



Lower Moutere School



SCHOOL ROAD, LOWER MOUTERE
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Greetings Parents and Caregivers,

31st March 2026

As we come to the end of term one, I'd like to take a moment to thank our staff for the amazing job they do. Wandering around the playground today, the children are happy and interacting together. Walking through the classrooms, the children are actively engaged in their learning tasks and are producing work they are proud of. I'd like to wish everyone a safe and happy Easter break. We are looking forward to another busy term when we get back.

Staff News

It is with a mixture of great pride and sadness that we let you know Rachel Diack will be finishing her time here at Lower Moutere School at the end of this term. She has accepted a well-deserved appointment as the new Principal of Dovedale School. While we will miss her expertise, warmth, and dedication to our students, we are incredibly proud of her achievements. Moving into a principalship is a significant milestone in an educator's career, and it speaks volumes about the high calibre of teaching and leadership we value here at Lower Moutere School. We wish Rachel all the best in her new role.

In the meantime, we are actively searching for her replacement. When we have made an appointment, we will let you know.

Fundraising Quiz - Motueka Sprig & Fern - Tuesday 21st April at 7pm

Dust off your thinking caps and gather your sharpest friends! Our upcoming School Quiz night is fast approaching, and we couldn't be more excited to bring our community together for a night of laughs and friendly competition. This year, every cent raised will go directly toward our EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) program. We believe that some of the most important lessons don't just happen within the classroom, and your support ensures that cost is never a barrier to our Tamariki experiencing the magic of the great outdoors.

Our EOTC program is a cornerstone of the New Zealand curriculum, offering students the chance to build resilience and adaptability in real-world environments. By stepping outside their comfort zones—whether it's in the Able Tasman, along one of our many shorelines or up one of our beautiful mountains, students develop vital problem-solving skills and teamwork that translate directly back into the classroom. These experiences foster a deep sense of whanaungatanga (connection) as they learn to support one another through physical and mental challenges. Furthermore, engaging with our local landscapes encourages a spirit of kaitiakitanga (guardianship), teaching our children to respect and care for the environment. Ultimately, these adventures build the self-confidence and lifelong memories that help shape well-rounded, courageous young people. There will be lots of raffle prizes and fun to be had on the night so grab your team and book your table! Entry is \$5 per person.

Water skills week

Last week and culminating today we were very fortunate to have Michelle from the Richmond Aquatic centre working with our staff and Tamariki on water safety lesson here in our own pool. Water safety and the skills we have been working with our children on are vitally important in our environment. Michelle, our staff and our students have worked very hard during this program. The feedback I have received has been very positive and it is gratifying to see the enjoyment on the students faces taking part.

School Swimming Pool

Our school swimming pool will CLOSE for the season on Thursday 2nd April. If you have hired a pool key, could this please be returned to the school office by Thursday 2nd April. Many thanks!

School Jerseys

The weather is getting a bit cooler in the mornings. If you are after a school jersey for your child/ren please pop into the office and pick up a free one.....we have plenty!!

CUSTOMISED SCHOOL SPORTS SHIRTS

For those of you who ordered a school sports shirt - these have arrived at school and have gone home today. Please check your child's bag if you have ordered one.

Office Hours

Just a reminder that our office hours are Monday to Friday – 8.30am to 3.30pm

If your child arrives late to school, after the bell at 8.50am please sign-in at the office. If you are collecting your child to leave school early, for any reason, again please sign them out from the office.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

After school care!

A reminder that there is an after school programme held in the hall at Lower Moutere School – 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

At this time of year there is always a lot of expenses with school starting and especially after Christmas. 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

APRIL	
Thursday 2 nd	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 20 th	First Day of Term 2
Monday 27 th	ANZAC Day Observed - School Closed
Thursday 30 th	Board Meeting in the Staffroom at 6pm
MAY	
Wednesday 20 th	LMS Cross Country
JUNE	
Monday 1 st	Kings Birthday
Thursday 18 th June	Board Meeting in the Staffroom at 6pm
JULY	
Friday 3 rd	Last Day of Term 2
Friday 10 th July	Matariki
Monday 20 th	First Day of Term 3
SEPTEMBER	
Thursday 17 th	School Photos
Thursday 24 th	Pet Day
Friday 25 th	Last Day of Term 3
OCTOBER	
Monday 12 th	First Day of Term 4
Monday 26 th	Labour Day - Public Holiday
DECEMBER	
Tuesday 15 th December	Last Day of Term 4

LOWER MOUTERE SCHOOL
PRESENTS

QUIZ NIGHT

MOTUEKA SPRIG AND FERN


TUESDAY 21ST APRIL
7.00PM START

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It will be a fun night with prizes.
Tables are limited so get in fast!

BOOK A TABLE TODAY!

Motueka Sprig and Fern
03 5284684



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SATURDAY 18TH APRIL
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
MOTUEKA REC CENTRE

COST \$7

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in AUCKLAND**



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KIDZ KLUB AFTER 3
Amazing Autumn holiday
programme
7th -17th of April 2026

8.30am - 3.30pm

(aftercare may be available to 4:30pm
depending on numbers)

LOWER MOUTERE SCHOOL HALL

\$45 per day

WINZ OSCAR Subsidies available to eligible families



To get an enrolment form for your children contact
Leah Bailey-Young 027 512 0687

Kidzklubafter3@gmail.com

BE IN QUICK AS SPACES ARE STRICTLY LIMITED!!!

Monday 6 th April	Tuesday 7 th April	Wednesday 8 th	Thursday 9 th April	Friday 10 th April
<p>EASTER MONDAY NO PROGRAMME TODAY</p>	<p>Mosaics on Canvases Turn tiny pieces into a big masterpiece!</p>	<p>Einstein's Get ready for curious minds and big ideas! Our Einstein sessions are packed with fun experiments, problem-solving challenges, and hands-on science that will spark creativity and make kids feel like real inventors.</p>	<p>Masterchef Our famous Masterchef competition is back in town!</p>	<p>Playground Hop Join us on a bus tour around all the best playgrounds in our beautiful backyard!</p>
<p>Monday 13th April The Great Auction Going once, going twice, SOLD!</p>	<p>Tuesday 14th April Upcycle it Using recycled equipment, let's see what we can create today!</p>	<p>Wednesday 15th Around the world Around the world in 1 day! At each station we will experience a different culture</p>	<p>Thursday 16th April Under the sea Get crafty with this fun theme, what seascapes and creatures can we create!</p>	<p>Friday 17th April Survivor! Who will outwit, outplay and outlast their peers today!?</p>



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/](https://musiclingo.nz)
or find us on facebook: **MusicLingo****

We are looking forward to bringing music to your school.

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Up to **30 Hours**
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per week*

Spaces Now Available

Motueka South Kindergarten

- Welcoming Tamariki 2-6
- 100% Qualified Kaiako
- Open Monday to Friday, 8:30 am - 2:45 pm

Enrol now at nelsontasmankindergartens.com

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GARDENS OF THE WORLD


SATURDAY 4 APRIL 2026
10AM TO 12PM

\$5 ENTRY

EASTER BUNNY HUNT

ALL PRIZES TO BE COLLECTED ON THE DAY BY 12:30PM
BRING A PICNIC LUNCH AND SPEND YOUR AFTERNOON ENJOYING THE GARDENS

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WALK IN IMMUNISATION CLINICS

Tuesdays from 18th Feb 2025 3 PM - 7 PM	Fridays from 21st Feb 2025 9AM - 1 PM
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281 Queen Street Richmond
All funded vaccines available
except Shingrix

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora
Nelson Marlborough

bookings available via this QR code 

TONE WITH KASE + CHLO

Catch us on 

Mondays - 930am
Tuesdays - 930am
Thursday - 6pm

Motueka Memorial Hall

Tone with Kase & Chlo
A Toning based fitness class

Cost = KOHA (Donation)

1st Class FREE 



FILM FESTIVAL PREMIERE
STAKE CREEK MOTUEKA
MAY 2026

YOUTH OUTDOOR SHORT FILM COMP

Entries by 19 April
Length 2 - 10 min
Open to youth (under 24yrs)
Over \$4,000 of prizes to be won
Full entry details on our website
wio.org.nz **FREE!** to enter

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OUTDOORS
Journeys of discovery

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TALKING CAFÉS

Connect with your community



April 2026

Wednesday, 1st April , 1.30-pm - 3.00pm
Takaka Memorial Library

Tuesday, 7th April, 11.00am - 12.30pm
McCashin's Brewery, 660 Main Road, Stoke

Tuesday, 14th April , 1.30-pm - 3.00pm
Richmond Library on Queen Street

Tuesday, 14th April , 10am-11.30am
St Peter's Anglican Church, Tapawera

Wednesday, 15th April, 10.00am - 11.30am
Motueka Library

Monday, 20th April , 10.00am-11.30am
Tahunanui Community Hub, Muritai Street

Wednesday, 22nd April , 1.30pm - 3.00pm
Halifax Cafe, 28 Halifax Street, Nelson

wellby.org.nz
phone 03 546 7681

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LEGO CLUB HOLIDAY FUN

8, 9 & 10 APRIL
FOUNDERS, NELSON
15 & 16 APRIL
RICHMOND TOWN HALL
9.30AM-3PM
6-11YR OLDS

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SCHOOL CAMP COMING UP?



Bedwetting doesn't have to stop your child from going. Here's how to prepare:



1. Get help early

The sooner you learn how to help your child stop bedwetting, the more confident they'll feel about staying dry at camp.



2. Reassure them

Many kids still wet the bed at this age. Your child is far from the only one thinking about this.



3. Smart evening habits

Skip fizzy drinks and juice after dinner. Make a final toilet stop after your evening chat.



4. Tell a teacher

Let a trusted teacher know ahead of time so they can support your child quietly and confidently.



5. Pack discreet essentials

Extra PJs, wipes, and a quiet waterproof disposal bag keep things simple. Skip onesies, they're tricky for night toileting.



6. Consider temporary medication

There is short-term medication that can help with sleepovers and school camp. Just make sure to trial it before they go.



Want more tips?

I can't tell it all here, so checkout my blog about Bedwetting and School Camp

Don't wait for the next camp to roll around.
Give your child the best chance to enjoy **sleepovers** and **school camps** without stress.

At Stay Dry at Night, we can help your child (aged 5 to 12 y) learn how to stop bedwetting.



Scan the QR code to read our full blog

www.staydryatnight.com

1000 Minute Reading Trackers



Read It? Colour It!

Read for 20 minutes a day for 50 days this equals 1000 minutes of reading!



Lots to choose

Reading trackers can be collected from any library branch throughout the school year.



Check out the library website www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz



Wallace Shield Cross Country Series



- Free, fun, family event
- Good training for School League series
- 1, 2 or 3 laps of 1.7km
- All ages



Moturoa/Rabbit Island, Saturdays 18 Apr, 02 May, 09 May

2:30pm race start More info: www.waimeaharriers.nz/wallaceshield



2026 HOCKEY OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 2nd MAY at Saxton Field Hockey turfs
9:00 AM — 10:30 AM



2026 HOCKEY OPEN DAY

We welcome everyone for a fun day!
Sticks / balls / bibs will be provided

FREE OPEN HOCKEY DAY
Free sausages & drinks

Fun games / basics skills

No registration needed

For further information please contact
NHA RDM - rdm@nelsonhockey.org.nz
www.nelsonhockey.org.nz - PH: 03-5479988



School Holiday fun

MR Fungus

A thrillingly,
ridiculous, silly show

Sat. April 11th

Motueka Chanel Arts
Centre

SCH. CHILDREN: \$5
ADULTS \$25

MOTUEKA AFC FOOTBALL 2026

Kids turning 9 years old needed

Games starting 2 nd May	Kids born in 2017 or late 2016	No experience needed
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- Registrations also available for ages 5 to Adult
- Register online www.sporty.co.nz/MotuekaAFC
- More info contact motuekaafcjunior@gmail.com



EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS

Course Dates: 7th - 10th April and 13th - 17th April

Optimist Sailing

These iconic little boats are the starting point on many sailors' journey. Suitable for ages 8-11 years, beginner, intermediate & advanced classes. 3-day option available.

Topaz Sailing

For age 11+, learn to sail in something stable and comfy, then progress in to a Fusion Sailboat & RS Feva for intermediate levels.



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