



Lower Moutere School



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Kia Ora families and friends of Lower Moutere School, we have had another fabulous week.

Whanau connections - why they matter...

Having a great relationship with your child's teacher fosters open communication, enabling you to stay informed about your child's progress and any concerns that may arise. It creates a supportive environment where you and the teacher can work together to address any challenges your child may face academically or socially. A positive relationship with the teacher also demonstrates to your child the value that you place on their education – and learning journey.

A HUGE thanks to our families for coming to our whanau connects this week and sharing between us, the successes and next steps for the rest of the year ahead. In term 2, a written report will be written for all students followed by another whanau connect early in term 3. We all look forward to seeing the amazing growth that all our students make, this year!

Our New Classroom

Building work on our new classroom is almost complete. Our wonderful caretaker Stu has worked tirelessly on this project and the fruits of his experience and labour are evident in the awesome new classroom we will have here at Lower Moutere School.

SCHOOL TRY-ATHLON

Well done to all our students for participating so positively in the school try-athlon today! We had so many students actively engaged in this event and they can all proudly say that they have completed a try-athlon! We wish those students who are competing in the WeetBix Try-athlon this weekend, all the very best!



SCHOOL SWIMMING GALA! - Wednesday 5th March

Come along and support your children as they display what they have learnt and compete against themselves and each other in a fun filled event.

Programme for the day....

- 9.00am - 9 and 10 year olds
- 9:40am - 7 and 8 year olds
- 10.40am - 11.30am - 11 year olds - 13 year olds
- 11.30am - 12:30am - NE and Room 1, Room 2, Room 3 and Room 4
- 1:30pm - 2:30pm 7 - 13 year old finals (If needed for that event)!

Dealing with inter-child conflict

If your child is having trouble with another child, please do not take matters into your own hands. We have an open door policy here at Lower Moutere School. We ask that you approach your child's teacher or one of our experienced Deputy Principal's to enlighten them about the issue. We will manage the issue as a school and communicate with the other family if necessary.

Communicating a change in care arrangements

We understand that from time to time there are changes in care arrangements for your children. Please let the school know when this occurs as this can often be unsettling for your child. If we are aware we can assist in either mitigating the impact this may be having on your child or view behaviour that is out of character through a different lens.

Coming to school really matters!

One of the things we are continuing to focus on in 2025 is student attendance. You will hear us talking about this with you, with our students and it remains a strong subject of conversation in the staff room.

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school. Please let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

If you're struggling at home with getting your child to school, talk to us.

If you are finding it hard to get your child to school, please talk with us so we can work together. Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school.

Bus Lines

Ten to three is a very busy time at our front gate. We are fortunate to have two bus services that are available for eligible families to catch. These buses need space when they arrive to turn and safely park. We have a yellow line painted on the footpath outside our school. This signifies a no parking zone. Over the coming weeks we will endeavour to add some more indicating lines and further signage to clarify where to park and where not to park.

Students waiting for the bus, assemble between the pool sheds and staffroom. Their attendance on the bus is recorded on our rolls. If your child is not catching the bus please ensure you have informed the office.

The Board of Trustees is currently working on another option to improve the parking options in front of our school. Further information will be available in due course. Thank you for your assistance in helping us improve the safety for everyone at our front gate.

School gates

We have a number of younger students who are known to see a gate and will head out onto the road. Keeping the gates closed is vitally important to their safety. If you go through a gate, we ask that you check that it closes behind you. Thanks for your on-going support with this.



Just a reminder that if you need to pick your child up early from school for an appointment or any other reason, please come through the office to let us know. Whilst at school we must ensure we know where our students are. Thankyou - Your help is appreciated!

Breakfast Club

In 2025 we will be running Breakfast Club four mornings a week, Tuesday - Friday. Senior students have volunteered to run this but require the support of one parent/caregiver helper a day from 8:20 - 8:45am. If you are able to support our senior students provide this much needed programme please email Mrs Simkin ksimkin@lowermoutere.school.nz



Students are enjoying tinned fruit with WeetBix and milk ... and are welcome to bring their toothbrushes to school too! Thanks to Sanitarium and Fonterra who provide this to us for free!

After school care!

A reminder that Lower Moutere School offers an after school care programme – that runs through to 5.30pm each evening! WINZ subsidy is available – so if you are needing that care after school, look no further!! To book in, call 027 358 7233 or you can email kidzklubafter3@gmail.com for further details!

We look forward to catching up over the term ahead.

A big thank you to Tasman District Council who have granted us \$1,000 for our pool subsidy 2024/2025.



School Payments

At this time of year there is always a lot of expenses with school starting and especially after Christmas. If you have Motec, bus, sports fees or anything else on your children's account and are concerned about this please get in contact with us. You can contact the office or your child's teacher, in person, phone or by email and have a discussion. Remember we are here to help!

Please ensure your Payee Details have the family name and the payment reason. School Bank Account Name: Lower Moutere School Board of Trustees
School Bank Account ASB Number: 12-3158-0184739-00



Absentee Messages Phone: 03 526 7775, Text (only): 027 339 8801 or email the office at office@lowermoutere.school.nz

Please provide the following details: Your child's name, room number and reason for absence. It is important that you advise the school office of any absence for your child/ren. If you are letting your child's teacher know, please ensure you also advise the school office.

Community Oral Health Service

For dental treatment prior to the Mobile Clinic return next year, 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.

Many thanks for your support for our school!
 Bevan Clark
 Principal

MARCH	
Wednesday 5 th	Swimming Champs
Monday 24 th	Teacher Only Day
APRIL	
Friday 11 th	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 28 th	First Day of Term 2
MAY	
Friday 30 th	Teacher Only Day
JUNE	
Monday 2 nd	Kings Birthday
Friday 20 th	Matariki
Friday 27 th	Last Day of Term 2
JULY	
Friday 14 th	First Day of Term 3
SEPTEMBER	
Friday 12 th	School Photos
Friday 19 th	Last Day of Term 3
OCTOBER	
Monday 6 th	First Day of Term 4
Monday 27 th	Labour Day - Public Holiday
DECEMBER	
Thursday 18 th December	Last Day of Term 4

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 - *Ana Burne Artist
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Richmond School Hall
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Fay on 021 039 3559 or email
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