



Lower Moutere School



SCHOOL ROAD, LOWER MOUTERE

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15 OCTOBER 2024

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

I can't believe we are now in the last term of this super -speedy year. A special welcome to our new families joining Lower Moutere School. It is great to have you here with us. And of course welcome back everyone. It is going to be a great term. This term is as always, a busy one with a number of exciting activities and events happening to delight and inspire our children!

SCHOOL CAMPS!

We have started our EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) programme – a very exciting time for so many students across the school. Our Year 7 & 8 students head off for a great week to Totaranui, with the Year 4 students who will soon have a tent-over at school!

Thanks to the parents who are able to give up their time to support us with camps – we really appreciate your help!!

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS



The school is currently carrying a large level of debt resulting from unpaid accounts over the year. Many of the outstanding debt is from sports activities or bus payments. As a result of this, we have had to resort to no longer allowing students to 'book up' expenses. The end result is that our students funding goes to 'writing off' bad debts and ultimately, our students go without the resources they deserve.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Our school is having a continued focus on attendance – arriving at school before the bell rings or having a good level of attendance at school. Weekly, the Ministry of Education are monitoring school attendance. We really want to encourage our students to be on time and ready for learning!

Our average attendance for students (who were here for 90% of the term) is 64% ... the target is 90%.

Come on Lower Moutere ... we can get this!

DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of school that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

If you want your child to be successful at school then **YES**, attendance does matter!

EVERY DAY COUNTS!



Lower Moutere School is a SUN SAFE focused school. We know the long-term dangers of exposure to the sun, and therefore do all we can to ensure that safe practices are in place at our school. This term, all students and staff are required to wear a sunhat whenever they are outside. Please ensure that your child brings their named school hat to school. If you need a new school hat, this can be purchased from the school office.

There is NO Sausage sizzle or pie day this Friday – we will start up again week 2.

SCHOOL BUS – MOTUEKA RUN

A reminder to our families using the bus run from Motueka. If all users can have this paid by the end of this month please, so by 31st October. Prompt payment is appreciated. The cost is \$40 for one student and \$75 for a family.



School Payments Please ensure your Payee Details have the family name and the payment reason. The school account details are as **ASB – 12-3158-0184739-00**

SWIMMING SEASON SOON TO START!



After seeing the fresh snow on the hills, I am pleased we are hesitant to start swimming! We will aim to have the pool filled and heated within the next few weeks! Your child's teacher will advise you of swimming days and when each class will start swimming.

This is the time to see how much all our students have grown, and check ... 'do those togs still really fit you!??'

BUILDING WORK UPDATE

Over the school holidays, we have completed the following tasks ...

- Replaced all the wooden windows in Rooms 1, 7 and 8, with aluminum double glazed windows.
- Repaired the two wall ends of the classroom – boy that looks tidier!
- Replaced the 2 heat pumps in these 2 rooms with more modern ones!
- We are in the process of having funding approved for an Archgola over the deck outside Room 1!



Thanks IMB for leading this project for us, the team at Archgola and finally, all the parents who help!

CLASSES – 2025

The process for organising classes for 2025 is underway. If you have any specific requests for the placement of your child (ren) that you would like us to take into consideration, this needs to be in writing to myself by FRIDAY 18th October please. This is sent to principal@lowermoutere.school.nz – many thanks.

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is with many mixed emotions that I advise you as the Lower Moutere School community, of my resignation as your principal, effective from 25 January, 2025. The 9 ½ years of principalship at Lower Moutere have been an absolute privilege – through the great times and the challenging times, the school remains the most amazing place to work in. The Board have engaged the services of Janice Gulbransen to lead them through the appointment process, in the hope that we have a new principal for the 2025 year.

Where am I off to? The Board of St Josephs School, Nelson have offered me the position of principal there, so it's off to the city life! Boy is that going to be a change! I will remain forever indebted to the staff, students, Board members and of course, yourselves, who make this school the absolute BEST school in the Motueka region. Thank you.

Many thanks for your support for our school!

Chris Bascand – Principal (JP)





Absentee Messages Phone: 03 526 7775 or Text (only): 027 339 8801.

Please provide the following details: Your child's name, room number and reason for absence

TERM DATES 2025

Term 1 2025	Tuesday 4 th February – Friday 11 th April (Nelson Anniversary Monday 3 rd February Waitangi Day Thursday 6 th February Teacher Only Day Friday 7 th February) Easter: Good Friday 18 th April, Easter Monday 21 st April) ANZAC Day Friday 25 th April
Term 2 2025	Monday 28 th April – Friday 27 th June (King's Birthday Monday 2 nd June Matariki Friday 20 th June)
Term 3 2025	Monday 14 th July – Friday 19 th September
Term 4 2025	Monday 6 th October – Friday 18 th December (Labour Day Monday 27 th October)

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER	
Monday 14	First day of Term 4
Tuesday 15 - Friday 18	Year 7 & 8 camp to Totaranui
Friday 25	Dental Bus Leaves
Monday 28	LABOUR DAY
NOVEMBER	
Thursday 7	Board meeting
Friday 8	School athletics
Monday 11	Motueka Schools Kahui Ako TEACHER ONLY DAY
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

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- Years 1 - 4, Years 5 - 8, Years 9 - 10

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- 1st Prize: one award, \$300
- 2nd Prize: up to two awards, \$200 each
- 3rd Prize: up to three awards, \$100 each
- Highly commended: up to 10 awards

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

- 5.00 pm Friday 8th November, 2024

Artwork to be sent to Harcourts Gold Spitfire Office
Unit 12, 544 Memorial Avenue, Christchurch Airport,
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