



Lower Moutere School



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Kiaora to families and friends of Lower Moutere School -

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Welcome to all our families and whanau at Lower Moutere School -

The new year at school has started and we welcome you all to the great adventures that we are about to embark upon!

The school grounds have come alive again as the students mingle, chatter and play, all sounding very happy to be back and catching up with friends again!



As mentioned last week, we have loads of exciting events planned this term, focused mainly around the theme of 'Life at the edge of the land'. By now, our senior students will have brought home information about a trip to Little Kaiteriteri and Tonga Island. Students in Rooms 1 - 6 will too, have information soon, regarding a trip to Little Kaiteriteri.

LEARNING TO SWIM...

The weekend's news informed us that 7 people drowned in our water - over the 3 days alone. We are reminded often of the importance of learning to swim - and news such as this prompt us again to know why. We do live in a country surrounded by water, with many large bodies of water through the land too.



Our school is following the AustSwim programme with every teacher delivering specifically planned lessons to enhance student's ability in the water. Please do ensure that students have their togs each day. The water is heated to 28° and while we do not have students in the pool for long periods of time, repetitive and daily swimming will only improve their ability, and knowledge.



PROPERTY WORKS

The holiday period was a busy one at the school, with property works continuing right the way through. You may have noticed a number of trees have been removed and the boundary lines opened up significantly. This is to enable work teams to erect the new fence, and also remove any trees deemed dangerous, eg, rotting trunks, splitting limbs or trees that were coming to the end of their life. While we value the protection and beauty that trees provide, a decision was needing to be made regarding the Health and Safety issues that risky trees can pose. The school, once the main projects are complete, will be starting a 're-planting' project, to once again, have our school filled with green shade and shelter!

The work in Rooms 7 & 8 is running a few weeks behind, however we expect this to be complete by the end of the month. Following this is the renovation of Room 2, including installing a new toilet block. More information will come about this, in the next newsletter!

STAFF NEWS

Our faithful Caretaker - Ken Nicholls, has retired. Ken and his wife Sally, have had a strong involvement with the school for many years now, so it is with a sadness that we farewell Ken from his role as Caretaker. We wish Ken all the best for his retirement (and Sally all the best of luck!!) ! Ken was provide with a voucher for two, to travel to Awaroa Lodge, and have a meal!



We welcome to the staff, Shena Mali, who will work with Mrs Sinclair each morning. Mrs Mali comes from Upper Moutere - thanks for being part of the team.

MEET THE TEACHERS – FAMILY GET-TOGETHER

Here's a date for the diary ...**Wednesday 15 February** - meet the staff and family get-together! We know a number of our families enjoyed the first initial catch up as school started to get going again, and requested that we continue this. So ...Wednesday 15 February, starting from 5.30, at school. Please bring your tea (or something that you can cook on the BBQ) something to drink and dare we say, something warm! We will have games playing, the pool will be open, and there will be brief presentations by staff, in their rooms, explaining class programmes etc. Will it be a late night ...NO ...informative - YES!

BREAKFAST CLUB

With the hall being currently used as a classroom, Breakfast Club is 'on hold' for the rest of the term.



FUNDRAISING EVENTS!

Our great team of fundraisers are starting up again! The very successful gold day is planned for SUNDAY 26 MARCH - at the TASMAN golf club. Last year was our first and was fantastic (*the teachers team actually won!!...miracles do happen!*) Start putting teams together for this great day out!

MOUTERE INN - quiz nights - Funds from the quiz and raffle at the Moutere Inn monthly quiz will be supporting Lower Moutere School with the first quiz being the 9th of February - tonight! Get down and support the school in a fun way every second Thursday of the month. Quiz entry is only \$2 and the wine raffles are sponsored by Kahurangi, Moutere Hills, Mahana and Neudorf. Yum!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Our school staff and Board are committed to ensuring that our students get a great education that is balanced and well-rounded. Along with this, we have the National Standards, which we report on each year - to parents, the Board and the Ministry of Education.

Our school finished off the 2016 year with very good results and they are as follows:

	Well Below	Below	At	Above
MATHS	5%	18%	52%	25%
WRITING	3%	22%	61%	15%
READING	2%	10%	35%	54%

All of these figures are a huge lift from the year before -and it is certainly achievement that we are proud of. Writing is our main area of focus this year, as we work to raise achievement even further, especially from 'at' to 'above'. We are working closely with the University of Canterbury advisory staff to support us. We welcome them into our school.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Another 'hat' I wear is that of a Justice of the Peace - so please know that if you are needing the services of a JP, pop in and I can help.

All the best for the term ahead and here's to great learning, great students in a great school!

Chris Bascand – Principal

A peek inside Rooms 7 & 8... we have gutted the cloak space and relined, built a kitchen, new workspace, and far nicer toilets! New carpet coming soon!



THE SECOND ANNUAL
LOWER MOUTERE SCHOOL
fundraising

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Where: Tasman Golf Club When: Sunday March 26, 2017
 Nine Hole Ambrose

- ✓ Breakfast & sit down lunch included
- ✓ Huge Raffles & Auctions
- ✓ Bigger & better Player prizes

For more information please email lmsfundraisinggroup@gmail.com Ph 03) 526 7775
 or Phone Jill 021 069 3258 or Tracey 027 779 8087

A few other notices..!



Room 8 learning to snorkel in the pool!

Upper Moutere Rangers Football Club

All dates, info & rego is **ONLINE**

www.rangersfc.nz



TENNIS COACHING

If your child would like to learn how to play tennis or want to continue to develop their skills, please email Vanessa claybrookestate@xtra.co.nz.

Lessons start Thursday 9th February at Upper Moutere Tennis Club. Private and group lessons for adults are also available.

NELSON WEETBIX TRYATHLON

Online registration closes on the 16th of February. Use the link to log online with Lower Moutere School.

You can collect a form on the Sports Board outside Room 6 and return it to Mr Lynch by the 15th of February. ...

OR... go online....



<https://registration.tryathlon.co.nz/Home/Event/11/Package/0/Wave/0/Sequence/0/School/6501e0c6-4315-4976-a826-f93fdc5a8d54>

SHOHEI-RYU KARATE CLUB - LOWER MOUTERE MEMORIAL HALL

We would like to invite you to train with us again during school Term 1. The class is aimed at children from about 5 years of age and upwards and is held on Tuesdays between 3.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.. Classes will be held from the 7th February 2017. Beginners in Karate are made welcome, please wear loose clothing.

For further details of the Lower Moutere club and other clubs in the area, you can contact Paul.

Phone: 022 633 1055

Email: paul.natzyl@shohei-ryukarate.com

Web: shohei-ryukarate.com



ROLLER HOCKEY

Primary School

Roller Hockey Starting

Tuesday 21st February

4pm-4.45pm

6 week skills and drills course



Come along and learn basic Roller Hockey techniques and drills

Booking is Required
Limited spaces available

For more information contact Tiegan Maru at the Motueka Recreation Centre on 5288228 or tiegan.m@sporttasman.org.nz



Learn 2 Roller Skate

Ages 5-11years

Complete a five week course that teaches basic skating techniques.

Starts Thursday 23rd February 2017

3.30pm-4.30pm

Motueka Recreation Centre

\$10 Term

Book Now
(spaces limited)



Contact Tiegan at the Motueka Recreation Centre for more information 5288228 or Tiegan.m@sporttasman.org.nz



CHEESE MAKING CLASSES!

We have had an offer from a friend of the school, to hold Cheese making classes - possibly late April. The cost is \$40 per person - to make 3 cheeses. All gear used at the end will be offered as auction items! Maximum 25 people. To register your initial interest, please let us know ...office@lowermoutere.school.nz