



Lower Moutere School

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Kia Ora families and friends of Lower Moutere School,

1 August 2025

Whanau connections – meeting with our parents

Thank you to the large number of parents who attended the parent teacher interviews last week – one of the most significant factors in student achievement is the involvement of parents in the education of their child. We were pleased to see over 60 percent of parents booking interviews. Taking an active interest in your child's education and supporting them with next learning steps and the challenges they face, cannot be understated.

Full STEM Ahead!

What an incredible community we live in — thank you so much for the amazing response to our recent shout-out for tools! Thanks to your generosity, we no longer have to raid Stu's shed, and our students are well-equipped for their STEM builds.

Our Evolocity teams are making great progress. Students have been hard at work stripping down two vehicles to design and build their own electric machines. Our girls' engineering team is having their bike cut and welded — we can't wait to see what they create! Their regional competition will take place in October at the Kartsport track in Nelson. A special thank you to school parent Haig and Evolocity expert Mark for your ongoing support of our Evolocity programme. We couldn't do it without you!

Meanwhile, our Aquabot teams will soon begin practicing in the school pool. They'll be navigating their bots through a series of underwater challenges in preparation for the regional competition, also set for October.

Last week, we were truly "full STEM ahead" with the RoboCup Junior robotics trials. We have selected 6 students to participate in the National Robocup Jr Competition held at Nelson Intermediate on August 10. They are: Valentina Walterfang, Olive Thomas, Sofia Ilton, Olivia Watene, Sol Cruse and Sam Stott. This national competition demands a high level of skill, innovation, and teamwork. Congratulations to the LMS teams who have qualified to represent us at Nelson Intermediate School on Sunday, 10 August — a fantastic achievement!

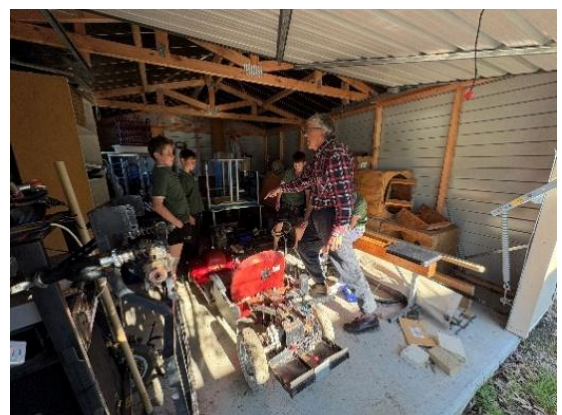
Looking across into the Arts field, we have registered our Matariki sculptures into the Art Science Fair at Founders Heritage Park on 19/20 August.

Finally, if possible we are also after:

- A hacksaw to cut through metal as part of STEM.
- We really need an R2D2 figurine or LEGO figure to be part of the Robocup presentation ... Will be returned!
- Any Star Wars or Sponge Bob costumes that might fit 10-11 year olds. Will be returned!

We are actively exploring how STEM is being integrated across the school from New Entrants to Year 8 and looking at how best to support and resource this exciting area of learning. Stay tuned - we'll be sharing regular updates as our STEM journey grows!

Tamsin Clark
Teacher Room 9



STEM is an acronym that stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. It refers to a field of study and a curriculum that integrates these four disciplines, often emphasizing hands-on learning and problem-solving. STEM education aims to equip individuals with the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in a rapidly evolving, technology-driven world. Here's a breakdown of each component:

- **Science:**

Encompasses the study of the natural world, including biology, chemistry, physics, and earth science.

- **Technology:**

Focuses on the application of scientific knowledge to create tools, processes, and systems.

- **Engineering:**

Involves the design, construction, and analysis of structures, machines, and systems.

- **Mathematics:**

Provides the foundational language and tools for understanding and modelling the world around us.

STEM education is not just about learning separate subjects, but also about integrating them to solve complex problems and fostering critical thinking, creativity, and innovation.

Lower Moutere School Whanau Survey

As we start planning for Lower Moutere School's next three years, we'd love to hear your thoughts about our school. The information gathered from this survey will go towards helping us develop a new strategic plan which will guide the delivery of education and the strategic direction here at Lower Moutere School from 2026 to 2028.

Here is the link to a google form with the survey on it. We will also have paper copies available in the school office.

<https://forms.gle/XcixM9MDipai8Bzp9>

We need your help!

Now that we have a dedicated space back for our school library, we are looking to expand the selection of high-interest and good-quality books available for our students to read. If you have books at home that are no longer needed and would be of interest to our children, we would love to receive them. Please drop these into the school office.



BOARD ELECTIONS

Lower Moutere School Board of Trustees Election

Nominations are open for the election of 6 parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

All eligible should have received a nomination form by email and a notice calling for nominations – you can use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community.

If you need more nomination forms or have not received one, please contact the school office by phone or email, office@lowermoutere.school.nz to request one.



Nominations close at noon on Wednesday 6th August 2025. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination. As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view. The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

If a vote is required, voting closes at 4pm on Wednesday 10th September 2025.
We look forward to your participation in this process.

Sue Savile
Returning Officer

Bus Payments

A reminder to students who travel from Motueka, or other areas outside of our school bus zone, school bus fees for Term 3 are due today. The fees are \$45 per student or \$80 per family. If you are unsure if you have paid, please contact Sue in the office.

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.

Pie Day Friday

For Pie Day Friday, we need a helper to heat and distribute the pies, please contact Mr Lynch. This is a continuation of our fundraising efforts for the year 7&8 Education Outside of the Classroom (EOTC). Thanks in advance.
mlynch@lowermoutere.school.nz.

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
Monday 27 th	Labour Day - Public Holiday
DECEMBER	
Thursday 18 th December	Last Day of Term 4



LOWER MOUTERE SCHOOL

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE, WIN PRIZES AND BEAT THE TEACHERS' TEAM!

QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY, 23RD AUGUST
 7PM - MOUTERE INN 1406 MOUTERE HIGHWAY
ENTRY FEE \$10 PER PERSON

RAFFLES AVAILABLE

All proceeds going towards
 our year 7/8 kids Ski trip.

TABLE BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED - 03 5432759

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WINTER DECK PROMO

Thinking about adding a beautiful new deck to your home? Now is the perfect time! With every confirmed deck quote, customers will receive a Prezzy card on us - the bigger the deck, the bigger the reward! So don't hesitate, call us today for your free quote.



Terms and conditions apply.
Offer valid until 31st December 2025.

NICK HYDE

06/09/2025 - 7PM
Channel Arts Centre-
31 High St, Motueka





Tickets \$30+BF -
www.Eventfinda.co.nz
[instagram.com/nickhydemusic/](https://www.instagram.com/nickhydemusic/)
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Why reading and story matter

Join Aotearoa New Zealand's third Te Awhi Rito/Reading Ambassador Kate De Goldi at an event celebrating the power of reading.

Reading helps young people navigate in an increasingly complex world. But, reading for pleasure is declining across every age group in Aotearoa New Zealand.


Hear Kate talk about the myriad pleasures of story and language and why reading for pleasure is crucial for children, young people and their communities. She will also talk about the Awhi Rito role, libraries, and how we might all thrive as a nation of readers.



Wednesday 6 August
4pm-5pm
Motueka Library Te Noninga Kumu
32 Wallace St, Motueka, 7120

<https://readingambassador.nz/>

Free event but please email to RSVP
Reading-Ambassador@dia.govt.nz


Upper Moutere Volunteer Fire Brigade

FIRE BRIGADE DISPLAY!

Saturday 2nd August

Drive Through Upper Moutere **11:00am**
Fire Fighting Equipment Display at the Moutere Hills Community Centre **11:15am**

Join us as we celebrate our 50th anniversary





KIDS ART COMPETITION

Peaceful Towns

Art Workshop
Thursday 14th August
Time: 3:30pm-5:30pm
Tasman District Council
Richmond

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district council
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KIDS ART COMPETITION

Peaceful Towns

Art Workshop
Friday 15th August
Time: 3:30pm-5:30pm
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ST PETER CHANEL SCHOOL'S
SPRING FIESTA & MARKET



SATURDAY
13TH SEPTEMBER
- 9AM TO 2PM -



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