



# Lower Moutere School



SCHOOL ROAD, LOWER MOUTERE

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Kiaora, **Mālō e lelei**, welcome to whanau and friends of Lower Moutere School -

The weeks are flying past and the summer days are nearing. It is great to see all of our students wearing their sunhats - thanks for supporting us with this. It is a great idea to apply sunblock before heading to school each day - even the cloudy days. We do have supplies at school and will re-apply when needed.

The swimming pool has just finished being repainted and our thanks go to Steve Greaney for repairing some of the plumbing work on the pool plant. With the pool now filling, we expect to be swimming later next week. Your key purchases help the financial side of running the school pool and we plan to have these on sale next Thursday.

## EVENTS THIS TERM...

Term 4 is a really busy term at school - filled with sports, farewells and trips! Here are a few that you need to note in the diary....

### ATHLETICS DAYS

Years 5 & 6 Athletics (District wide event) TUESDAY 19 November

Years 7 & 8 Athletics (District wide event) WEDNESDAY 20 November

Please note - there is no cancellation date.

Junior School (Rooms 1, 1a, 2 & 3) athletics - FRIDAY 29 November

Year 8 LEAVERS Dinner - THURSDAY 12 December

Junior school picnic - THURSDAY 12 December

END OF YEAR CONCERT - Wednesday 18 December.

Information about these events will be heading home closer to the dates.

## STAFFING & CLASSES – 2020

We are currently finalising the classes for 2020. We know that we are having 9 classes next year - an indication that our school is fairly full! Staff carefully consider the placement of all students across the school, balancing both friendships, student needs and overall class sizes. We also appreciate that there are times when parents may seek to have some input into the placement of their child(ren). If you do have a particular request, this must be in writing to the principal, and received no later than FRIDAY 15 November. While no promises will be made, requests will be taken into consideration. Please note that such requests are not to be for certain teachers. All requests will be treated in confidence.

This leads us to staffing for the new year.

We have appointed 3 new staff members to the school for next year. We welcome to our staff Miss Alice Tuck, Miss Lana Wood and Mrs Kylie Matthewson. We farewell Miss Harris, who has accepted a position at Richmond School next year. Mrs Smith will remain on leave for the 2020 school year.

## PARKING – CHAOS AT THE GATES!

To the parents who drive to school to pick children up at the end of the day - many thanks for considering a later collection time. This is making a difference to the congestion at the gate. The busy-ness lasts for all of 10-15 minutes - however can be frustrating and we acknowledge this. A quick turn-around of parking spaces is appreciated.

## TROPHIES

Can all end of year trophies please be returned to the school office next week - thanks.

## REMINDER TO PARENTS...

The school knows that from time to time, parents may need to know more about how things are done, or why, and want to know who to go to about this. The staff of the school are the right people to go to get the right answers. Other avenues, such as social media may cause more harm than good to both you and the school. Our staff are always available during school hours - in person, phone or by email, and will be only too happy to assist.

**1 or 2 days  
a week  
doesn't seem  
like much but...**



## STUDENT ATTENDANCE & LATENESS

Food for thought here .... Can we afford to let this happen to our learners?

Keeping students engaged in learning ensures that they are successful learners for life! One day away can equate to 2-3 days in catch up ... this makes it hard for learners.

If you are concerned about your child's attendance, please discuss this with your teacher.

Even lateness adds up.

School and learning is great - it can be hard too, and this helps grow learners who are ready for life!

Finally - you will start to see over the rest of the term, a number of contractors around the school. We are in the process of a major redesign of our roofing structure - a task that will take approximately 4-5 months to complete. We'll keep you informed!

Chris Bascand (JP)  
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.

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS UPDATE**

We are expecting the photo orders to be delivered to school early next week.



TERM 4	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 Orientation Day at Motueka High School
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Trustees Meeting - 6pm in staffroom
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Athletics - Junior (Years 5 & 6)
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Athletics - Senior (Years 7 & 8)
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rm 8 to visit Jack Inglis Hospital
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Athletics - Rms 1,1a,2 & 3
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	Rms 4 & 6 EMR Snorkelling
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Picnic (Rms 1, 1a, 2 & 3)
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 Dinner
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	End of year concert & reports home
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day Term 4

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.



Room 5 had a wonderful time on camp at Marahau last week. Some of the highlights include: a walk to Tinline bay, with Mr Fitz as our guide; a scavenger hunt on the spit; art and sport activities.

We especially enjoyed making and eating damper, and toasting marshmallows around the camp fire.

Lyn came out and brought us a fabulous Halloween cake, which we enjoyed, on our return to school.

Thank you to the parents who supported us on camp. We couldn't have done it without you!



Check out the other classes camp photos on our Facebook page!



**Cleaner required.**

Moana Orchard is looking for an Orchard accommodation cleaner.

Between 15 and 28 hours a week, depending on the month.

Immediate start with work available until August.

Can be school hours. No weekend work.

Must have car and drivers licence.

Contact Saskia if you would like more information, 0273490551



Well done to the Senior Ki o Rahi team that competed in their first Intermediate Schools tournament on Wednesday.



# MOUTERE CATCHMENT GROUP LAUNCH

TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2019

6.45pm – 8.00pm

Moutere Hills Community Centre  
1539 Moutere Hwy, Upper Moutere

For more information contact:  
Annette Litherland, NZ Landcare Trust  
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Photo: Upper Moutere school children planting in the Upper Moutere of  
Lowerwood Mills last month as part of the Moutere Catchment Group




Come and join us to launch this exciting new group caring for Moutere Catchment.

We have some great speakers, and some interesting topics to cover...

**OUTLINE OF EVENING:**

- Water quality in Moutere. River Jives TDC
- Flood control in Moutere. Flood control engineers TDC
- Moutere Catchment and Inlet Reservoirs groups. Vision, objectives, actions to date, plans.
- Working with schools.
- "Through the eyes of a landowner" - what they did and how you can do it too.
- Have your say and help create plans for each of the eight sub-catchments of the Moutere. Your input is valued.

