

20 September 2024

Dear Parents and whanau of Lower Moutere School -

The countdown is on! We are soon to enter the final week of term!! Across the school, everyone is still working really hard in preparation for the Friday finale, where we will hold our Lower Moutere Olympics! Read on further to find out what is happening!!



This week is Te Wiki o te reo Māori – Māori Language Week which has been celebrated in New Zealand since 1975. It acknowledges and celebrates the Māori language as a unique cultural treasure for all New Zealanders. Te reo Māori has its origins in East Polynesia. The language is closely related to Tahitian and Cook Islands Māori and to a lesser degree, Hawaiian and Marquesan. Te Wiki o te reo Māori provides an opportunity to celebrate and learn te reo Māori, helping to secure its future as a living, dynamic, and rich language. The following website has more information and useful resources <a href="https://www.reomaori.co.nz/">https://www.reomaori.co.nz/</a>.

parent cheerleading community to come along and be part of the fun!

THANKS to Ariana who has offered to come in each week and lead a kapa haka group with us! Your time is generous and we really appreciate you sharing this with us!! The Board is currently designing what our new kapa haka uniforms will look like prior to being ordered ... watch this space!!





Last day of term 3 ... what you can expect to see happening! Our Olympics day will be starting at 11am with an opening ceremony. This will mean that all classes will be packed up early that morning. Over the rest of the day, the seniors will be putting into action, all the planning that they have been involved in over this past term. Creating 20 unique countries, complete with flags, chants and banners, the teams will all compete in varying

versions of activities. There are medals to be won and loads of fun to be had. We welcome our



Monday assembly – welcome Ashley Belk!

This term we have had a number of inspirational visitors come to school and speak to the students about their passion for sport, what drives them to 'be the best that they can be' and why they love doing what they do. This Monday, our final visitor is local girl, Ashley Belk. Ashley is currently the holder of the U48kg elite champion, for New Zealand....and just so happens to be the niece of Mrs Shand too!



#### 2025 Class organisation – we're starting to get ready...

Early into term 4, we will start the process of organising classes for 2025 ... yes our heads are already beginning to think of next year! Occasionally there are reasons for certain children not to be placed together, ie, there have been friendship issues, siblings etc. Please refrain from

using this as an opportunity to request a teacher. If you do have something that you would like us to consider, <u>please put this in an email</u> and send to <u>principal@lowermoutere.school.nz</u> by Monday 14 October. This does not mean that there is a certain guarantee, however, we will definitely do our best to honour your request.

#### Speed outside schools..

We have had some feedback to the school around speed of vehicles outside the School Road section of the school. A reminder that the limit is 30km/hr – and this is the maximum, not a target. Please be mindful that we have everyone's precious young people each day, entering and exiting our school gate. Slower is best – drive with care into and out of the school area and be part of a community that cares for our children.



# Attendance – yes it still matters!

As we finish the school term, our attendance remains under the spot light with the Ministry of Education. We now require regular meetings with the attendance service and they analyse the attendance patterns of all students, as they work to meet the goal of 80% of students attending more than 90% of the week. **We are sitting at 67%**, so we still have some work to do! The school holidays will give time for a good reset, chase some bugs away and hit the summer months with great attendance!



**SCHOOL CAMPS**...with one down and 2 to go, it is now time for the senior school to start getting gear together for their time away in Totaranui! The school and Board are committed to ensuring that camp remains at a reasonable and accessible price, capping the seniors week away at \$100 per student. While this is not reflective of the true price, it is the school's way of helping our students get to a place that we typically may not go. Please ensure that camp costs are paid before heading away, the budgeting for such events is always tight!

The final camp for the year will be our Year 4 students having a school based sleepover in tents! Mrs Shand is really looking forward to this experience!

# **Board news**

The Board met last night and here are a few snippets of what we covered...

- Building work for Rooms 7 and 8 is underway with new windows, wall ends and heating going in over the holidays.
- We are purchasing an Archgola to cover the deck area outside Room 1 and this process is underway!
- We are seeking some samples of Kapa haka uniforms for the students to trial before getting a school set.
- We are looking into shade solutions for over/around the swimming pool area.
- We are working with the Ministry of Education to get a new relocatable classroom that will replace the current Portacoms Rooms 9 and 10.



### What's the carving by our Sensory Space all about???

A bit of interest is being generated in the Sensory Space of the school, with the erection of the carvings and signage, Tunanui. There is bit of a story here, and it goes back to the 70's, when there were tame eels in the Moutere 'ditch'. Located on the family farm that Stu grew up in, the eels were quite the tourist attraction. Like all things in life, they come and go, and so did the attraction. HOWEVER ... the carvings – made by Garnett Drummond – have lived on. Stu and Vi have asked that they become based at the school, so as this area continues to develop, we will let you know of



what is happening next ... there is a painting and unveiling to happen ... watch this space!

### **Celebrating successes!**



Motueka AFC prizegiving was on Saturday with a large number of trophies going to the Lower Moutere players! Here is Taine and Cade proudly showing their certificates for most valuable players for the season.





All of the success that our students experience both in and out of school would not be possible without the amazing dedication and commitment that our parent volunteers put into the games too. To all the team coaches and managers, over the winter season for all sports, a huge thanks from the school for giving up your time and energy. Truly appreciated!

Many thanks for your support of our school and our students over the past 10 weeks! We look forward to seeing and hearing lots of voices cheering teams on next Friday at 11am!

Chris Bascand – Principal (JP)

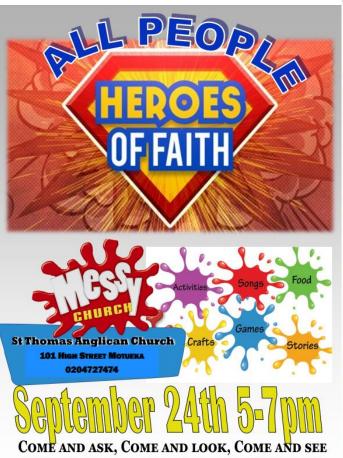
| SEPTEMBER                 |  |  |  |
|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| Monday 23                 | Dental Bus Arrives                                 |  |  |
| Friday 27                 | Last day of Term 3                                 |  |  |
| <b>OCTOBER</b>            |  |  |  |
| Monday 14                 | First day of Term 4                                |  |  |
| Tuesday 15 - Friday 18    | Year 7 & 8 camp to Totaranui                       |  |  |
| Friday 25                 | NBS Helicopter Appeal                              |  |  |
| Friday 25                 | Dental Bus Leaves                                  |  |  |
| Monday 28                 | LABOUR DAY   |  |  |
| NOVEMBER                  |  |  |  |
| Thursday 7                | Board meeting                                      |  |  |
| Monday 11                 | Motueka Schools Kahui Ako TEACHER ONLY DAY         |  |  |
| Tuesday 19 & Wednesday 20 | Interschools Athletics Day 1 - 8-10 year olds then |  |  |
|                           | Day 2, 11-13 year olds                             |  |  |
| Friday 22                 | Mufti Day  |  |  |
| Thursday 28               | Board meeting                                      |  |  |
| DECEMBER                  |  |  |  |
| Wednesday 11              | End of year concert and Year 8 farewells           |  |  |
| Thursday 12               | Last day of school                                 |  |  |

#### **Upcoming Events**



| Sa made  |  | SPECTACULAR SPRING HOLIDAY FUN<br>30 <sup>th</sup> of September -11 <sup>th</sup> of October 2024<br>8.30am - 3.30pm<br>(aftercare may be available to 4:30pm depending on numbers)<br>LOWER MOUTERE SCHOOL HALL<br>\$40 per day<br>WINZ OSCAR Subsidies available to eligible families<br>To get an enrolment form for your children contact<br>Leah Bailey-Young (027) 512 0687<br>Kidzklubafler3@gmail.com |   |   |
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| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> of September   | Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> of October   | Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> of October  | Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> of October   | Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> of October   |
| LEGO MASTERS!<br>Bring your creative building<br>skills, and let's see if you can<br>become Lego master! | WHERE'S WALLY?<br>Wally will be hiding today?<br>Who will find him first?? | PANCAKE PALOUR<br>Pancakes, pancakes,<br>pancakes! How do you like to<br>eat yours?   | SPRING CRAFTS<br>Let's get our crafts out and<br>get creative with Spring as<br>our inspiration | TABLOID SPORTS<br>3 legged races, gumboot<br>throw, and so many more<br>fun games for us to enjay<br>today. |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> of October  | WHERE'S  | Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> of October  | Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> of October  | Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> of October  |
| LIVE AUCTION   | NERF GUN WARS!   | UP, UP, AND AWAY!   | SUPER HERO DAY  | BIG DAY OUT   |
| Going, going, GONE!<br>5 tokens sold to the boy in<br>green up the back!                                 | Come along to our famous<br>Nerf Gun capture the flag day!                 | Today is all about balloons!  | Come dressed up as your favourite Super Hero!   | Today we're heading out o<br>a bus, but where are we<br>going? It's a surprise!                             |





Children under 14 years old must be accompanied by an adult

# HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

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# GO WILD!

COST: \$350 pp TIMES: 9 - 3pm, Mon - Fri STARTS: 30 Sep & 7 Oct

### 10 - 12 YEARS KAITIAKI KIDS

COST: \$350 pp TIMES: 9 - 3pm, Mon - Fri STARTS: 30 Sep

# SATURDAY IMMUNISATION CLINICS

10-1 PM EVERY SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER

CHILDHOOD IMMUNISATIONS

BOOSTRIX AND HPV

PREGNANCY IMMUNISATIONS

MMR (MEASLES, MUMPS AND RUBELLA) for anyone born after 1969

281 QUEEN STREET, RICHMOND WALK IN APPOINTMENTS OR PHONE 0272693795 TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT

Health New Zealand

# October School Holidays Nature

# Sessions

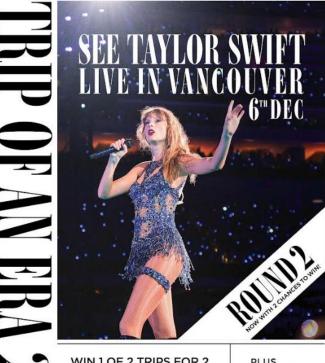
Bushcraft, foraging, whittling, nature crafts, nature awareness and fun adventures.

### 5-14 year olds

9am-3pm, 1st Lower Moutere, 2nd Kina Beach and 3rd Native Skills, Lower Moutere \$55 per day.

Website: Innatureeducation.com Facebook: In Nature Education Email: naturenurturenzegmail.com









PLUS 3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE BLAIRE CLOTHING SET. EVRE ORGANIC SKIN CARE PACK, EPIC FRIENDSHIP BRACELET SET AND 4 MOVIE PASSES.



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### 2024 Nelson Hockey Junior Program IV

Thursday 24th October to 28th November - Saxton Field Hockey Turfs Register online at www.nelsonhockey.org.nz

> Kindy Sticks: 3 & 4 years old, fun fundamental skill games 3.45pm - 4.30pm

> > \$40 for six week program Fun Sticks:

5 & 6 years old, learn the basics of hockey, some fun games

3.45pm - 4.30pm \$40 for six week program

Mini Sticks:

6 to 8 year old, skill development and game 4.30pm - 5.30pm

\$45 for six week program.

Kiwi Sticks:

9 to 13 year old, skill development and game 5:30pm - 6:30pm

\$50 for six week program

lease make payment using child's name as reference to: 03-1354-0452914-16 Registration spaces are limited and will close 17th October



Regional Development Manager Lauren Button rdm@nelsonhockey.org.nz or phone - 03-5429984



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no. 2 plastic lids e.g. milk bottles no. 5 plastic lids e.g. ice cream tubs, yoghurt tubs

aluminium lids e.g. wine bottles, soda screw lids steel lids, e.g. beer caps, jam jar lids

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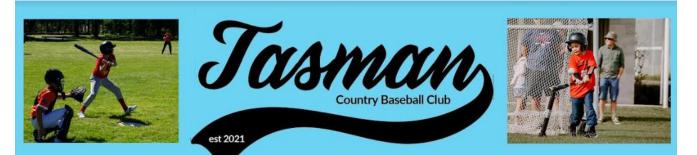


Motueka High School is seeking host families for international students. This can be a great experience for your family to learn about other cultures and create lasting friendships. Homestay fee paid to cover costs. Think this might be right for you? Contact me for more information

Fiona Bryan (Homestay Manager) 021 147 4639 fiona.bryan@motuekahigh.school.nz

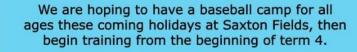
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# Join up for the 24/25 Baseball Season

Baseball season starts next term, we have an exciting year planned!



Practices are held at Mapua Domain. 3:30-4:30 Teeball and Under 10's Baseball for ages 5-9.

12 and under baseball will be Wednesday 4:30-6pm for fielding and general practice. Friday 4-5pm for batting practice. Games on Saturday, TBD.

Email Robby at robby.cribbs@gmail.com for the sign up link.

