

# Lower Moutere School

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Tēnā koutou katoa. Nau mai, hoki mai ki te kura Lower Moutere -

A BIG thanks to the staff and parents have supported the Year 4 sleepover at school last night! Despite the rain, the excitement levels remained very high – which spilled over into the morning. A great experience for our students and a great way to start our Education Outside the Classroom programme. To add to the adventures this week, we have our Year 8 students visiting their respective secondary schools today. The leaders of our school are hitting the next big venture in their lives – we know that they are great people and will continue to be amazing, wherever they head.

#### **ONLINE USAGE**

### Do you know what your child is up to?

Every so often, we are experiencing upsets between friends which have typically evolved from usage of digital devices – after school / weekends. My question to you as parents is this ... do you know what your child is up to? How much monitoring are you undertaking?



For many of us, we didn't grow up with such access to apps and opportunities to interact without ever seeing the other person. Technology is always changing, but good old-fashioned parenting hasn't. Parents might not always understand the online world for young people, but we have important experience and skills that our young people/children need to be taught.

I ask that you consider these points below – and know that saying 'no' is good. It's an important part of our children knowing that as a parent, we care and will put boundaries around them to keep them safe.

- Growing up with tech means that young people are often more tech savvy than adults, but it doesn't mean they're emotionally or socially mature enough to deal with complex situations when they happen. Encourage open dialogue especially if things go wrong.
- Navigating the online world should not be a 'figure it out as you go' experience for young people.
- How we support children and teens changes according to age and stage. For young children, we might
  implement rules and technical options to filter content and screen-time. As they grow into young adults
  and have more freedom with devices, our support leans more toward online Safey and Digital Citizenship.
  We want them to know how to look after themselves.
- If something does go wrong and an issue crops up, count to ten before you react. Focus on fixing the issue, and making your child feel comfortable coming to you with issues in future.

Understand what they do online: Talk often about the sites/apps they use. Ask them:

- o What's involved?
- o Who do they interact with?
- o What information do they share?

We all want to keep our kids safe and parenting is an on-going and ever evolving privilege! If you are ever needing to seek support, please know that the staff are always on hand to chat!

#### TARMRA'S CHRISTMAS PROJECT



Celebrating Tarmra Heal: a huge thanks to the families who have already kindly donated to this Christmas cause. We are asking that families could consider making donations of the following kind, to place under the tree in the school office foyer ..

Canned Food: Spaghetti, baked beans, peaches, etc.

Toiletries: Soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, etc.

Snacks: Unopened packets of fresh biscuits, chips, and lollies (please check expiry

dates).

Presents – new only please and unwrapped. THANKS for supporting Tarmra and this project!

### SWIMMING SEASON SOON TO START!



The keys for the pool are on sale from the office from now. Cost for school families is \$70 for the season. The last day to purchase these is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. (There is a pool rules form for completion). A wee request ... if you are the last to use the pool, please pop the cover back on ... it not only helps with the warmth of the water, it also keeps the chlorine level stable (the sun zaps it!).



Thankyou to our school community, who raised \$250 for the NBS Rescue Helicopter Appeal.



#### **District Athletics**

We look forward to hosting the local district athletics champs at Lower Moutere, next Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November for all 8-10 year olds and then Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> for all 11 year olds plus. We are holding a Sausage Sizzle on both of these days (for competitors only) – if any parent has some time to spare and would be able to look after the cooking, we would really appreciate it. If you could let either Mike or myself know, that would be great!

#### Pet day is coming up...!

Friday 29 November is our school Pet Day! We are co-ordinating this with the up and coming A & P Show, including some of the art and craft entries. We will have information coming home as a separate sheet, next week. Start considering which pet you may wish to bring or if you know of someone who may be able to help with the judging! We are really grateful to have members of the Tasman Rural Fire Brigade here for some of the day, to give us a really cool demonstration!

#### **OUT OF ZONE SPACES**

Recently we advertised that we have out of zone spaces available for 2025. We now have just 3 left ... so if you know of anyone who is wishing to have their child attend Lower Moutere in 2025, please ask them to make contact as soon as possible!

#### **PROPERTY WORKS**

Looking after a school is never a dull time ... there is always SOMETHING happening! So here is what is coming up..

- Towards the end of this term, we are building an Archgola over the large deck area outside Room 1. This will provide much needed shelter for students who play out there and creates a magic work space too!
- Vicki Cowling a local artist has just completed a wonderful mural that will go in the area where our Sensory room is, set into the carvings. Those carvings came from Stu's farm when he was a lad (still is sometimes!!) and the mural will help complete the full story of the carvings ... more to come!
- The Board is working closely with Salisbury School to acquire a new classroom which will replace the two Portacoms (Rooms 9 and 10). We are well underway ... waiting on 'processes...'

#### **SCHOOL ACCOUNTS**

Thanks again to the many of you who have worked hard to clear your school accounts – this is really appreciated! However, we do have some bus, sports, camp and Motec fees still outstanding. If you are not sure if there is a balance outstanding, please contact the school office.

#### **EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE**

Last week we had the Education Review Office in the school, looking at the quality of education our school provides, what we do for our students and where we are heading. While the report we have in hand is in draft, it was awesome to hear words like 'teaching is of high quality' and 'strong supports are in place for students' and 'positive relationships exist between the school, parents and community'. This is a real testament to the high quality staff and professional commitment that exists in the school, towards students and education at Lower Moutere School. A big thanks to the Board and staff for all they do to 'be the best that they can be!'

### YEAR 8 End of year DINNER!

This will be held at school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 6pm. Separate details will be heading home to our Year 8 students regarding this.

### **END OF YEAR PRIZE GIVING!**

The end of year prizegiving will be held at the school on WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER. There will be some musical entertainment prior to the awarding of trophies and Golden Acorn awards. Again, this will start at 6pm, concluding by 7pm. School reports will also be handed out at this time.





### **LAST DAY OF TERM 4, 2024!**

The last full day of school is Thursday 12 December. There is a half day on the 13<sup>th</sup>, however no buses will be running and school will finish at 12pm. If you intend on sending your child(ren) to school on the 13<sup>th</sup>, please let your child's teacher know. (We will remind you again closer to the time).



**School Payments** 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

Many thanks for your support for our school!



Chris Bascand - Principal (JP)



**Absentee Messages** Phone: 03 526 7775, <u>Text (only)</u>: 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.

#### Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER	
Tuesday 19 & Wednesday 20	Interschools Athletics
	Day 1 - 8-10 year olds
	Day 2 - 11-13 year olds
Friday 22	Mufti Day - Dogs for the Blind
Thursday 28	Board meeting
Friday 29	Pet Day
DECEMBER	
Tuesday 3	Year 8 Leavers Dinner
Wednesday 11	End of year concert and Year 8 farewells
Friday 13	Last day of school – Finish 12pm

#### TERM DATES 2025

Term 1 2025	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 1.1 <sup>th</sup> April
	(Nelson Anniversary Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February, Waitangi Day Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February
	and Teacher Only Day Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February)
	Easter: Good Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April, Easter Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April)
	ANZAC Day Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April
Term 2 2025	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June
	(King's Birthday Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June and Matariki Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June)
Term 3 2025	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July — Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September
Term 4 2025	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
	(Labour Day Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October)





Motueka A&P Association Show presents

### Student Competitions Sections includes:

-Photography

Three Homemade biscuits.

-Design a Card.

-Lego Creation- (no more than 30cm).

-Any Hand craft or Hobby.

-Decorated Rock

-Vegetable Creations (combine imagination & vegetable to create something amazing).

Pet Section

Dog Show (at 1pm).

Floating Bowl. Health Lunch Box

-Cupcake decorating (cupcakes/muffins can be brought or homemade, judging is just on the decorating)

#### Entries to be submitted on Show

Day 7:30 - 9am

or Wed, Thur, Friday in the week leading up to the show 2:30pm - 5pm, at Marchwood Park via the College Street entrance in the building to the

We will have printed entry forms available.

Judging commences at 9:00am Saturday December 7th

Arts, hobby & Photography
50c ENTRY = with PRIZES to be won!



Marchwood Park Motueka

9:00am - 4pm

Kids in car seats free entree

Gate Entry \$5

#### Rain or shine the day will be filed with:

-Free children play area and entertainment

-vintage merry- go round

Animal nursery/ petting zoo

-live Enterginment



-Market stalls with food, beverages and more...

-Arts, crafts, vegetable competitions for all ages, with prizes

-Rides and Amusements...

-Equestrian events

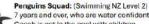


Did you know Motueka has a

We swim at the Motueka High School pool and have a range of levels available.



Swimming Season: 25 November 2024 - March 2025



years and over, who are water confident and can swim a basic freestyle. Coach is not in the pool with children. (2 sessions/week: Monday/Wednesday)



Dolphins Squad: (Swimming NZ Level 3)

Focus on correct freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke technique.

(2 sessions/week: Monday/Wednesday)



10 years and over, confident swimmers that wish to improve their techniques (including butterfly) and increase their endurance. (2 sessions/week: Monday/Wednesday)

Trains 4 sessions/week (Monday-Thursday), may attend meets. For swimmers who still want to improve technique and train as a squad but may not want to swim competitively.

#### Competitive Squad:

Trains 4 sessions/week (Monday-Thursday), intense focus on perfecting stroke technique, speed, and endurance, Opportunity to compete at Swimming NZ meets,

Email motuekaswimclub@gmail.com for more information.

Motueka Swim Club

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSfTLGa-7ZNVbxwE6LYzhXDUXhPYxqC86O1O9toIFDOzbOobvw/viewform



## STUDIO We've opened a photography studio at 78 Main Road, Lower Moutere. We'd love to photograph your family in our

studio or at a location of your choice!! At Happy Fox Photography Studio, we're all about affordable, real, raw, and ridiculously fun moments that'll

give you the warm fuzzies for years to come. We look forward to capturing your special memories.



Contact Carissa @ HappyFoxPhotographyStudio info@happyfox.co.nz \* 027 2932 124 \* www.happyfox.co.nz



#### The CHRISTMAS PROJECT!

No child should be left wondering why Santa didn't visit them!

Your donations will help us to ensure we reach as many local kids as possible (who may otherwise miss out) with Christmas gifts!

Sometimes Santa needs a wee helping hand. We collect, purchase, wrap and distribute gifts to our local families. We do, however, rely on donations

If you can help, we would be so grateful. Gifts can be donated until 6th December.

Suggested donations: (please no second hand or preloved items) Toys, books, puzzles, art sets, craft sets, board games Beach towels, hats, sunglasses, togs, beach games, sports equipment, balls Clothing, PJ's, shoes, slippers, bedding, cushions School bags, lunchboxes, drink bottles, swim/tog bags, pencil cases, stationary items Toiletries - soap, body wash, deodorants, hair care, clips, hair brushes Treat foods for stockings - chips, bars, snacks, sweets, school lunch treats, drinks Cash/bank transfer. Grocery vouchers (to purchase stocking treats and fillers)

Do you need help this year? Or know anyone who does? For more information, please contact me 027 2497704 or tarmraheal@yahoo.com

Thank you so much - Love Tarm xx





# Piano and Violin lessons in Motueka

Suzuki method music lessons for complete beginners aged 3 yrs+ with a parent/support person

### www.katiesuzukimusic.com/

Do a 1-week-free website registration so you can book a free chat to meet me



- Child-friendly lessons
- Children learn by ear then learn to read music
- Flexible lesson booking
- Pre-recorded videos on the website to use between lessons







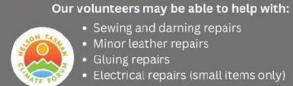




Thursdays 5-8pm 14th, 21st, 28th November 5th, 12th, 19th December

- \* Museum open late 5 8.30pm.

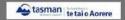
  Keep your sober driving partner occupied while you shop & sip.
- No after-hours entry fee. Standard daytime entry fees apply.
- \* Ogle at over 150 classic cars.
- \* Galleries at the perfect temperature
  Not too hot, not too cold.
- \* Avoid the summer tourists.
- \* Nice and quiet.





THE 3rd SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

- Minor leather repairs
- Gluing repairs
- Electrical repairs (small items only)
- Wood repairs (eg chairs)
- Blade sharpening (knives / tools)
- Slot car (and other electric toy) repairs
- · General household item repairs
- Minor bicycle repairs



REDUCE WASTE & SAVE

AT THE MOTUEKA LIBRARY

10am - 1pm













