



Lower Moutere School



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Kiaora to families and friends of Lower Moutere School -

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It is so hard to believe that we are half way through the first term!

LOWER MOUTERE SCHOOL SWIM CHAMPS

This Friday, starting at 9.15, we are holding our first school swim champs! The children will need to bring 2 towels. Parents, grandparents and anyone else who loves to cheer, are most welcome at any time during the day. The programme is as follows:

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9.15am - 10.40am - all 10 - 12 year olds will be racing.

11.00am - 12.30 - all 5 - 7 year olds will be show casing!

1.00 - 2.00pm - all 8 and 9 year olds will be racing.



At 2pm, the whole school will gather for FINALS racing of our senior students.

Please remember too ... there will be a sausage sizzle (\$2) and Juicies (\$1) available at lunchtime. Students are to bring their money to school on the Friday morning. Our fundraising team would love a few extra hands - if you are free!



Good luck to all those children competing in the Weetbix Tryathlon this Sunday. Do the best you can. Parents, don't forget that children can wear their Weetbix shirts and medals to school on Monday to celebrate their success.

Parent Interviews!

Last week, we sent home 'Information Gathering' goal booklets. On the back of these, were requests for interviews. Staff have met and allocated times as close as we could to your requested times. Confirmation for interviews went home on Tuesday - however if this hasn't made it home please contact your child's teacher or the office next week.

Interview nights are:

THURSDAY 16 & TUESDAY 21 MARCH

School Charter

The school sends its Charter into the Ministry of Education (MOE) every year as a way of reporting to the MOE its strategic direction over the next three years, annual goals and plans to meet these goals and student targets for raising student achievement. The Charter is the schools number one policy as it states our Vision, Values, what make us unique and sets our direction for the next 1 - 3 years. There is a copy of the Charter available to view at the school office.



Thanks NMIT! (Nelson Marl. Institute of Technology)

Have you seen the new tables in our court yard area? Thanks to NMIT for making these for our school! A Big thanks!! to Lift and Shift who moved these to the school free of charge!

We have spent time researching various methods of communicating with families. School-links will connect to our Student Manager Program (SMS). Upon receipt of the school rolls, administrators can send text or email alerts at the click of a button and receive responses direct into the SMS. School and parents can quickly become aware of a student disappearance and take action. It will also be used for emergency Alerts - Lockdown, flooding, earthquake...to contact staff, family and students in minutes from any computer or smart device. In time it will have many more uses. We will use it alongside Facebook and the school website as one of an armoury of tools to grow our connection with student families.

In order for this system to work well we need your assistance to ensure that all contact and student details are up to date.

A current personal records update form is being sent home for every student today.

Please complete this form and return to school by Monday so we can then commence updating information before testing school-links.



Board of Trustees news!

The Board of Trustees met for the first time this year, last week.

Here are some snippets of news from the meeting...

- Property updates - Rooms 7 & 8 should be ready for us to move back into next week.
- The next project is major work outside Room 2 - who will move to Room 5 next week.
- Landscaping will begin once the new fence is in place ...which has not happened!! YET!
- We will install a heat pump into Room 1 - preferably before the end of term.
- Student targets have been set for the year, which focus on the areas we wish to enhance as the year develops. Student targets place particular focus on areas of the curriculum (mainly maths, reading and writing) where we would like to see an acceleration of students achievement, how we are going to do it, and the resources that we need to do this.

School Values – RESPECT!

What does that mean for us at Lower Moutere School?

With **self respect** we like ourselves because of **who we are** not because of what we can or cannot do. Having self respect is to have pride and knowledge of one's own worth, to value one's self.

Those with respect for themselves are less prone to regret, blame, guilt, shame, and secretive behaviour.

Self respect is the cornerstone on which many other attributes are built such as honesty, confidence, and integrity. Self respect reflects the level of love we have for ourselves.

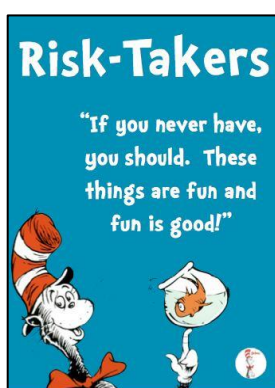
This term, we know we are being respectful to ourselves by modelling the qualities of a great learner - being the best we can be as a learner in our school. Talking at home about being a great learner will reinforce the value that we place on being a great learner, great model to others and how much we care about ourselves as a person.

Chris Bascand – Principal

REMINDER...

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



Coming up this term! Pop these dates on the calendars folks!

MARCH	
Fri 10 th	School Swimming Champs
Wed 15 th	Rooms 4 & 6 to Little Kaiteri
Thurs 16 th	Parent Interviews
Fri 17 th	Motueka Swim Champs
Tues 21 st	Parent Interviews
Wed 22 nd	Junior School Rocky Shore Trip to Kina Beach (Rooms 1,2 & 3)
Tues 28 th	Board of Trustees Meeting - 6pm in the staffroom
Thurs 30 th	Year 7 - 8 Summer Sports Tournament
Thurs 30 th March - Thurs 13 th April	Mobile Dental Clinic here at school
APRIL	
Thurs 6 th	Stopping Distance Demo
Thurs 13 th	Last Day Term 1

Well done to this term's "Stars of the Week"!



Muddy Buddy Winners



These boys came second in the two lap intermediate boys at the muddy buddy in the weekend.
Well done Leo, Rocco and Josh!

Fruit Stall

We're hoping to get the fruit stall up & going shortly.

Donations of fruit or vege items to sell would be much appreciated.

We are looking for a parent/caregiver to oversee the running of the fruit stall - if you're interested, please contact Jill Ph 021 069 3258 for details.





IS SCHOOL A CHALLENGE FOR YOUR CHILD? WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE SCHOOL READY? There are many reasons why a child struggles at school. I help kids with challenges with:

- learning, focus, memory or comprehension
- posture, coordination or balance
- bed wetting, buttons or tying shoe laces
- sensitivity, fears or emotions

Got 5 minutes a day? Those who do Brain Gym® consistently notice learning is easier. Find out why at <http://braingymnelson.co.nz/being-school-ready>. Having your child assessed will help to find out how we can improve the physical skills they need for learning, development and behaviour.



Kai Fest Saturday 9th April
www.motuekakaifest.nz



Teapot Valley Christian Camp
Holiday Kids Camps

Junior Camp Years 2-4
18th April – 20th April
Senior Camp Years 5-8
24th April – 28th April

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Health Bytes 2017

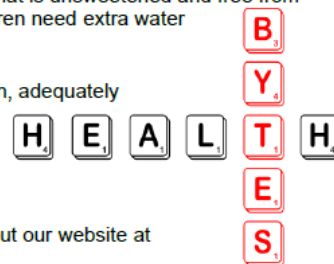
Health Bytes: Top Tips for keeping children hydrated

Children should aim to drink 6-8 glasses of plain water every day that is unsweetened and free from additives. While participating in sport &/or during hot weather children need extra water to replenish lost fluids.

Research suggests that as well as being essential for overall health, adequately hydrated children are energized and ready to learn!

This message is brought to you by your Nelson Marlborough Public Health Nurse Team.

For further enquiries please phone us on (03) 546 1537 or check out our website at www.nmdhb.govt.nz/public-health-service



Health Bytes: Road Safety

Speed around schools is a major public health and road safety issue. The faster you go the less time you have to react and the longer it takes to stop. Children are most at risk, especially in the morning and afternoon when they're walking and cycling to and from school. Pedestrian casualties (deaths, serious and minor injuries) occur the most at school peak times (7 - 9am and 2 - 4pm). Source – NZTA Crash Analysis System: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/>

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