



Lower Moutere School



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6th March 2026

Kia Ora families and friends of Lower Moutere School, we have had another fabulous week. I was impressed by the children's attitude and effort during the recent swimming sports and junior swim gala. Next week our senior swimmers will be heading into Motueka for the inter-school swimming sports. We would like to wish the team every success and know that they will represent us with pride.

Whanau connections - why they matter...

Having a great relationship with your child's teacher fosters open communication, enabling you to stay informed about your child's progress and any concerns that may arise. It creates a supportive environment where you and the teacher can work together to address any challenges your child may face academically or socially. A positive relationship with the teacher also demonstrates to your child the value that you place on their education – and learning journey.

A HUGE thanks to our families for coming to our recent whanau connects and sharing between us, the successes and next steps for the rest of the year ahead. In term 2, a written report will be written for all students followed by another whanau connect early in term 3. We all look forward to seeing the amazing growth that all our students make, this year!

Teacher Only Day Monday 16th March

Just a reminder that Monday 16th March is a Teacher Only Day. The Ministry of Education has stipulated that this day is to be used to further develop staff understanding about the new mathematics curriculum and the assessment requirements held within. The school will be closed for instruction on this day. We apologise for any inconvenience to families.

Coming to school and being on time really matters!

One of the things we are continuing to focus on in 2026 is student attendance. You will hear us talking about this with you, with our students and it remains a strong subject of conversation in the staff room.

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

We all know mornings can be a rush but arriving just five minutes before the school bell rings at 8:50am 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. All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school. Please let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring our school remains a great place for our children to learn and thrive. If you're struggling at home and finding it hard to get your child to school, please talk to us so we can work together. Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school.

Swimming - daily!

Our statistics for water safety is appalling – for a nation where we are surrounded by water, our need to be skilled and competent swimmers is vital. Students will be swimming daily at school and we ask that parents ensure that students come to school appropriately equipped for this including bringing a towel. If your child is not swimming, they do require a note from home or phone call to the office – many thanks!



Weet Bix Tryathlon!

Good luck to everyone participating in the Tryathlon on Sunday 8th March! The weather forecast looks good for an enjoyable day out!

PTA - Fundraising event

The Lower Moutere School PTA/Fundraising group are holding their first fund raising activity for the year. It will be a quiz night held at the Mapua Sprig and Fern on Wednesday 18th March. Today a notice will go home requesting items for a raffle. Please keep an eye out for this.

School Swimming Pool

A BIG thank you to Tasman District Council who have granted us \$1,000 for our pool subsidy 2025/2026.



School Gates

We have a number of younger students who are known to see a gate and will head out onto the road. Keeping the gates closed is vitally important to their safety. If you go through a gate, we ask that you check that it closes behind you. Thanks for your on-going support with this.

Just a reminder that the gate by the bus turnaround gets very busy at the end of the day with the bus students. If you are collecting your child/ren from school in the afternoon please use the top gate by the New Entrant Room to ease congestion for the bus students.



Lower Moutere School students achieving in the community

Bentley had a cracker of a weekend, alongside 42 other juniors ranging in ages from 7 to 18! Competing at the Junior Champs in Auckland.

He was named the 2026 junior champs' rookie of the year! He won closest to his dial in, in the super comp class and won the heads up round for super comp!

In other news, he is also sitting at 1nz for the NZDRA championship this year and in currently 2nz for the IHRA championship. Good Luck Bentley for the rest of the season.



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 for further details!

We look forward to catching you 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

MARCH	
Monday 16 th March	Teacher Only Day
Thursday 26 th March	Board Meeting in the Staffroom at 6pm
APRIL	
Thursday 2 nd	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 20 th	First Day of Term 2
Monday 27 th	ANZAC Day Observed
JUNE	
Monday 1 st	Kings Birthday
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 MOUHERE SCHOOL PRESENTS

QUIZ NIGHT

MĀPUA SPRIG AND FERN

WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH

7.30PM START

We are raising funds to purchase equipment for our science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) program at Lower Mouhere School. It will be a fun night with prizes. Tables are limited so get in fast!

BOOK A TABLE TODAY!

Māpuā Sprig and Fern
03 5402553

BENEFITS OF REGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Short term benefits	Long term benefits
<p>Keeps Learning on Track Your child won't miss key lessons, so they can keep up with reading, writing and maths.</p> <p>Building Friendships Kids (school) is where kids make friends, learn to share and work together, helping them feel included and happy.</p> <p>Increased Confidence and Security Being part of a familiar school routine gives your child a sense of belonging. A steady routine can ease anxiety and help them feel more confident.</p> <p>Support from Kaiko & Staff The more your child is at kare, the more kaiko (teacher) and staff understand their needs and can help straight away.</p> <p>Good Routine & Responsibility Regular wake-ups, parking kai (food) and arriving on time teaches organisation and responsibility - skills for life.</p>	<p>Better Career & Earnings Good grades and potential for university or NAIT, opening up more job options and better pay.</p> <p>Resilience & Wellbeing Learning to stick with things teaches grit, helping them tackle challenges, which will support wellbeing and build resilience into adulthood.</p> <p>Healthier Lifestyle Regularly engaged children often grow into adults who prioritise exercise, good diet and self-care.</p> <p>Community Participation Teamwork and cooperation at kare poto the way for participation in sports, the arts and cultural groups.</p> <p>Strong Study Habits Building solid study routines sees your child thrive through intermediate and secondary school.</p>

The benefits of going to school are direct evidence of success and better school attendance can improve academic achievement, better long-term health and well-being, higher educational attainment, and more.

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Thursday - 6pm
Motueka Memorial Hall

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A Toning based fitness class

Cost = KOHA
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futures girls golf



Greenacres Golf Club

Wednesday's Term 1

\$5

PER PERSON

To whom Golf will be running a 6-week girls only social golf program. The programme will provide a flexible playing experience and a great opportunity for any beginner, junior golfer from age 8 to 14yrs to give it a go even if it's for the first time. We will have loan clubs for all the juniors.





Contact Rachel to Register: 027 1810 0341

{ LIMITED PLACES FOR THIS EVENT }
NO. 201



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TALKING CAFÉS

Connect with your community



March 2026

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

Wednesday, 4th March, 1.30pm - 3.00pm
Takaka Memorial Library

Tuesday, 10th March, 1.30pm - 3.00pm
Richmond Library on Queen Street

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

Monday, 16th March, 10.00am-11.30am
Tahunanui Community Hub, Muritai Street

Wednesday, 18th March, 10.00am - 11.30am
Motueka Library

Wednesday, 25th March, 1.30pm - 3.00pm
Halifax Cafe, 28 Halifax Street, Nelson

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phone 03 546 7681



TALKING CAFÉS

Connect with your community



April 2026

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

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

Tuesday, 14th April, 1.30pm - 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

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phone 03 546 7681



Motueka Scottish Country Dancing Club invite you to our



Ceilidh

28th March 2026
7pm Lower Moutere
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Adults \$30, under 18 \$23, under 10 free

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Alison 022 036 3891



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