



Lower Moutere School



SCHOOL ROAD, LOWER MOUTERE

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Dear whanau and families of Lower Moutere School -

WOW! The term / year is nearly over! My youngest (and very excited) daughter has the Christmas countdown being announced daily now - a constant reminder of the busy-ness and excitement that this time of the year brings!

This newsletter has loads of information about events between now and the end of the school year - please be sure to read carefully the happenings.

SCHOOL SWIMMING

The pool is now open and sitting between 27 and 29 degrees. Swimming is a part of the New Zealand curriculum, hence the expectation that we teach swimming. Our school follows the AustSwim programme, from our 5 year olds through to the 13 year olds. Please ensure that your child has their togs/towel each day. If they are not swimming for a medical reason, a note to the teacher (or email) is appreciated.



SUN SENSE - BEING SUN SMART

If you wish to send your own sunscreen to school with your child, you are most welcome. Our classrooms have their own supply (limited) - we have purchased the Oasis brand. It is really helpful to us if sunblock is applied before students arrive at school - we will reinforce reapplication after swimming and at lunchtimes.

END OF YEAR CONCERT

The end of year concert will be held in the school grounds, on WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER, starting at 6.30pm. Parents are welcome to bring blankets, low beach type chairs, picnic baskets - and enjoy the grounds while enjoying our students perform! Our back up plan, should the weather turn is the Lower Moutere Hall. This is a time to celebrate our year and farewell our Year 8 students and their families. All most welcome.

ATHLETICS

A HUGE thanks to the staff who organised and ran the district athletics last week. Over the 2 days, we have just under 1000 students here - it's a great event and we are so fortunate with our grounds that we can cater for such a crowd. Our students performed extremely well with results evenly shared out across all competing schools! A big thanks too, to the parents who ran the BBQ, and raised approximately \$1400 for the school. Your 2 day commitment was really appreciated!



JUNIOR SCHOOL ATHLEICS

Our junior school are holding their athletics THIS Friday, at school. Thanks to the group of senior students who are helping run this day for us. Athletics starts at 11am and will conclude by 12.30pm. A sausage sizzle and Juicies will be available for all students - \$2 each. (Money to the classroom teachers before school - please ensure your child has other food for lunch also). Parents most welcome to come along and watch!



SOUTHERN STEEL COME TO VISIT

We welcome the Southern Steel netball team to our school on WEDNESDAY 11 December - 11am, to meet with students. You're most welcome to come and meet them too! There will be time to have a quick chat, do some signing and enjoy having them visit our school!



BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

The Board of Trustees met last week. Some of the main points from the meeting are as follows:

- School donation scheme - our school has signed up for this scheme. We will no longer be asking for school donations / activity fees, while in this scheme. This does not cover costs such as MOTEC fees, school camps and stationery.
- Writing achievement was shared with the Board - the school can be proud of the hard efforts that we have put in, to raise achievement in this area. The dedication and focus of the staff in raising the achievement in writing across our school has resulted in 85% of our students reaching the curriculum level - or exceeding. Three years ago, we were managing to have 79% of our students achieve this. Well done to the staff for their commitment.
- We are working with the Ministry of Education to have 50% of the school re-roofed. This project is now at the design phase.

END OF YEAR 2019 - NEW YEAR 2020

School concert	Wednesday 18 Dec	6.30pm
Last full day of school	Thursday 19 Dec	Buses running as usual
Last day of school year	Friday 20 Dec	No buses. School closes at 12 noon.
2020		
School office opens	Wednesday 29 & Thursday 30 January	Purchasing stationery Enrolments etc.
Teacher Only Day	Thursday 31 January	
School opens for 2020	Tuesday 4 February	Buses running
	Wednesday 5 February	School open
School closed	Thursday 6 February	Waitangi Day
School closed	Friday 7 February	Teacher Only Day
School re-opens	Monday 10 February	

HAVE YOU SEEN...

We know that our community is full of talent - and we have been really lucky to have Paul Tunnickliff donate to our school, an example of his work! Thanks Paul!



Thanks everyone for your support for our students and the school!

Enjoy the rest of the week!

Chris Bascand - Principal

STARS OF THE WEEK



OTHER NOTICES



Absentee Messages Ph: 526 7775 or Text: 027 339 8801

Please provide the following details: Your child's name, room number and reason for absence



School Fee Payments Please ensure your Payee Details have the family name and the payment reason.

The school account details are as follows: **Westpac Banking Corporation, Motueka Branch 030693-0124662-00**

Community Oral Health Service

The Community Oral Health Service advised early this term that due to staffing shortages the mobile clinic would not be coming back to our school this year. It is now scheduled to return in March 2020.

For dental treatment prior to the Mobile Clinic return, 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.

Second hand uniform - we are getting low on items. Please send any school t-shirts or polar fleeces into the office if your children have outgrown them & we can pass them on to someone else in need.

Home Readers

Please return all school readers to your child's class teacher by Friday 6 December so a full stocktake can be done.

"CALLING ALL OLD MOBILE PHONES"

It would be great if you could have one final rummage before the end of term for any unwanted mobile phones you may have at home. It is estimated that each year up to three million phones become obsolete in NZ, of those only 2% are recycled. Phones collected help our School gain valuable rewards and the environment benefits as well keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances. Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may collected in the collection box in the reception area at School.

	TERM 4
NOVEMBER	
Fri 29 th	Junior Athletics - Rms 1,1a,2 & 3
DECEMBER	
Thurs 5 th	Rms 4 & 6 EMR Snorkelling
Wed 11 th	Southern Steel Netball Team visit
Thurs 12 th	Junior Picnic (Rms 1, 1a, 2 & 3)
Thurs 12 th	Year 8 Dinner
Wed 18 th	End of year concert & reports home
Fri 20 th	Last Day Term 4 (No buses. School closes at noon)
	2020
JANUARY	
Wed 29 th & Thurs 30 th	School Office Open - for purchasing stationery class packs & enrolments
Thurs 31 st	Teacher Only Day
FEBRUARY	
Tues 4 th	First Day of Term 1
Thurs 6 th	Waitangi Day - Public Holiday
Fri 7 th	Teacher Only Day

CAROLS BY LAMPLIGHT
NO CANDLES PLEASE

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8th
7.30 pm

"LET'S KEEP CHRISTMAS"
CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS
WITH

ST ANDREWS UNITING CHURCH
MOTUEKA DISTRICT BRASS
'SISTERHOOD' Quartet
and children from
St. James Anglican Church, Ngatimoti

DYKE'S WOOLSHED
CRESSWELL FARM
CENTRAL ROAD, LOWER MOUTERE

ALL WELCOME



School Pool Keys are available from the school office. Cost is \$50 for the season for school families or \$70 for non-school families. (There is a pool rules form for completion)

Enter the Weetbix Tryathlon and the Lower Moutere School Group by going to this link <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=35580&G=99672>.

Search and enter the Lower Moutere School Group. This gives us a chance to win the school entry prize.



Bridge Valley Holiday Camps

Our overnight, week-long, children's holiday camps are coming up! Our camps are fun, safe, and exciting for all ages, and are a great way to spend a week of the Summer holidays.

Blast Day Camp (7-13 yrs): 18th - 20th December - Not overnight

Junior (8-11 yrs): 6th - 10th January

Intermediate (11-13 yrs): 13th - 17th January

Extreme (Junior: 9-11 yrs, Youth: 12-15 yrs): 21st - 24th January

Registrations are open online (www.bridgevalley.co.nz)

Email holidaycamps@bridgevalley.co.nz with any questions!

Ditch the sugary drinks and 'switch to water'.

love your teeth.

COMMUNITY ORAL HEALTH SERVICE

Nelson: (03) 539 5324
Stoke: (03) 539 5321 - Richmond: (03) 539 5320
Motueka and Tasman Mobile: 0800 833846
Blenheim and Marlborough Mobile: 0800 833849

MOTUEKA

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

JANUARY HOLIDAYS
6th - 31st January
\$30.00 per day
(8:30am-6pm)

WINZ SUBSIDY AVAILABLE

- ★ FREE afternoon tea (after 3pm)
- ★ Daily structured activities
- ★ Daily supervised free play
- ★ Awesome offsite trips
- ★ Located at Parklands School
- ★ Open from 8:00am-6pm Mon-Fri

BOOK NOW!
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