



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, parents and the students from our senior school, who headed over to Totaranui for their camp! The weather held out beautifully and the experiences had will stay with everyone for years to come! As you can see, there was a bit of tramping, fishing, cooking over fires and plenty of time to enjoy the company of each other!

Camps are such an important part of growing up in New Zealand schools and we are really fortunate that we have a staff willing to really ensure our outdoor education programmes are practical, based locally and within reach of all. Well done!



TEACHER ONLY DAY – MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER

A reminder that Lower Moutere School (along with many other local schools) will be closed to students on **MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER** for a Ministry of Education Teacher Only Day. As a staff, we will be working together getting prepared for the new Curriculum changes including the roll out of both Structured Literacy and Structured Maths for 2025. This Teacher Only Day is one of two Teacher Only Days that were allocated to all schools by the Ministry of Education earlier this year – further information is available on the Ministry of Education website – [school-terms-and-holiday-dates/teacher-only-days](https://www.ed.govt.nz/school-terms-and-holiday-dates/teacher-only-days). This day coincides with Motueka High School too, so families, hopefully have some alignment with older siblings at home too!

TARMRA'S CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Celebrating Tarmra Heal: We are proud to acknowledge Tarmra Heal, who was recently recognised nationally on the ASB Good as Gold Awards - Christmas Edition. Her dedication to our community is so inspirational! And what is even more special is that Tarmra is connected to our school! She was 'caught' not so long ago with the ASB Good Sorts ... you can watch it on our school Facebook page (the link is there) – and as a school, we want to support Tarmra and her amazing support for our town. 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!



Our school swimming pool is now having some maintenance undertaken before filling with the intention of swimming starting in early November. Class teachers will let you know when each class will swim. Pool keys will also be for sale from 12 November, for our school families only, at \$70 a key.



Last week ...saw our school team of Evolocity enthusiasts take to the track and race their school-designed electric bike! What is Evolocity!?? It is where school-age students design, build and compete with their own electric vehicles. School age teams or individuals build a vehicle (either a bike or with 3+ wheels) powered by a standard 350W electric motor, controller and two 12V gel cells. Innovation is encouraged as students strive to make their vehicle the fastest with the least drag, and able to cope with the demands of a tight street circuit. The Engineering Design Award encourages teams to build innovative features, such as smart monitoring or object detection and avoidance. The final result was our school team (the youngest by far!) winning three out of the four sections and then returning to school with proud grins, more than a mile wide!



District Athletics

We look forward to hosting the local district athletics champs at Lower Moutere, Tuesday 19th November for all 8-10 year olds and then Wednesday 20th for all 11 year olds plus. We are holding a Sausage Sizzle on both of these days – 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. Mark this on the calendar! The programme is also available so if you're thinking about entering, you can start getting ready!

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.

LUCKY BOOK CLUB

The lucky book club has gone home last week. Please check your child/ren's school bags. If you would like to order anything please have it back to us by Tuesday 5th November.



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

Finally, a further reminder that your child/children are required to wear a Lower Moutere School bucket sun hat this term as part of our school uniform. Please ensure that it is named and worn by your child on a daily basis. These are available from the office at \$16 each.

Many thanks for your support for our school!

Chris Bascand – Principal (JP)



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.

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 and 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 and 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

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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MOTUEKA TOP 10 HOLIDAY PARK

Halloween Night

JOIN US FOR A SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION AT MOTUEKA TOP 10!

31 OCTOBER 2024
5 - 7PM

Bring the whole family and get ready to dress up in your best Halloween costumes! The first 600 children will receive a special goodie bag! Join us for a fun-filled night of Halloween festivities, spot prizes, disco, games and food stalls!



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).
- Poultry.
- Pet Section.
- Dog Show (at 1pm).
- Sand Saucer.
- 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 left...

Judging commences at 9:00am
Saturday December 7th
Arts, hobby & Photography
50c ENTRY = with PRIZES to be won!

We will have printed entry forms available.

Motueka A&P Show
association
December 7th 2024
Marchwood Park Motueka
Gate Entry \$5
Kids in car seats free entree
9:00am - 4pm


Rain or shine the day will be filed with:

- Market stalls with food, beverages and more...
- Free children play area and entertainment
- Arts, crafts, vegetable competitions for all ages, with prizes
- vintage merry-go round
- Animal nursery/ petting zoo
- live Entertainment
- Rides and Amusements...
- Equestrian events



Did you know Motueka has a Swimming Club?

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



MOTUEKA SWIM CLUB

Swimming Season: 25 November 2024 – March 2025

Penguins Squad: (Swimming NZ Level 2)
7 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)

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

Training Squad:
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.

Enrolments open NOW!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTLGa-7ZNVbxwF6L1YzhXDUXhPYxqC86Q1Q9taIFDQzbQobyw/viewform>

HAPPY FOX



PHOTOGRAPHY 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!!

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We look forward to capturing your special memories.



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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



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method teacher

MOTUEKA

REPAIR

CAFÉ

AT THE MOTUEKA LIBRARY

16 NOV

10am - 1pm

THE 3rd SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

Our volunteers may be able to help with:

- Sewing and darning repairs
- 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