



# Lower Moutere School



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Greetings Parents and Caregivers,

20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

I am going to start today by thanking everyone who contributed items for the raffles for our fundraising quiz night at the Sprig and Fern in Mapua this week. We had a fabulous turnout and raised just over \$1,000 to go toward purchasing equipment to enable us to continue to build upon our STEM program. I'd like to thank our PTA and especially Tarmra Heal for all of her organisation; this event wouldn't have occurred without her. I'd like to thank all the helpers on the night who came along and also a thank you to our staff who attended. A final thank you to the STEM ambassadors who spoke with elegance and maturity about what the program means to them, the lessons they have learnt and the inspiration it has fostered for future career pathways.

## **SWIMMING CHAMPS!**

Thanks to our parent community for coming along and supporting our students and school for our swim gala on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> March. Our school proudly sent 22 students to represent our school to the district champs at Motueka High School! Congratulations to all the competitors who represented us with passion and pride.

## **School Swimming Pool**

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

## **Weet Bix Tryathlon!**

Well done to everyone who took part in the Weet Bix Tryathlon, the school had a great representation of students who all had a wonderful day!



## **Our Reception Room enjoy maths time**

Reception and Room 1 have been using Reboot as a focus during Discovery Time. Today we are learning how to learn when we hit a speedbump and then strategies to problem solve and learn from our mistakes.



## **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 should arrive at school before the end of this term.

## **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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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

MOTUEKA FRAGILE BOXING AND ACTIVITY CENTRE



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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



To get an enrolment form for your children contact  
 Leah Bailey-Young 027 512 0687  
[Kidzklubafter3@gmail.com](mailto:Kidzklubafter3@gmail.com)

**\$45 per day**  
 WINZ OSCAR Subsidies available to eligible families

**BE IN QUICK AS SPACES ARE STRICTLY LIMITED!!!**

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>EASTER MONDAY</b> NO PROGRAMME TODAY 	<b>Mosaics on Canvas</b> Turn tiny pieces into a big masterpiece! 	<b>Einstein's</b> 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. 	<b>Masterchef</b> Our famous Masterchef competition is back in town! 	<b>Playground Hop</b> Join us on a bus tour around all the best playgrounds in our beautiful backyard! 
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>The Great Auction</b> Going once, going twice, SOLD! 	<b>Upcycle it</b> Using recycled equipment, let's see what we can create today! 	<b>Around the world</b> Around the world in 1 day! At each station we will experience a different culture. 	<b>Under the sea</b> Get crafty with this fun theme, what seascapes and creatures can we create! 	<b>Survivor!</b> Who will outwit, outplay and outlast their peers today? 

**OPEN DAY**  
**MAR 22**

*Flaherty House*  
**WILLOW BANK**  
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ENTRY FEE:  
 \$7 PER ADULT (AGES 13+)  
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**SUNDAY 10AM-3PM**  
**MARCH 22**

1970'S MILK BAR / VICTORIAN STYLE CAFE / SECRET GARDEN  
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Info: [willowbankheritage.co.nz](http://willowbankheritage.co.nz) @willowbankheritagevillage

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72 WAKEFIELD-HOIKATA RD WAKEFIELD





**SUPERHERO**  
**ROLLERDISCO**  
 DRESS UP AS A SUPERHERO

**SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**  
**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**  
**MOTUEKA REC CENTRE**

**COST \$7**

ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO  
**SKYTOWER CHALLENGE**  
 in AUCKLAND




Up to **30 Hours**  
**FREE**  
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](https://nelsontasmankindergartens.com)

**NELSON TASMAN KINDERGARTENS**  
All children enrolled at age 3 or younger

**PORT NELSON Community OPEN DAY**

Take a peek behind the gates!

**Sunday 22 March**

Gates open to the public from **11:00 until 10:00**

- INTERACTIVE EQUIPMENT & VESSEL DISPLAYS
- PORT NELSON HISTORICAL EXHIBITION
- COMMUNITY INFORMATION TENTS
- GUIDED TOURS
- KIDS ACTIVITIES
- FOOD & DRINK

All welcome!

21 Kaitake St, Port Nelson  
[PORTNELSON.CO.NZ](https://portnelson.co.nz)

**WALK IN IMMUNISATION CLINICS**

<b>Tuesdays</b> from 18th Feb 2025 3 PM - 7 PM	<b>Fridays</b> from 21st Feb 2025 9 AM - 1 PM
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**281 Queen Street Richmond**

All funded vaccines available except Shingrix

Health New Zealand  
Te Whaitu Ora  
Rebecca Mui-Bainbridge

QR code available via the QR code

**TONE WITH KASE + CHLO**

Catch us on 📍

**Mondays - 9:30am**  
**Tuesdays - 9:30am**  
**Thursday - 6pm**

Motueka Memorial Hall

**Tone with Kase & Chlo**  
A Toning based fitness class

Cost = KOHA (Donation)

**1st Class FREE** 🎁

{ LIMITED PRIZES FOR THIS EVENT } 

# 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](http://wio.org.nz) **FREE!** to enter

SPONSORS: Wairarapa District Council, Wairarapa District Rugby Football Union, Wairarapa District Cricket Association, Wairarapa District Netball Association, Wairarapa District Hockey Association, Wairarapa District Golf Club, Wairarapa District Tennis Association, Wairarapa District Badminton Association, Wairarapa District Table Tennis Association, Wairarapa District Archery Club, Wairarapa District Cycling Club, Wairarapa District Orienteering Club, Wairarapa District Canoe Club, Wairarapa District Rowing Club, Wairarapa District Sailing Club, Wairarapa District Mountaineering Club, Wairarapa District Climbing Club, Wairarapa District Ski Club, Wairarapa District Snowsports Club, Wairarapa District Winter Sports Club, Wairarapa District Winter Games Association, Wairarapa District Winter Sports Centre, Wairarapa District Winter Sports Clubhouse, Wairarapa District Winter Sports Centre, Wairarapa District Winter Sports Clubhouse, Wairarapa District Winter Sports Centre, Wairarapa District Winter Sports Clubhouse

**WHENUA ITI**  
 Wairarapa District Council  
 Districts are proud sponsors of this event 

Motueka Scottish Country Dancing Club invite you to our



# Ceilidh

28th March 2026  
 7pm Lower Moutere Memorial Hall.  
 With live music from **Footloose Ceilidh Band**

Online sales; scan the QR code or from [Try Booking](#)

Adults \$25, under 18 \$18, under 10 free

Cash door sales if space available  
 Adults \$30, under 18 \$23, under 10 free



Bring cash for the raffle and game!  
 Awesome supper and entertainment  
 This is an alcohol free event

For information contact Beth 021 209 3236 or Alison 022 036 3891

## TALKING CAFÉS

Connect with your community



### March 2026

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 11.00am - 12.30pm  
 McCashin's Brewery, 660 Main Road, Stoke

Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 1.30pm - 3.00pm  
 Takaka Memorial Library

Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 1.30pm - 3.00pm  
 Richmond Library on Queen Street

Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 10am-11.30am  
 St Peter's Anglican Church, Tapawera

Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 10.00am-11.30am  
 Tahunanui Community Hub, Muritai Street

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 10.00am - 11.30am  
 Motueka Library

Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 1.30pm - 3.00pm  
 Halifax Cafe, 28 Halifax Street, Nelson

[wellby.org.nz](http://wellby.org.nz)  
 phone 03 546 7681

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## TALKING CAFÉS

Connect with your community



### April 2026

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1.30pm - 3.00pm  
 Takaka Memorial Library

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

Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 1.30pm - 3.00pm  
 Richmond Library on Queen Street

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

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 10.00am - 11.30am  
 Motueka Library

Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April, 10.00am-11.30am  
 Tahunanui Community Hub, Muritai Street

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 1.30pm - 3.00pm  
 Halifax Cafe, 28 Halifax Street, Nelson

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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**

[bricksincludedplay@gmail.com](mailto:bricksincludedplay@gmail.com)

<https://bricksincluded.nz>

bookings essential, numbers limited  
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## The Easter Story

MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> 5-7PM

ST THOMAS ANGLICAN CHURCH  
GAMES 101 HIGH ST, MOTUEKA  
SONG 0204727474 CRAFTS  
FOOD  
ACTIVITIES



CHILDREN UNDER 14 MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT

## SCHOOL CAMP COMING UP?

Stay Dry at Night  
we help kids stop bedwetting

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 fatty 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 oncsies, they're tricky for night toilet.
- 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.

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.

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



[www.staydryatnight.com](http://www.staydryatnight.com)

Scan the QR code to read our full blog



# 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](http://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  
MIA REID - mra@nzohockey.org.nz  
www.nzohockey.org.nz - Ph: 05-5470385



School Holiday fun

# MR Fungus

A thrillingly, ridiculous, silly show

**Sat. April 11th**

Motueka Chanel Arts Centre

SCH. CHILDREN: \$5  
ADULTS \$25