thanks Becky for being a member of our staff, and we wish you well with your growing family! We are now in the process of seeking a release teacher for this area of the school.

Each year, as our new entrant roll grows, we employ a second teacher to work alongside Mrs Wilkinson. We are thrilled to announce we have appointed Mrs Jane Howley to this position. Jane is currently teaching part time at St Pauls in Richmond and looks forward to joining our team here next term! Jane comes with significant experience both here in New Zealand and the UK.



Well done to Samson Pine and Gus Easton for making the U52kg Golden Bay/Motueka training squad for rugby. This year, the tournament is being played in Motueka!

To Shai Marshall for making the U14 Netball development squad!



529 Garage is a free web-based registration system created in Canada and proven to reduce bike theft by 40%. 529 Garage has already been pushed in New Zealand by police and councils in various districts. 529 Garage helps the cycling community to reduce bike theft. You can register bike details and serial numbers; in the event your bike is stolen you can notify the 529 Garage community by creating an alert. Then if the thief tries to sell the stolen bike, potential buyers can search 529 Garage to check if the bike is stolen. This will help to deter thieves as they find they have a much smaller market to sell to. Members of the 529 Garage community and police can check bikes and if they are stolen, notify the owner and reunite them with their bike. Bike registration is free, and a 529 Shield sticker is an optional, tamper-resistant, weather-resistant decal that has a unique, seven-character ID code. It adds an extra identifier and layer of protection for your bike. The 529 Shield sticker can be purchased from all good bike stores, we recommend you put one on your bike in a visible location. Always report bike thefts to police, call 105 or go online to 105.police.govt.nz.

[Bicycle registration for the life of your bike | 529 Garage \(project529.com\)](http://project529.com)
[105 Police Non-Emergency | New Zealand Police](http://105.police.govt.nz)

Sickness at School

We are noticing a spike in illness among students and staff. There is a clear rise in COVID-19 cases, and we also have a number of students sick with respiratory disease too. Please remember that if your child is sick, they should be kept at home. Further, the Ministry of Health clearly states that you must isolate for a full seven days when you become infected with COVID-19. Please also remember to call us and let us know if your child is staying home, absentee messages can be rung in on 03 526 7775 or text to 027 339 8801. Here at school, we continue to remind students on the use of hand sanitiser and hand washing, reminding students to cough or sneeze into elbows, and keeping classes ventilated – within reason! If anyone needs COVID test kits, we do have some spare in the school office.



Breakfast in school!

Our school is really fortunate to have the Breakfast in Schools programme available to us, where WeetBix and milk is supplied to us at no cost. We supply tins of peaches and helpers! If you are keen to support this programme, we start it at approximately 8.20 and finish by 8.45am ... Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please let the office know if you would be able to lend a hand!

Welcome Damien O'Connor

With the significant investment that has been made at Lower Moutere School, rebuilding and redeveloping the school over the past 14 months, we welcome Damien O'Connor – local MP, to our school on Friday morning.

We also had a visit from the national office of the Ministry last week, who are providing the funding for this significant project. They were suitably impressed by the work of Ian Twinn Builders and his team, how the project was progressing and quality of work. We look forward to being able to use all the spaces by the end of this term! Then we attack our New Entrants and Room 1 spaces! *(We are hoping that this part isn't as severe!!)*

Industrial Action by the teaching team ... the current climate!

Every election year schools, and education in general, find themselves at the centre of a match of political football. In an effort to gain the popular vote, generally the commentary starts around what's wrong with our education system. Having been a principal for nearly 27 years, it almost becomes predictable ...and the children and what is best for them seems to fall to the wayside. Wouldn't it be great if all parties would agree on what is best for all children in New Zealand, and then irrespective of which way you vote, consistency is in education?

Industrial action is a massive disruption to our schooling. This, along with the pandemic interruptions has resulted in so many ups and downs in education for more than 3 years now. It's tough on the kids ... and on families too. The bigger picture for all schools, as we look to the future, is a slow creeping staffing crisis, where fewer and fewer people are wanting to be a teacher. Trainee numbers continue to fall, and nationally, we have a number of excellent teachers who are leaving. Added to this, is the large group of teachers, who within the next 5 years, will retire. Our school is no exception. We are incredibly fortunate to have excellent teachers in our school, and the relievers pool, slim as it is, is good too.

Quite simply, we need more QUALITY teachers. We need to attract good candidates into teaching, and to do this, we need to make the job more attractive. This starts with pay but also includes things like release time and pastoral support. Schools are a great place to work, and working with your children is so rewarding. At Lower Moutere, we want to ensure our team is composed of committed, enthusiastic practitioners. For this to happen, we need to continue to attract strong fields of applicants, as vacancies arise.



NEW WORLD MOTUEKA – THANKS!

A HUGE thanks to the team from New World Motueka for donating a new set of rugby post pads to our school! They look amazing!



SPEED REVIEW – TASMAN DISTRICT

Well done to Sophie and Filip, who spoke to the Operations team, from Tasman District Council, in regard to speed limits in the area. They spoke specifically about the impact that traffic speed has on them as cyclists coming to school. We understand that there will be an opportunity to submit your views and give feedback, later in the year. Keep an eye out for this, as speed around schools is a priority for the Council.



A big huge thank you to Pub Charity Limited – we have recently been successful in receiving a grant of \$10,000 for technical equipment! We really appreciate your support which will have such a positive benefit to our school. Thank you!!



WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE – students are invited to bring their bikes to school for a free 10-point BIKE CHECK, courtesy of My Ride Motueka! A huge thanks to Brent and his team at MyRide, Motueka, for all the support they have for our school and students and encouraging safe cycling!



Thanks for your support for Lower Moutere School! Stay warm.

Chris Bascand – Principal (JP)



JUNE	
Monday 5 th	Kings Birthday - Public Holiday
Wednesday 7 th	Years 5-8 - Bike checks at school with MyRide Motueka
Friday 9 th	Motueka District Cross Country
Thursday 22 nd	Playhouse theatre visits
Thursday 22 nd	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm in staffroom
Friday 30 th	Last Day of Term 2
JULY	
Friday 14 th	Matariki - Public Holiday
Monday 17 th	First Day of Term 3
AUGUST	
Thursday 10 th	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm in staffroom
SEPTEMBER	
Thursday 7 th	School Photos
Thursday 14 th	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm in staffroom
Friday 22 nd	Last Day of Term 3
OCTOBER	
Monday 9 th	First Day of Term 4
Monday 23 th	Labour Day - Public Holiday
Thursday 26 th	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm in staffroom
NOVEMBER	
Thursday 30 th	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm in staffroom
DECEMBER	
Friday 15 th	Last day of Term 4

If you are interested in the Motueka High School Disco Night, please contact the office at Lower Moutere School for a Permission Form, alternatively contact Khushi for more information.

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MOTUEKA HIGH SCHOOL HALL

YEAR 4-6

TICKETS
\$5

JUNE 16TH

STARTS AT 5 TILL
8:00PM

CONTACT
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