



Lower Moutere School



SCHOOL ROAD, LOWER MOUTERE

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Kiaora to families and friends of Lower Moutere School –

WELCOME TO YOU ALL! Here we are – the start of the 2018 school year is upon us. It is great hearing the school grounds full of chatter and seeing everyone having a catch up – the place is full of smiles and happy people!

We extend a warm welcome to the new families to our school and trust that the time you have with us at Lower Moutere is fantastic! Our school vision is 'to be the best that we can be', and this embraces us all. We are all in this together, all working that all of us are the best we can be. It's great to have you part of this!

A big thanks go to the staff, who put in many hours over the holidays, ensuring that the classes were ready for learning when our students arrived back! We also thank Stu – our Caretaker – who worked with IMB to put new ceilings in Rooms 2, 7 & 8. We also thank Luuk Hermens (Motueka Electrical) who has installed new LED lighting in these classrooms. The school really is looking superb!

This newsletter is simply a quick 'filling you in' note, letting you know of a few things coming up in the near future!

SCHOOL PICNIC ~ FRIDAY 9 FEB.

This year, we are aiming to start the year again with a school picnic at Rabbit Island. Now we realise that the weather event yesterday may well dictate if we can visit, however, at this point in time, we planning for a day at the beach! We'll confirm next week of this venue – or else where.

The details are:

- Leave school by 10 am, with a return from Rabbit Island at 2pm.
- Parents are welcome to attend. Offers of transport are appreciated.
- Permission slip and transport slip is attached. Please return these to school by Wednesday 7 Feb.
- Students are to wear their uniform, with togs on underneath – if they wish.
- A reminder of what to bring, and what we are doing, will be given out next week!

Any questions?? Please ask your child's teacher!

WAITANGI DAY

Waitangi day falls on TUESDAY 6 February. As school is closed on the Tuesday, we have decided to close on the MONDAY as well – meaning a 4 - day weekend. So, **NO SCHOOL MONDAY & TUESDAY** next week.

School will re-open on Wednesday 7 February.

UPPER MOUTERE INN- QUIZ 7PM

Thursday 8 February – Quiz night! All proceeds go to Lower Moutere School! Teams must book – 03-5432759. Support our school, have a great night out with friends too!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The start of the year – a great time to remember to have all the right pieces of uniform for school. Whitwells is the place to go for the school top. Students wear plain black shorts or 'bottoms' – available from various outlets. Sunhats are compulsory in terms 1 and 4 – no hat, sit in the shade – no play.

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

2018 will see our school with a social worker here. Bridget Malone works in many schools in the area, and we are pleased that we are able to have her based here one day each week. Referrals for the Social worker are made through your child's class teacher first.

SPEED OUTSIDE SCHOOL

The school gates are a busy place especially at the end of the day. Parents, please remember that the speed past a school is 40km/hr. The speed past a school bus (with it's signs up) is 20km/hr. Can parents please be mindful of this as they move on from the gates.

END OF THE SCHOOL DAY...

If you are arriving to collect your child at the end of the day, we ask that you use the TOP gate. This is to ensure that we have only BUS students at the main gate. We also ask that if your child is not catching the bus (because you have arrived unexpectedly), that the office and /or bus monitors are aware. Our bus service runs at a tight schedule and we do need to get buses away on time. Many thanks for your help with this!

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Nelmac have assured us that they will be working in the school on MONDAY, starting the new playground. That's kind of awesome, as the students all get to see it being made! We look forward to this being all complete!

SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL

The pool has been sitting at a very warm 30° which makes it a great temperature for learning to swim. The statistics for drowning in New Zealand are nothing to be proud of ... last year we saw 88 people drown in New Zealand. We have the highest rate of drowning in the OECD. **Children will drown in less than 1 minute.** Already this year, we have seen people drown, including in Nelson.

Learning to swim is such an important skill for our students to learn. Our school is so fortunate that we have both a heated pool, and daily swimming lessons. Please play your part by ensuring that students have their togs and towel at school each day.

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

This is a reminder, now that we are up and running! School staff begin teaching at 8.50am. To give your child the best start to their day, please ensure that they are at school by 8.45 at the latest. If you do arrive late to school, please let the office know before heading to the classrooms.

Wishing you all a great year and we look forward to working with you and your families over terms ahead!

Chris Bascand (JP)

Principal

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY	
Mon 5 th	School closed
Tuesday 6 th	Waitangi Day - school closed
Thursday 8 th	Moutere Inn Pub Quiz - 7pm start
Friday 9 th	School picnic - Rabbit Island
Monday 12 th & Tuesday 13 th	R6&4 then R7&8 trip to the Suter Art gallery
Thursday 22 nd	Board of Trustees meeting
Fri 23 rd	School swimming champs - Lower Moutere School
MARCH	
Friday 9 th	Motueka Schools swimming champs
Thursday 22 nd	Board of Trustees meeting
Friday 30 th	Good Friday
APRIL	
Monday 2 nd & Tuesday 3 rd	Easter Monday & Easter Tuesday - school closed both days
Monday 9 th	Education Review Office visits
Friday 13 th	Last day of term 1

Term dates for the rest of the year are as follows:

Term 2 - 10 weeks	Monday 30 April - Friday 6 July
Term 3 - 10 weeks	Monday 23 July - Friday 28 September
Term 4 - 10 weeks	Monday 15 October - Friday 14 December



Absentee Messages - Please notify the school of your child's absence before the start of school each day.

Please note: When texting the school cellphone please include your name, so that we know who the message is from, as we do not have contacts stored on this phone.

Ph: 526 7775 or Txt: 027 339 8801

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

