

Kiaora to parents and caregivers!

Welcome to a wintery term 3! We trust that your holiday break with family was nothing short of great!

It is always awesome seeing and hearing the students back in the school grounds – their chatter and excitement brings the grounds alive again!

We welcome to the staff this term, Mr Paul Shand. Paul has settled back to the Tasman area after his stint in Malaysia, and getting to know our school. We wish Paul all the best while at Lower Moutere School and trust that he has a great time with Room 6 and the rest of us!

The first Tuesday of the holidays saw 150 teachers converge into the Lower Moutere hall for a day of Professional Development on writing. A fantastic group of senior school parents helped cater for this event, raising funds for the senior school camps, in November.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SCHOOL THIS TERM??

BREAKFAST CLUB – It is great having our 4 parents: Helen, Jill, Penny and Pip, supporting Breakfast club – thanks for giving your time to support our students! Breakfast club mornings are Tuesday and Thursday.

SCHOOL BUS – a reminder to ineligible bus students (mainly those who travel from Motueka), that school bus fees are due, as soon as possible please: \$35 per student or \$70 per family.

SCHOOL UNIFORM – The school uniform is the winter uniform. Students may wear black fleece pants or shorts. If they are wearing thermals under their tops, please ensure that this is either black or dark blue.

PROPERTY UPDATE – the Administration building is approximately 4 weeks off completion, which will be GREAT!! If you come into the school, both Jo and Sharon are now back in the office area ...along with the builders and other tradies! New carpet has been laid, repainting and moving of walls are just some of the tasks completed! Toilet blocks, concreting and a new septic system are the last few jobs on the list!



LEARNING AT SCHOOL TERM 3!

Our main topic of learning this term is

.... RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES....

We all have rights ... we have responsibilities too! Sometimes it is hard to get the balance right, however having an understanding certainly helps! Seniors will look at Rights and Roles in Medieval times, before moving to democracy, and the election process in New Zealand. Juniors will question why we have rules in everyday life.

We are also learning about CYBER SAFETY, with Jon Parson. Mark this date in the diary – WEDNESDAY 6 SEPT. We will be hosting a parents evening with Jon – an event not to miss!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION – Preparation for Winter Sport events in Motueka. We welcome back to school, **NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE**, for junior students!

ARTS – we are working on Collage art. We are also focussing on Dance – mainly folk style dancing.

WRITING – we will continue our work with Di Skilton (University of Canterbury), developing our writing programme across the school.



We would really appreciate some extra sets of hands coaching students in the senior school with Winter Sports – Rugby, Netball, Hockey or Soccer. We are out practising every THURSDAY from 2.10pm. Please let your child’s teacher know if you can!

To our senior Miniball team – The Lower Moutere School Lakers – who WON the Motueka regional competition! Thanks to the coach, Angela Morris.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

Yesterday, all students have brought home a request form for interviews. Interviews are a follow-up from the written reports that were handed out last term. Requests for interviews need to be returned by TOMORROW (Friday). Staff will allocate times and return the same form, with confirmations written on the form. Interviews will focus on any questions / clarifications you may have regarding reports, and teachers going over what the next steps are to be!



To the many parents, grandparents and friends of the school who came along to school on the last day of term 2! The students and staff really appreciated sharing the terms work with you all!

FOR SELLING THE FIREWOOD RAFFLES – the last raffle raised over \$1200, which has been put towards new sports gear, in particular, basketballs, plastic hockey sets and field balls.

Last term, a second raffle was distributed for selling. If you are able to return these to school after selling them, we would appreciate it! Funds from this raffle will go towards school sports uniforms.

Upcoming Events...

AUGUST	
Tues 1 st	Year 5/6 Rugby 7's Competition
Thurs 3 rd	Parent Interviews 3.30 - 7.30pm
Wed 9 th	Parent Interviews 3.30 - 5.30pm
Thurs 10 th	Moutere Inn Pub Quiz - 7pm start
Mon 14 th - Fri 18 th	Kia Kaha - Anti Bullying Program (NZ Police)
Tues 15 th	Board of Trustees Meeting - 6pm in Staffroom
Thurs 17 th	Ski Trip - Rooms 7 & 8
Thurs 24 th	Winter Tournament - Year 5/6
Fri 25 th	Winter Tournament - Year 7/8
Wed 30 th	Speech Competition
SEPTEMBER	
Wed 6 th	Jon Parsons - Cyber Safety
Tues 19 th	Board of Trustees Meeting - 6pm in Staffroom
Fri 29 th	Last Day - Term 3



Friday School Lunch Orders - Order online any time before 9am Friday for delivery: www.motbikeco.nz/schoollunch

Fundraising: Moutere Inn Pub Quiz - Next quiz in support of Lower Moutere School on **Thursday 10th August, 7pm start**. Entry \$2 for each team member. Wine raffle \$3. Thanks to Kahurangi, Neudorf and Mahana wineries. All proceeds go to Lower Moutere School!! So get down there and support the school and make a great night of it. *Booking your table for the quiz is essential*. Phone 035432759 www.moutereinn.co.nz (Following quiz night 14th Sept - 2nd Thursday of the month).

Here's to a great term ahead!

Regards,

Chris Bascand - Principal

Congratulations to Hui Qi, pictured here with Louise (Westpac) and her Mum, Jin Yee!

Hui Qi was the deserving recipient of the The Sir Peter Blake Young Leader Award. This award is sponsored by Westpac and acknowledges young New Zealanders who demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities within their school communities.

