

Lower Moutere School

SCHOOL ROAD, LOWER MOUTERE

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Dear Parents and whanau of Lower Moutere School -

A BIG THANKS to all our dads out there for being the great people they are! Happy Father's Day for the Sunday past!

There's been loads of things happening at school since our last newsletter – despite attempts to ensure we don't get too carried away, we really have been a busy school!

So - here it is!

KIYOSATO visitors ... last Sunday, a number of our Janszoon leaders hosted 16 visiting students from Kiyosato, at school for the afternoon. They showed them trapping (hares and possums), helped them feed lambs and took them through a Burma trail. Loads of squeals and yelps could be heard from the hall – with the evening finishing with a traditional kiwi Sunday roast – about 55 of us! Well done to the Janszoon team – you were incredible! The following day was too, a great experience for all cultures. The learning that we all engaged in will remain with us, I am sure, for years to come.





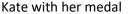


There was lots of calligraphy, painting, origami, playing in the sandpit ... and for some – rugby!! They described Lower Moutere as 'the best primary school ever' – a huge contrast to their schools in Japan!

Welcome Kate Horan

To support our focus on the Olympics – now para-olympics, resulted in us having a really informative visit from Kate Horan. Kate is a silver medalist, specialising mainly in cycling and athletics. Her goal now is to compete in the New York marathon! She was so inspirational and had our students gripped in her talk to them! She complimented the school on – the listening skills our students have and the depth of thinking shown with the questions they asked!







Kate with her prosthetic leg



A group of very dedicated seniors have organised a DISCO for tomorrow night, starting at the following times...

Years 1 – 4 students – 4.30 – 5.15 – come dressed as your favourite cartoon character!

Years 5 - 6 - 5.30 - 6.30 - come dressed as your favourite star celebrity!

Years 7 - 8 - 6.45 - 8.00 - come dressed as your favourite star celebrity!

There is a gold coin entry ... a shop running with SUGAR FREE drinks!!! And some other treats too! Pop a few extra coins in the pocket to get yourself something special! There will also be games to play and prizes!! Thanks for supporting the group of seniors who are 'giving back' to the school community.

The passing of our King, Kiingi Tuheitea

The school has marked this special occasion by lowering our flag to half mast for the duration of his wake and tangi, and by planting a Rimu tree, near the staff carpark. Welcome to our new Maori Queen, Nga Wai Hono i te po Paki, eight to reign and the second female to ever hold this role.

THANKS to everyone that was involved in the recent DAFFODIL DAY appeal. From the bakers who whipped up ONLY 250 cupcakes! Through to those who dressed up so brightly to be a part of our school of colour! We raised a huge \$604 which will support the Nelson/Tasman cancer society!

School uniform

Just a reminder that our school uniform shorts are BLACK or DARK BLUE shorts — OR black fleecy pants. We are still seeing a few variations being worn to school. There are a few keen rugby players who are wearing their rugby socks to school too ... can we keep these for wearing on a Saturday thanks!

BINGO NIGHT

Thanks to the team orgainsing the BINGO night on Saturday! We are very excited to send 4 students to Upper Hutt at the end of the month to compete in the Cross Country champs. Your support at this fundraiser will help cover the majority of the costs with this venture!

FRIDAY PIE DAY & SAUSAGE SIZZLES!

They have been such a hit that we are keeping this running for the rest of the term – thanks for your support!

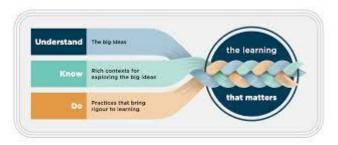
Property news

Just when we thought we were done ... We have secured some funding from the Ministry to replace windows in Rooms 7 & 8 and to cover the decking outside Room 1, with an Archgola verandah! If we can get our 'ducks all in a row', this will happen over the school holidays!

Out of zone spaces - 2025

At the last Board meeting, it was decided that we will have 8 out of zone spaces available for 2025. Students who are currently pre-enrolled for 2025 do not need to apply. If you know of anyone wishing to enrol here next year, please ask them to make contact with the school.

What's happening with the curriculum changes ahead?



If you are thinking that there is a lot of change happening in schools (especially primary schools), yes you are right. For the past couple of years, we have known that some change is coming to all the curriculum areas. With the new Government in, they have decided that the need is more urgent that realised, and are therefore pushing that both Maths and English are implemented by 2025.

What does this mean for Lower Moutere – what will it look like? In all curriculum areas, we are soon to cease using the

words 'levels' – and this is replaced by 'phases'. The first phase is for students in Years 1-3, the second is for students in Years 4-6, with the third naturally being Years 7-8.

The Government does want a greater emphasis on more structure and clearer expectation on achievement at each stage of a child's progression through school. For us as a staff, we have been going through the draft documents and feel very comfortable with what is being proposed. There shouldn't be too many changes - with the exception of gaining a deeper understanding of each phase. We already assess with the tools they are suggesting – twice a year so that will stay the same. We plan using the terms in the picture above. Our new learning will be the content. Structured Literacy – we have been using these resources for many years. Knowing which approach and resource that best matches the needs of the student is all part of a professional making informed judgements on student needs. We do know that the pace of change is quick - however if it makes a bigger difference to student achievement, then we are doing our job right. Please do not hesitate to ask if you are needing to know more!



NEXT FRIDAY ... is school photos day!

Time to polish up those smiles and slick up the hair ready for a great pic!!

Students are expected to be in the correct uniform for the day. They are welcome to bring a hairbrush or comb to keep handy!

Did you know ... we have honey for sale!!

We have the last few pottles of our own grown RAW HONEY for sale! They are \$12 each and are available in the school office. Please bring cash if possible!

A big thanks to the Rusbatch family and BeeQuipNZ who have helped us out so much!

Many thanks for your support of our school and our students!



Chris Bascand - Principal (JP)







Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER	
Friday 6	School Disco
Friday 13	School Photos
Thursday 19	Board meeting
Monday 23	Dental Bus Arrives
Friday 27	Last day of Term 3
OCTOBER	
Monday 14	First day of Term 4
Tuesday 15 - Friday 18	Year 7 & 8 camp to Totaranui
Friday 25	NBS Helicopter Appeal
Friday 25	Dental Bus Leaves
Monday 28	LABOUR DAY
NOVEMBER	
Thursday 7	Board meeting
Monday 11	Motueka Schools Kahui Ako TEACHER ONLY DAY
Tuesday 19 & Wednesday 20	Interschools Athletics Day 1 - 8-10 year olds then
	Day 2, 11-13 year olds
Thursday 28	Board meeting
DECEMBER	
Wednesday 11	End of year concert and Year 8 farewells
Thursday 12	Last day of school







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no. 2 plastic lids e.g. milk bottles

no. 5 plastic lids e.g. ice cream tubs, yoghurt tubs aluminium lids e.g. wine bottles, soda screw lids steel lids, e.g. beer caps, jam jar lids

Please keep different types of lids separate so they can be recycled and won't go to landfill!

To cover freight and labour costs please support our efforts with a gold coin donation, thank you!



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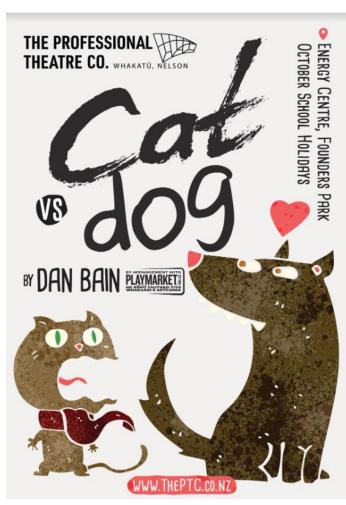
Sessions starting
Monday & Tuesday 21st &
22nd October

@ Jack Robins Stadium

Cost- \$65.00 per person

Year 1-2 Tuesdays | 4:00-4:45pm Year 3-4 Tuesdays | 4:45-5:30pm Year 5-6 Mondays | 4:00-5:30pm Year 7-8 Mondays | 5:30-6:30pm

For registration information Email















Motueka High School is seeking host families for international students. This can be a great experience for your family to learn about other cultures and create lasting friendships. Homestay fee paid to cover costs. Think this might be right for you? Contact me for more information

Fiona Bryan (Homestay Manager) 021 147 4639 fiona.bryan@motuekahigh.school.nz



MOTUEKA HIGH SCHOOL









Join up for the 24/25 Baseball Season



Baseball season starts next term, we have an exciting year planned!

We are hoping to have a baseball camp for all ages these coming holidays at Saxton Fields, then begin training from the beginning of term 4.

Practices are held at Mapua Domain. 3:30-4:30 Teeball and Under 10's Baseball for ages 5-9.

12 and under baseball will be Wednesday 4:30-6pm for fielding and general practice. Friday 4-5pm for batting practice. Games on Saturday, TBD.

Email Robby at robby.cribbs@gmail.com for the sign up link.



A panel of judges will select the five best artworks in each of the two age categories and Mayor Tim will announce them at the opening of a special art exhibition on October 17th.

Selected works will be sent to the Mayors for Peace Secretariat in Japan. The artwork that wins the Mayors for Peace President's Award International will be used to promote awareness of the importance of peace education on various occasions. Entries are open now and close on September 1. Entry form and more details about the competition are on our website Mayors for Peace Art competition 2024 | Tasman District Council