



Lower Moutere School

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Kia Ora families and friends of Lower Moutere School

28 August 2025

Daffodil Day

Today was about dressing up, having some fun and raising a little bit of money for the Cancer Society New Zealand. The school raised \$265, so a BIG thankyou to everyone!

The Cancer Society is the largest private funder of cancer research in New Zealand. We know research is vital to finding a cure and improving outcomes for the approximately 28,000 New Zealanders diagnosed with cancer every year.

In the past ten years, the Cancer Society has invested over \$50 million in cancer research, that has improved the prevention, detection, and treatment of different types of cancer. This research aims to save lives and help New Zealanders live longer following a diagnosis.



The importance of being at school on time

I want to take a moment to talk about something that can have a big impact on your child's day: arriving at school on time.

We all know mornings can be a rush but arriving just five minutes before the school bell rings at 8:50 am makes a world of difference. This isn't about being overly strict; it's about giving your child the best possible start to their day.

That extra five minutes allows children to:

- **Settle in:** They can catch up with their friends and teachers and put their bags away without feeling rushed.
- **Prepare for learning:** This brief window of time helps them transition from home mode to school mode, so they are mentally ready when the first lesson begins.
- **Reduce anxiety:** Rushing in right as the bell rings can be stressful for some children, making it harder for them to focus for the rest of the morning.

When students arrive calm and ready, the whole school benefits from a positive and settled start.

Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring our school remains a great place for our children to learn and thrive.

Winter Sports “Racket n Roll”

Last Friday, as part of our winter sports programme, Upper Moutere — with support from Sport Tasman — launched the very first “Racket n Roll” option. This option was created especially for students who sometimes find it hard to engage with traditional team sports. The Kaupapa of the day was simple: to give Tamariki the chance to be active in a way that feels right for them, while catering for diversity and encouraging inclusion so that every child felt welcome.

Throughout the day, students rotated through four activities: Badminton, Pickleball, Bowling, and Challenge Stations. Each rotation was made up of short, structured activities, but with a twist — Tamariki were encouraged to adapt the rules, change the way the game was played, and choose how they wanted to experience success. Some chose to be competitive against others, while others set personal goals and competed against themselves.

The feedback from parents was incredibly positive. One parent shared, “Yesterday was run really well. I loved that the Tamariki didn’t need any pre-requisite skills, just came as they are, and could be as competitive or non-competitive as they wanted.” Another commented on the value of student choice and voice: “They had autonomy to change the games up, and everybody could participate at a level they were comfortable with. The Sport Tasman staff were really engaging and asked open-ended questions so that the Tamariki could extend or change things up.” Perhaps the strongest endorsement came from a student who discovered a new passion:

“I’ve never played badminton before — I love it now! Where can I sign up to play it?”

The result was a fun-filled day where every child could find their own way to enjoy being active, build confidence, and celebrate movement on their own terms — a great example of inclusive sport that values diversity.



Update Contact Details

If you have recently moved house or changed your contact details or your emergency contacts/details, we ask you to please contact the school office to let them know. You can email them on office@lowermoutere.school.nz or phone on 03 526 7775. Thanks for your help!

Milnes Beatson Motueka to Māpua Relay

Date: Saturday 6 September 2025

Registration: from 11.00am at the Motueka Saltwater Baths

Course: Motueka to Māpua, 26 km (4 legs)

Who: All ages welcome – school teams, families, and community groups

More Info & Entry: Check the Waimea Harriers Facebook page



School policy & procedures

All policies and procedures for our school can be located on SchoolDocs – www.schooldocs.co.nz

Our log-in is **Lower Moutere** and password – **respectful**. The home page will have a 'review' section, should parents wish to view what is currently being reviewed, and give feedback. If you wish to view any school policy or procedure, you will find them all on this website.

School Uniforms

With the cooler terms upon us, it is time to remind ourselves of the school uniform for the winter season.

Students wear a school fleece (we have many spares at school), the school shirt (available from Whitwells) and either BLACK shorts or fleecy pants. If students are needing to wear a thermal, it can be either BLACK or DARK BLUE. Students can of course wear a jacket to school for extra warmth during breaks etc.

After school care!

A reminder that Lower Moutere School offers an after school care programme – that runs through to 5.30pm each evening! WINZ subsidy is available – so if you are needing that care after school, look no further!!

To book in, call 027 358 7233 or you can email kidzklubafter3@gmail.com for further details!

We look forward to catching up over the term ahead.



School Payments

If you have Motec, bus, sports fees or anything else on your children's account and are concerned about this please get in contact with us. You can contact the office or your child's teacher, in person, phone or by email and have a discussion. Remember we are here to help!

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

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.



Community Oral Health Service

For dental treatment prior to the Mobile Clinic return next year, contact the Community Oral Health Service for an appointment Ph 0800 833 846 or 528 1160 Option 7. For any urgent dental care, parents should contact a contracting dentist in their community.

Many thanks for your support for our school!

Bevan Clark

Principal / Tumuaki

AUGUST	
Friday 29 th	Daffodil Day - Mufti Day
SEPTEMBER	
Thursday 4 th	Board Meeting in Staffroom at 6pm
Friday 12 th	School Photos
Friday 19 th	Last Day of Term 3
OCTOBER	
Monday 6 th	First Day of Term 4
Tuesday 7 th - Friday 10 th	Year 7 & 8 Camp
Thursday 16 th	Year 4 Camp
Monday 27 th	Labour Day - Public Holiday
Thursday 30 th October	Board Meeting in Staffroom 6pm
NOVEMBER	
Wednesday 19 th - Friday 21 st	Year 5 & 6 Camp
DECEMBER	
Thursday 11 th	Board Meeting in Staffroom 6pm
Thursday 18 th	Last Day of Term 4



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WINTER

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Music lessons are now available at school!

Which instrument or skill would your child like to learn?

We offer Guitar, Ukulele, flute, drums, piano/keyboard, singing and body percussion lessons.


Individual, duo or group lessons in school hours are available.

**To enroll your children please contact Eugenie: info@musiclingo.nz
Please let us know your child's name, class and what they would like to learn.**

**For more information, check our website: [Musiclingo.nz](https://musiclingo.nz/) <https://musiclingo.nz/>
or find us on facebook: MusicLingo**

We are looking forward to bringing music to your school.

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YOUTH GROUP
AGES 10+ SATURDAYS 5-9PM
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NICK HYDE
 06/09/2025 - 7PM
 Channel Arts Centre-
 31 High St, Motueka




Tickets \$30+BF -
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MOTUEKA AMATEUR
ATHLETICS CLUB



OPEN NIGHT
MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER @ 4PM

FOR NEW AND RETURNING ATHLETES
AGES 5 -15 YEARS
 (YOUR GRADE IS THE AGE YOU ARE ON 31ST DEC 2025)
MEMORIAL PARK, MOTUEKA

EMAIL: MOTUEKA.ATHLETICS@HOTMAIL.COM

FIND MORE INFORMATION ON FACEBOOK
 @ATHLETICS.MOTUEKA

NEW FAMILY FRIENDLY TIME



ICEBLOCKS FOR PARTICIPANTS

New Zealand China Friendship Society
 Harcourts Gold Spitfire

Art Competition 2025

Friends Forever: China and New Zealand in the Future

THREE GROUPS:
 • Years 1 - 4, Years 5 - 8, Years 9 - 10

PRIZES FOR EACH GROUP:
 • 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 17th October, 2025

Artwork to be sent to Harcourts Gold Spitfire Office
 Unit 12, 544 Memorial Avenue, Christchurch Airport,
 Christchurch 8053

CONTACT: southem@nzchc.com

For more details,
 please scan the QR code



Harcourts gold

SPRINGSIDE ARTS CENTRE



OPEN DAY
SEPT 5

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WAKEFIELD N.Z.

ENTRY FEE:
\$7 PER ADULT (AGES 10+)
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SEPT 5

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Market Stalls Wanted!

Sunday 14th September

@Valley to View - Hira School Fair

Cable Bay Adventure Park 10am - 3pm

Would you like to set up your stall at our school fair?
We're looking for stall holders to bring more colour and fun to our school fair.

Just \$10 to Hira School for a space.

Set up by 10am.

More info, contact Lou 0212982458

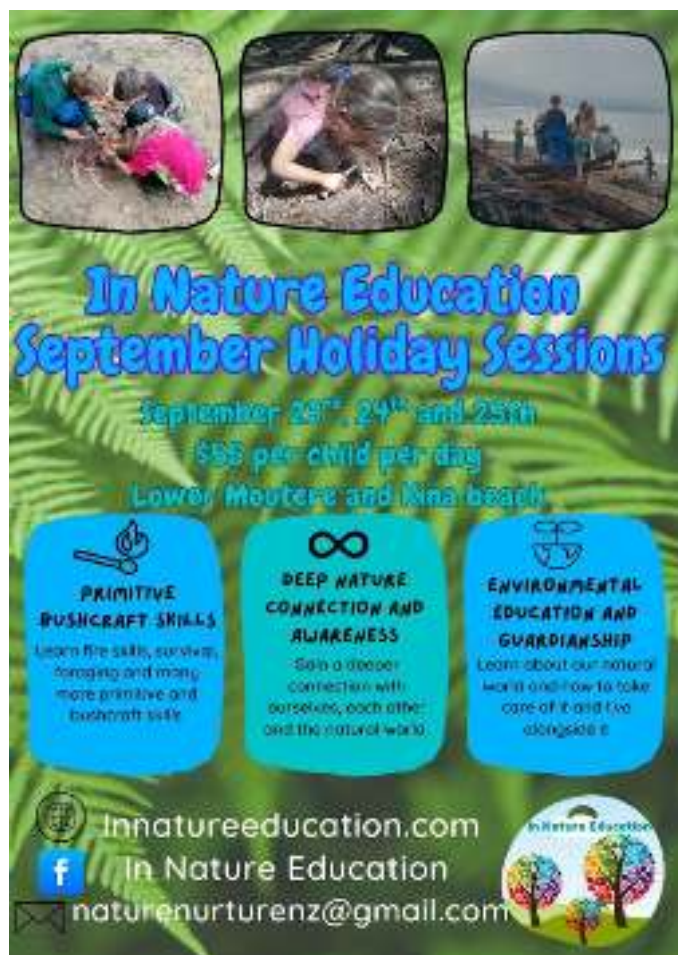


Valley to View

SEPT 14TH
10 AM - 3 PM

Hira School
Cable Bay Adventure Park

BRING FAMILY AND FRIENDS
GOLD COIN ENTRY



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September 29th, 24th and 25th
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Hope School COUNTRY FAIR

Saturday 13 September
11am - 2pm

- Indoor & Outdoor Plants
- Bouncy Fun • Animals
- Quad Bike Rides • Music
- Produce • Student Crafts
- Baking & Cafe • Hot Food
- Silent Auction & Raffles
- Books • Eftpos
- Rain or Shine
- Gold Coin Entry Donation

316 Paton Road, Hope
(free parking opposite the school)

 Hope School Country Fair



Name

Phone

Age

Entries to St Peter Chanel School Office by 10th September 2025. Prizes for 5 & 6, 7 & 8, 9 & 10, 11-13 years