



# Lower Moutere School



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Dear Parents and whanau of Lower Moutere School –

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Welcome to term 3! It is great seeing all our students and families back at school – and SUNSHINE too!! How good can it get!

## Welcome to new staff

The school is really pleased to announce the following additions to our staff for the rest of this year ...

Mrs Jane Howley joins us in the New Entrant class, as our class there grows! We welcome Miss Emma McQuade, who takes on the role of release teacher for the senior school. Currently Miss McQuade is a release teacher in the Waimea area. We also welcome Mrs Jen Amosa, a third year trainee, who is based in the New Entrants class. Our school is very fortunate to have such amazing people working with our students!

## BUS ACCOUNTS

The term 3 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 JULY. 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 ASB -[12-3158-0184739-00](https://www.asb.co.nz/branches/12-3158-0184739-00) . Use your child's name and bus as the reference please! Remember we also have Eftpos in the office for any payments.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM –TERM 3!

Just a reminder that winter uniform is still 'in'. On the legs are black fleecy leggings or shorts – and thermals. We ask that thermals are either black or dark blue only. Please check that all items, especially the fleece top, is named! Thanks!

## What are we learning this term??

Our school is going to have a focus on ecosystems this term. This is a science-based focus, through the learning strand of biology – the living world. Starting with bees, we aim to build and house our own bees at school and see where our learning takes us next! We will then branch out to other ecosystems that exist around us and be able to draw comparisons. The seniors will also learn about whitebait and the connection they have to the local river by the school.

## Whanau connections – meeting with our parents

Just a reminder that conference requests have gone home, and we ask that these are returned by Thursday 20 July.

## BUILDING WORKS

Over the term ahead, we are seeing the New Entrant class and then Room 1 have the weather tightness repairs made. A big thanks to the builders who got us into Room 4 over the holidays and finished off all the work there. It looks amazing – pop in and say hi to the team if you get a chance!

The final piece of the project will be completing the entrance to the school ... good things come to those who wait – we really will have a fabulous school when this is done!

## Biking to school

Last term a group of students met with the council, in a bid to make biking to school safer. The biggest area of concern for them is the area over the road from the Lower Moutere dairy, and intersections. Any support that parents could offer to support the students would be appreciated, making the first point of contact to our local councillors. The more messages they get, I am sure, the more action we could expect to see!

## Kapa haka at Lower Moutere

After many years of searching, we are pleased to let you know that we can offer our students a kapa haka opportunity! We welcome Sonaia Beard to our school for 2 days a week (Monday & Tuesday), to lead kapa haka. She will support us to write and then perform our own school haka in our own kapa haka uniform. Sonaia has performed at national level and is incredibly talented. If you google her name, you will see and hear her performing on Youtube – amazing!! We are really excited to have this opportunity come to us! Thanks to the Board for funding this for our students!

## Attendance matters!

The Ministry of Education is really emphasising regular attendance and ensuring that schools are doing all they can to have students in school and attending regularly. Last term, our average attendance was 88%. Ideally, if we could reach 94%, that would be fantastic! Acknowledging that there have also been significant illnesses circulating, our fingers are crossed that this is behind us now!

**Why does it matter?** Our staff commit significant time to putting together programmes of work that support and enhance the learning for all our students. We all want to raise achievement for our students so that each day, they can be the best that they can

be. Disjointed attendance makes it incredibly hard for your child to catch up, puts them behind their peers and ultimately, they spend more time trying to get to the same stage again as their peers.

We all know that education is really important – your help with this is appreciated!

**My child is in a programme not arranged by school ... eg, RDA** – If your child regularly attends a programme that is arranged by parents, during school time (during school time tuition), parents are asked to write to the school informing the school of the tuition, how often and how long. This will need to be completed each term, and attendance can then be marked as accordingly. Trust that makes sense! Please talk with your child's teacher in the first instance in you have any questions!



<b>JULY</b>	
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Whanau Connections
<b>AUGUST</b>	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm in staffroom
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Daffodil Day
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Year 7 & 8 Camp – Lake Rotoiti and Skiing
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	School Photos
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm in staffroom
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last Day of Term 3
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Term 4
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 & 6 Camp - Marahau
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Labour Day – Public Holiday
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm in staffroom
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gumboot Friday – Wear your gumboots to school!
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm in staffroom
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 4

Many thanks for your support for the school!

Chris Bascand (JP) - Principal

## Courses planned for Term 3 2023:

- **Early Years (1-7 years)**  
Monday Evenings  
6.30pm-09.30pm  
24<sup>th</sup> July to 28 August  
Venue to be advised
- **Tweens (8-12 years)**  
Not offered
- **Teens (13+ years)**  
Monday Evenings  
6.30pm-09.30pm  
24<sup>th</sup> July to 28 August  
Venue to be advised
- Six weekly 1:1 sessions (1.5 hours each) can be arranged for any course throughout the year.

### Venue:

Motueka Family Service Centre  
27 Talbot Street, Motueka

### Cost:

FREE

No childcare available, please make your own childcare arrangements.

## For further information and enrolment contact:

### Motueka Family Service Centre

03 528 0234

Free phone 0800 211 211

(Free calling from a mobile phone - ask for the Motueka Family Service Centre)

### Group Facilitators

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## Why a parenting course?



- Parenting is the most important job we do
- Supports whole family functioning
- Learn new skills to manage children's challenging behaviour
- Encouragement and support
- Confident parents make a difference in families
- Learning parenting skills in a small supportive group is effective and fun

## What is covered?

- What motivates children
- Building a positive connection with your child
- Communication that works
- Boundaries & expectations
- Managing behaviour
- Problem solving
- Where to for support



- Tweens & Teens courses also include discussions on puberty and teen specific issues.

## What you need to know?

These courses are tailored for different age groups. Talk to us about which course will suit your whānau's needs best.

The courses are a series of six supportive fun small group discussions all based around positive parenting strategies.

It is important to attend all sessions as each one builds upon the skills and knowledge gained in the previous session.

You are welcome to bring along a support person to the group.





# MOTUEKA HIGH SCHOOL

Invites Year 8 students, together with their parents/caregivers to attend our

**Open Evening**  
**Wednesday 26 July 2023**  
commencing at **6.30pm** in  
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