



Lower Moutere School

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Kia Ora families and friends of Lower Moutere School

12 June 2025

Matariki Celebration!



For many years now, Lower Moutere School has celebrated Matariki in the early hours of the morning ... many have braved the cold, enjoyed standing around roaring fires and then had a hot breakfast well before the sun starts to appear over the sidehills!

This year we have again planned for a great celebration to be held at the school on the morning of FRIDAY 27 JUNE, starting at 6pm. More details will come to you all closer to the time.

Motueka Schools' Cross Country

On Friday 6th June at Rabbit Island, we took a team of 28 students to this event. The students competed with courage and tenacity. We'd like to thank the parents who were able to provide transport and attend this event. Congratulations to Awen Horrell, who finished second in her age group. Other students to place in the top ten were:

Year Five Girls - Paige Nicholson – 10th

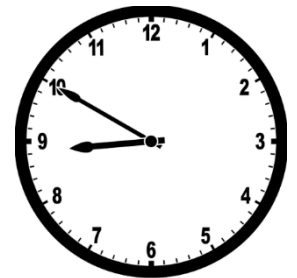
Year Five Boys - Tor Horrell – 8th, Beau Fraser – 9th

Year Six Girls – Awen Horrell – 2nd, Olivia Watene 10th

Year Eight Boys - Axel Walker – 5th

Why it is important to be at school on time!

We have noticed an increase in children arriving late to school. We know mornings can be hectic, but we want to highlight the importance of your child arriving at school at least 5 minutes before the bell. This small change can make a significant difference to their day, and here's why:



- Settling In & Ready to Learn: Arriving early allows children to transition smoothly from home to school. They can unpack their bags, organise their belongings, and chat with friends before the learning day begins. This helps them feel calm and ready to focus when the bell rings.
- Avoiding the Rush & Stress: Rushing into class as the bell rings (or after!) can be stressful for children. It can lead to them feeling flustered and unprepared, making it harder to concentrate. Arriving early avoids this unnecessary stress.
- Building a Sense of Community: Those few minutes before school starts are a valuable time for children to interact with their peers and teachers. They can build friendships, share news, and feel connected to their school community.
- Developing Responsibility & Time Management: Arriving on time is a valuable life skill. By encouraging punctuality, we are helping children develop a sense of responsibility and learn the importance of time management.
- Starting the Day Positively: A calm and organised start to the day sets the tone for a positive learning experience. When children arrive on time, they are more likely to feel confident and engaged throughout the day.
- Respecting the Learning Time: When students arrive late the class is disrupted, and they miss out on valuable learning time.

We understand that unforeseen circumstances can sometimes cause delays. However, we encourage you to make every effort to ensure your child arrives at school at least 5 minutes before the bell. Lateness along with attendance is being tracked by the government. We have been asked to contact whanau who are showing up in our data as concerning in both areas. Our process is to begin with a phone call. If we do not see any improvements in either attendance or lateness, then we will follow this up with a letter reminding you of your legal obligations. Ultimately after several attempts in both, phone calls, in writing we have been instructed to involve the Truancy Service.

Playhouse Theatre

Yesterday we had the Playhouse theatre visit and perform a reimagined play of "The Boy who called wolf". The production was excellent, and the students really enjoyed the mix of acting, singing and the interaction with the cast. There was strong messaging around being honest and telling the truth.



Disabled parking at school

We now have 2 disabled parking spaces due to the increased number of students needing them. These are spaces for drop off and pick up and are available to anyone with the official accreditation. Please keep these spaces free for those that need them.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) program is continuing to power along involving students in design, problem solving, electronics, basic engineering theory, curiosity and wonderment. To continue we do need some more tools. If you have any of the following that you could donate to the school that would be great.

Wish List

- Fine screwdriver set
- Phillips and flathead screwdrivers (small, medium, large)
- Allen Key Set both metric and imperial
- Adjustable wrench Long nose pliers
- Spanners
- File to file down metal and wood
- Short stubby pliers
- Tape measure
- Soldering Iron for electronics
- Oh, and a toolbox
- Long nose pliers
- Handsaw for cutting wood

BOARD ELECTIONS

This year we have board elections coming up. Our next meeting of the school Board is THURSDAY 26th June at 6pm in the staffroom. We extend a further welcome to any parent in the school, who wishes to learn more about being a member of the Board, to come along and join us. Please let Sue in the office know, so that we can have information prepared for you.



School Policy Review

Every Term we have policies that are open for review.

In term 2 we are reviewing policies in the Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy section.

Term 2 policies	Review opens 28 April
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning and Preparing for Emergencies, Disasters, and Crises	Board review
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication During an Emergency, Disaster, or Crisis	Board review
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emergency Closure	Board review
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emergency Management	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disaster Management	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crisis Management	

These are the topics specified on our review schedule. You can also review any topic that has a review button. All reviewers visit the website <https://lowermoutere.schools.co.nz/1893.htm>

1. Enter the username (lowermoutere) and password (respectful).
2. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
3. Read the policy.
4. Click the Start your review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
5. Select the reviewer type.
6. Enter your name (optional).
7. Follow the prompts to show that you've read the topic and enter your feedback if you'd like to comment.
8. Agree to the privacy statement and click "submit review".

My Ride Motueka

A big THANKS to the team from My Ride Motueka who visited us last week to check students' bikes. Located on High Street next to the Motueka Fire Station, My Ride Motueka is your trusted bike shop serving the cycling community. With over 100 bikes in-store, including mountain bikes, road bikes, e-bikes, urban bikes, and kids' bikes, they offer a wide range of options for every rider. Whether you're tackling the Kaiteriteri Mountain Bike Park, commuting, or exploring local trails, they provide expert advice, test rides, and bike hire for those wanting to experience the benefits of an e-bike. At My Ride Motueka, they ensure your ride is smooth, safe, and enjoyable. Their experienced bike technicians offer bike service and repairs, from tune-ups to full rebuilds. They are passionate about supporting the local cycling scene, offering workshops, group rides, and bike safety checks for schools.



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.



Lower Moutere School pupils out in the community.

We love celebrating the achievements of our students out and about in our community. If you have news that you'd like to share with us in this space, please let me know.

Blenheim Dance Competition 2025 – A massive congratulations to Georgia Perry for another great showing. Performing as the youngest in her sections, Georgia still managed to achieve some placings and excelled her own expectations.

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

JUNE	
Friday 20 th	Matariki Public Holiday
Thursday 26 th June	Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm in the Staffroom
Friday 27 th	Matariki Celebration at School
Friday 27 th	Last Day of Term 2
JULY	
Friday 14 th	First Day of Term 3
AUGUST	
Friday 29 th	Daffodil Day - Mufti Day
SEPTEMBER	
Friday 12 th	School Photos
Friday 19 th	Last Day of Term 3
OCTOBER	
Monday 6 th	First Day of Term 4
Monday 27 th	Labour Day - Public Holiday
DECEMBER	
Thursday 18 th December	Last Day of Term 4

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Crossroads



Whether it's a life-changing decision, a moment of change, or a literal intersection, the choice is yours!

Who Can Enter?
 This competition is open to all residents of New Zealand. So, if you're a passionate storyteller, now's your chance!

Closing Date
 13th July 2025

Prizes Up for Grabs


- 1st Place: \$500
- 2nd Place: \$200
- 3rd Place: \$100

Special Prize:
 Best story by a writer under 30 years of age


Entry Fee: \$15
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