



Lower Moutere School

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Kia ora whanau and friends of Lower Moutere School!

8 December 2023

It is amazing to think the 2023 school year is all but over - this term has flown by. It has been a very positive year for Lower Moutere School. Students continue to set high standards of achievement, behaviour and presentation. These standards can be credited to the hard work of students, staff and the expectations of parents. The important role that we all play in a child's education is what makes the partnership between home and school positive and strong – with great outcomes.

Happy
Holidays!

Lower Moutere School is a vibrant and busy place and 2023 has seen many highlights. Personally, the completion of the long overdue rebuild was a high point for me. From concept to completion, this project was around 8 years long. We are not far from the final sign off and that should see the end of major property works (which is all managed by the school). Other highlights of 2023 include the successes at interschool sports, school camps and trips, seeing students overcome challenges and have those amazing smiles on their faces, and just being part of a very happy place.

Communication is key to a successful school and is something we work hard at. This year the staff and I have really appreciated the many parents who sent in positive, supportive emails during the year. It is lovely that parents take time to let us know when something goes well, or they appreciate something we have done. We also welcome and encourage parents to keep us informed when they have concerns or issues and appreciate those who have done so. We are very grateful to the people who shared their thoughts on the school and its future direction in our recent school survey. This information has already started to guide us in our planning for 2024.

Our Board of Trustees has had a successful year and I have appreciated the support I have received from them. Their dedication and commitment to our school, students, staff and community is to be admired, and this is reinforced often when we are audited or reviewed. A recent letter from the local Ministry of Education in Nelson yet again, praised our Board for their dedication to the school and its functioning. Thanks, Nellie, for your leadership as the Board Chair (now known as a Presiding Member).

Finally, I would like to thank our amazing staff. We are blessed to have such a dedicated, professional and hard-working team. Their endless passion and energy is to be admired – and it is certainly our students who benefit from this. We farewell Steph Mills who is moving on to Enner Glynn School next year. We wish her well for 2024 and beyond. We welcome to our staff, Mrs Susan Shand, who will be Deputy Principal of the junior school, next year.

We look forward to sharing with you, our students along with farewelling our Year 8's, next Wednesday evening, in the school grounds. Starting at 6.30pm, we ask that students are at school no later than 6pm, and head straight to their classrooms. Parents are welcome to park in the school grounds along the fenceline. Please bring with you a suitable chair, and you are most welcome to have a picnic meal while you are waiting! Classes are working on performances – the theme being "Summertime!" Following this is our community farewell to the Year 8 leavers and awarding of school trophies. We look forward to seeing our community come together for this momentous occasion!



Next week, the 2024 class placements will be announced, with students coming together as their new classes. These class placements are made by teachers for a variety of reasons including but not limited to social, academic and family reasons. We have also considered family requests that were asked for, earlier in the term. Considerable thought is given to class placements. Please respect this when considering the placement. Thanks for your understanding.

STAFFING & CLASSROOMS – 2024

New Entrants Mrs Mo Wilkinson	Room 1 Mrs Jen Amosa & Mrs Linda Beatson	Room 4 Miss Kayla Fish	Room 3 Mrs Kylie Matthewson	Room 5 Mrs Vicki Karetai
Room 6 Mrs Sue Shand	Room 7 Ms Kara Simkin	Room 8 Mr Mike Lynch	Room 9 Ms Tamsin Clark	Room 10 Mrs Rachel Diack

Reporting to Parents

Staff have been incredibly busy over the past few weeks writing and updating school reports. Again, the reports are of a very high standard. I admire the teaching staff who have dedicated large amounts of their time to ensure that you have a report that is personal to your child.

Reports will be handed out on Wednesday 13 December together with the stationery lists, at prizegiving.

LAST FULL DAY - Thursday 14 will be the last FULL day of school with buses running as usual.

FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER – This will be a half day only finishing school at 12pm. There will be **NO BUS SERVICE** for Friday 15th December. Students are welcome to attend on the 15th – the morning will consist mainly of clearing up and sorting school gear. If you do need childcare for the afternoon of 15th December, the KidzKlub are open and offering care up to 5.30pm. Please contact them directly (see below):



Kidz Klub After 3 After School Care on 15th December 2023 - last day of school

Care offered from 12.00pm up to 5.30pm in the school hall. Please contact Cindus directly for more information or to make your booking, 027 358 7233 kidzklubafter3@gmail.com

Farewell – Year 8 students!

We wish our Year 8 students who are graduating from Lower Moutere School, on to varying secondary schools, all the very best for their futures. Thank you to you and your families for all you have given to the school over your time here. May you all continue to 'be the best that you can be' beyond our primary school and be the amazing young citizens that we have all supported you to be!

Thanks ... I wish to take this opportunity to thank the staff of the school, for their dedication and hard work over the school year. The staff are very committed to ensuring that the students at our school receive a high quality education, and I am sure that along with you all, are extremely pleased with the achievements made.



Start of school – 2024

Our first day of school is **TUESDAY 30th JANUARY**.

The school office will be open on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th January between 10am and 3.30pm for stationery sales.

STATIONERY– We will once again have the complete stationery packs available for purchase at the school office & request that you call in to purchase them on the office open days above. (Prior to your child/rens return to school in 2024). We get a fantastic deal from our suppliers & pass that on to you! *These must be paid for on collection and Eftpos is available.*



Staff Only Day

A reminder to our parent community that Lower Moutere School will be **CLOSED** on **MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY** for a Staff Only Day (Waitangi Day is the following day). Kidz Klub will operate at school from 8am through to 3.30pm for any Lower Moutere students who are unable to be looked after on this day. If you are wanting to enrol your child for this day, please contact Cindus at Kidz Klub on 027 358 7233 or email kidzklubafter3@gmail.com directly.

Sports tops

We are missing quite a few sports tops that have been lent out during the year. Do you have a sports top like this you have borrowed?

Please could you check at home and return to Mr Lynch or the school office before Monday 11th December.




Bus Fees and Motec Fees 2024

For a long time we have managed to keep both the school bus fees and Motec fees at a low cost to our school families. As with everything these are increasing next year. The bus fees will be \$40 for one child and \$75 for more than one child.

MOTEC fees have also fallen victim to increased costs too. For a significant number of years, we have absorbed the majority of this (Full cost - \$150 – cost to parents - \$70). We are not able to fully subsidise to the same level next year and have needed to increase this to \$90 per student. This covers the cost of all take home materials – except food items. If you are concerned about payment, please contact Sue in the school office to discuss further.



School pool keys

The keys  for the pool are on sale. The cost for school families is \$65 for the season. The last day to purchase these is Friday 15th December. (There is a pool rules form for completion). A wee request ... if you are the last to use the pool, please pop the cover back on ... it not only helps with the warmth of the water, it also keeps the chlorine level stable (the sun zaps it!).

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS FOR 2023

Thanks again to the many of you who have worked hard to clear your school accounts – this is really appreciated! However, we do have some bus, sports, camp and Motec fees still outstanding. If you are not sure if there is a balance outstanding, please contact the school office.

LOST PROPERTY – Please check for shoes, gumboots, lunchboxes, towels as well as clothing.



A big thank you to Tasman District Council who have granted us \$1,000 for our pool subsidy.



Many thanks for your support for our school. Many kind wishes to you all this festive season and we look forward to seeing you all on your return to our great place next year!

Chris Bascand - Principal



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TERM DATES 2024

Term 1 2024	Tuesday 30 th January – Friday 12 th April (Nelson Anniversary Monday 29 th January, Teacher Only Day Monday 5 th February, Waitangi Day Tuesday 6 th February) Easter: Good Friday 29 th March, Easter Monday 1 st April, Easter Tuesday 2 nd April)
Term 2 2024	Monday 29 th April – Friday 5 th July (King's Birthday Monday 3 rd June, Matariki Friday 28 th June)
Term 3 2024	Monday 22 nd July – Friday 27 th September
Term 4 2024	Monday 14 th October – Friday 13 th December (Labour Day Monday 28 th October)

DECEMBER	
Friday 8 th	Year 8 Day Out
Wednesday 13 th	End of year concert and prizegiving starting at 6.30pm
Friday 15 th	Last day of Term 4 finish at 12pm

Community Oral Health Service

For dental treatment prior to the Mobile Clinic return next year, contact the Community Oral Health Service for an appointment Ph 0800 833 846 or 528 1160 Option 7. For any urgent dental care, parents should contact a contracting dentist in their community.



MOTUEKA AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB

23/24 SEASON STARTING TERM 4

MONDAYS 5.30PM @ MEMORIAL PARK

IMPORTANT DATES

16TH OCT – OPEN DAY – MORE INFORMATION TO COME

23RD OCT – LABOUR DAY – NO ATHLETICS

30TH OCT – FIRST CLUB NIGHT

INTERESTED? EMAIL
motueka.athletics@hotmail.com

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Did you know Motueka has a Swimming Club who swim at the Motueka High School pool for all grades starting approx. 27 November 2023 to mid-March 2024?

If you are keen for more competitive swimming, we do offer winter swimming – and opportunity to compete at Swim NZ meets.



HERE ARE THE TRAINING GROUPS WE OFFER AT THE MOTUEKA SWIM CLUB OVER SUMMER:



Penguins Squad: (Swimming New Zealand Level 2)

This is for children 7 years and over, who can already swim a very basic freestyle and can kick on their back. They need to be able to touch bottom of the pool. Lessons take place in the shallow end of the pool and are 25 minutes long.

Please note: Coach teaches from outside of the pool and is not in the water with the child.



Dolphins Squad: (Swimming New Zealand Level 3)

This is for children who are confident at freestyle and backstroke but need to develop their skills. The squad will focus on correct freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke technique. Butterfly and racing dives will be introduced.



Orca Squad:

This is for children 10 years and over, who are confident swimmers but wish to improve their techniques and increase their endurance in freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. It also focuses on developing butterfly.

Training Squad:

This group can train four times a week over Summer. The objective of this squad is to give the opportunity for swimmers to train with structure and focus. Winter training available + access to all regional meets.

Competitive Squad:

Swimmers in this Squad are expected to train at least three times a week but are encouraged to swim all four nights over Summer. Winter training available + access to all regional & NZ meets.

Check us out on Facebook - Motueka Swim Club
Email motuekaswimclub@gmail.com or text 027 375 8248
and we will send you our Club Booklet and Enrolment Form

YIKES HOLIDAYS

time to celebrate

Holiday program: Mon 18th - Fri 22nd Dec
Primary age kids \$60/day
winz subsidies avail

Richmond Showgrounds

Book at
www.yikesnelson.com

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

JUNIOR JOURNEY

AVAILABLE TO: 11-13 YRS
COST: \$350pp
4 days / 3 nights



KAITIAKI KIDS

AVAILABLE TO: 10-12 YRS
COST: \$350pp
5 days, 9am - 3pm



GO WILD!

AVAILABLE TO: 7-10 YRS
COST: \$350pp
5 days, 9am - 3pm



Plus we have programmes for 14 -18yr olds

Enrol now!

www.wio.org.nz



Christmassy Craft

Get crafting for Christmas!
Join us at the library to make
some fun Christmas creations.



Come to one session
- or come to all!

Motueka Library
Wednesdays 6. 13 & 20
December
3.30pm - 4.30pm



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- Be between 5 and 11 years old
- Have asthma
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(03) 265 6163
 sct.tasman@sctrals.co.nz
is.gd/startcare

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KIDZ KLUB AFTER 3 SUMMER 2023/2024 HOLIDAY FUN

18 December - 20 December 2023

15 January - 26 January 2024

8.30am - 3.30pm (aftercare may be available depending on numbers)
Upper Moutere School Hall, Upper Moutere Village

\$40 per day

WINZ OSCAR Subsidies available to eligible families

To get an enrolment form for your children contact

Cindus Colonna (027) 358 7233

Kidzklubafter3@gmail.com

BE IN QUICK AS SPACES ARE STRICTLY LIMITED!!!

Monday 18 Dec XMAS DECORATIONS Xmas is nearly here so let's get into the xmas spirit and make some cool xmas decorations	Tuesday 19 Dec SWEETS & TREATS Its not xmas without the sweets and treats we all look forward to eating -so let's make some of our own	Wednesday 20 Dec MAKE A GIFT Today we make our own presents to give to those we care about for xmas presents	NO PROGRAMME FOR DECEMBER 21 & 22 Merry Christmas everyone and enjoy your holidays	
Monday 15 Jan TEDDY BEARS PICNIC Today's the day the teddy bears have their picnic	Tuesday 16 Jan SPOT ME IF YOU CAN Lots of fun finding all the hidden secrets	Wednesday 17 Jan SLIP & SLIDE & SAUSAGES Slide down the massive bouncy waterslide and when you get to the bottom turn around and go back up again. Sausages for lunch	Thursday 18 Jan SUMMER CRAFTS We are making loads of colourful arts and crafts today with a summer theme	Friday 19 Jan BOUNCE AWAY DAY It's a day full of fun games with balls
Monday 22 Jan WET & WILD MESSY FUN It's all on. We are getting sticky, messy and wet today lots of laughs and fun WE PROMISE	Tuesday 23 Jan MASKS & MAZES Lets make some cool masks today and then see if we can make our way out of the mazes we create	Wednesday 24 Jan KIDZ KLUB PIZZERIA We are the pizza chefs today. What will you be having on your pizza?	Thursday 25 Jan SPLASH OF PAINT Out comes the paint to unleash the artist within. A splash of paint here, a splash of paint there, a splash of paint everywhere	Friday 26 Jan SUMMER POOL PARTY Lots of fun by the pool today with some awesome pool party games to play.

WILDERNESS CANOE TRUST

School Holiday Canoe Camps

LIFE SKILLS THROUGH ADVENTURE

My First Canoe Camp
9 - 10 year olds
Sat 16 - Sun 17 Dec '23
Riwaka-Stephen's Bay,
Motueka



Wilderness Canoe Camp
11 - 13 year olds
Mon 18 - Wed 20 Dec '23
Motueka River,
Tapawera

Email to reserve a place: info@canoejourneys.co.nz

Merry Christmas from Community Oral Health



**Your Community Oral Health Service closes on
22nd December**

..and opens again on 11th January 2024.

For urgent dental care during the holidays please ring the hospital and ask for the emergency dentist on call.

Nelson Hospital: 03 546 1800

Wairau Hospital: 03 520 9999

COMMUNITY ORAL HEALTH SERVICE

Nelson: 03 539 5324

Stoke: 03 539 5321

Richmond: 03 539 5320

Motueka and Tasman Mobile Clinic 0800 833846

Blenheim and Marlborough Mobile Clinic: 0800 833849

Te Whānau Ora
Whānau Ora Services

BASEBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Play ball!

Run by ex-Black Sox pitcher Marty Grant, this teeball & baseball programme is suitable for all abilities including those new to the game.

Fun drills. Mini games. New friends!

Suitable for

Ages 5-12 years old



Register by emailing

rachel@tetauhbaseball.nz

Tasman

15-16 Jan 2024

Moutere Community Centre
9am - 3pm

Nelson

17-18 Jan 2024

Champion Green (behind Garin College)
9am - 3pm

What to bring

Bring lunch, water bottle & cap
All equipment & sunscreen provided

More Information

021 343 690

www.tetauhbaseball.nz

Motueka Recreation Centre Summer Holiday Activities 8th Jan - 4th Feb 2024

MON

10 - 12 Badminton \$5
10 - 12 Pickleball \$5
1 - 2 Climbing
(Bookings Recommended) \$8
6 - 8 Drop In Basketball \$4

TUE

1 - 3 Public Roller Skating
Entry \$5 Entry + Hire \$8
6.30 - 7.30 Drop In Climbing \$8

WED

10 - 12 Badminton \$5
10 - 12 Drop In Basketball \$4
1 - 2 & 2 - 3 Climbing \$8
(Bookings Recommended)
6 - 8 Pickleball \$5

THU

1 - 3 Public Roller Skating
Entry \$5 Entry + Hire \$8
6 - 8 Badminton \$5
6.30 - 7.30 Drop In Climbing \$8

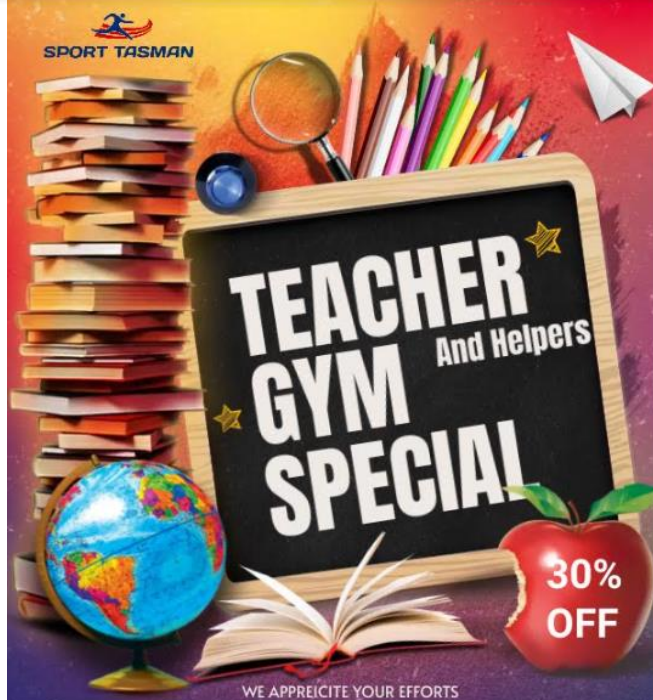
FRI

10 - 12 Pickleball \$5
1 - 2 Climbing (Bookings
Recommended) \$8
6 - 8 Public Roller Skating
Entry \$5 Entry + Hire \$8
6 - 8 Drop In Basketball \$4

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For more information
Ph: 528 8228

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