

Kia ora to families and friends of Lower Moutere School –

8 April 2024

The pleasure that comes from being physically active was apparent at school on Friday thanks to the great team at Blast Bouncy castles, Richmond.



The focus for the term has been on being a healthy and happy person, supported heavily from the information that we received as part of the health consultation, late 2023.

Students enjoyed the day selecting loads of great activities across the school, ranging from making houses out of boxes to running a hot chocolate café! The bouncy castles were the ‘icing on the cake’ for the day – and a surprise to all! Seeing the smiles and hearing the laughter made it all worthwhile!

**LAST DAY OF TERM 1 ... we welcome our families and friends of the school to come along and join us at 2pm – to share the learning from the current term, and maybe sample some products of our learning too!**



Next term, we welcome to our staff, Mrs Sue Strawbridge. Sue will be taking over the reigns from Vicki Karetai who is leaving us at the end of this term. We welcome Sue to the staff, and we look forward to getting to know her more!

As mentioned, we farewell Vicki Karetai and Kathy Stephens, who is returning to the UK for the rest of the year. We wish both staff members all the very best and thank them for all that they have given both our school and students over their time at Lower Moutere.

### TERM 2 news!

Term 2 sees the beginning of the cooler term, therefore a move to winter uniform. Just as a reminder, students are able to wear fleecy black pants (available from The Warehouse) and some opt to wear a thermal under school tops. We ask that any thermal is black in colour. We have some spare jerseys in the office, so if you need one pop in and ask Sue.

Our study next term moves to a science focus with us looking at Planet Earth and beyond .. stars, constellations and all the amazing things that happen in the night sky! This will lead us into Matariki which falls across the week of 24 – 28 June with Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June being the public holiday.



**Our values focus is ...**respecting the world that we are in. So what would this look like at Lower Moutere? Basically, the underlying message is that who does the earth belong to ... none of us – we are all here to look after the great earth that we live on, and each day we should aim to make it a better place. This can be so small as making sure we make a conscious effort with rubbish ... keeping doors closed when heating is on or thinking carefully about the use of water. We will learn more about this aspect of respect as the term goes on.



## Primary schools Moto-cross champs – Canvastown

Congratulations to Kase Shuttleworth who competed in the primary schools Motocross champs over at Canvastown on Friday ... a couple of seconds and a first – well done Kase!

## Te Hau Kōmaru

This year between the 6th and 15th April the National Te Hau Kōmaru Waka Hourua festival is being held at Kaitereterē. There will be 5 waka hourua anchored at Kaitereterē throughout this time, with Aotearoa's master navigators as crew. This is the first time the National Waka Hourua festival has come to Te Waipounamu and Te Tai o Awatea are tino harikoa to be coordinating the event. During the week, mana whenua, tangata whenua and tamariki involved in kaupapa Māori are invited to weekday workshops. More information available here <https://tehaukōmaru.org/>  
We are heading out there tomorrow with our senior students and look forward to being a part of this momentous occasion – one which includes many of our ex-students performing!



## Phones away for the day policy

As mentioned previously, the Government has introduced a new ruling for schools regarding cell phones at school. This means that cell phones are not available for student use while at school. This extends to phone devices that are within wrist watches too. The school stance is that we understand that students at times, do need a phone especially for after school activities. Students are expected to hand their phones to their teacher at the start of the school day, and can collect these at the end of the day. Many thanks for your support with this.

## Attendance matters...

The new Government is also moving hard on attendance and has introduced more truancy staff to regions, plus more proposals in the future. Our school has set a target to increase attendance for students to above 90% of the whole school. It's awesome that we are averaging a 92% attendance rate over the current term ... thanks for valuing education and getting your child(ren) along each day!

## CUSTOMISED SCHOOL SPORTS SHIRTS

For those of you who ordered a school sports shirt please check your child's school bag if you have ordered one, as these have gone home today.

On behalf of us all at Lower Moutere, we thank you for your continued encouragement and support for learning and our school. Have a great school holiday break with family and friends and we look forward to seeing smiling faces back on **MONDAY 29 APRIL!**

Chris Bascand (JP)  
Principal

**Absentee Messages** - Please notify the school of your child's absence before the start of school each day.

Please note: When texting the school cellphone please include your name, so that we know who the message is from, as we do not have contacts stored on this phone.

**Ph:** 03 526 7775 or **Txt:** 027 339 8801

Please provide the following details: Your child's name, room number and reason for absence – thanks!



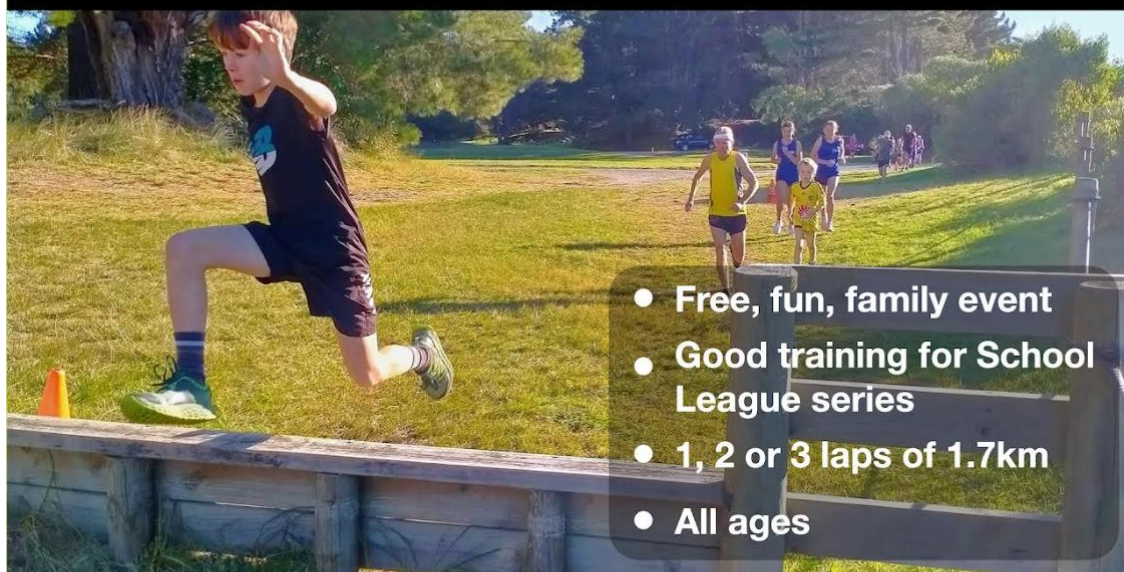
## Upcoming Events

Last day term 1	Friday 12 April		
First day term 2	Monday 29 April		
Board meeting	Thursday 23 May		School staffroom
Kings Birthday	Monday 3 June		School closed
<b>TEACHER ONLY DAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY 4 JUNE</b>		All schools – Motueka district
Dental bus arrives	Friday 14 June		
Board meeting	Thursday 20 June		School staffroom
Last day term 2	Friday 5 July		
First day term 3	Monday 22 July		

# GOLDEN APIARIES

Golden Apiaries is a small family-owned business servicing Tasman, Golden Bay and Marlborough. They supply raw honey, pollination services and queens. The closest stockists of Tasman Gold Honey are Potters Patch in Motueka, which has their full range, Toad Hall, BeetRoot and Connings. You can also purchase directly through Choice or by emailing [info@goldenapiaries.co.nz](mailto:info@goldenapiaries.co.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 6 Apr, 20 Apr, 4 May

2:30 pm race start

More info: [www.waimeaharriers.nz](http://www.waimeaharriers.nz)



# Party Hire



**Only \$100 per day**

- You Get:
- 2 Quarter Pipes
  - 1 Kicker Ramp
  - 1 Table Top
  - 1 Manual Pad
  - 2 Small Launch Ramps
  - 1 Large Launch Ramp
  - 1 Grind Rail
  - Free Delivery in Nelson & Richmond

Add a 3 foot quarter and a 2 foot spine for an extra \$50



For ramp hire or sales enquiries  
Phone 021 847 337 or email [airrollramps@littlereds.co.nz](mailto:airrollramps@littlereds.co.nz)

## Motueka Scottish Country Dancing Club

Scottish Country Dance Classes  
Motueka Kelpies

Ages 6 to 17 years



Fun, fitness and friendship through traditional Scottish Dance. Learn Jigs and Reels and dance to some great music! Come along and learn some new skills and have a great experience!

For more information please contact  
Fay 021 039 3559

## April School Holidays Nature Sessions

Bushcraft, foraging, whittling, nature crafts, nature awareness and fun adventures.

5-14 year olds  
9am-3pm, 16th Lower Moutere, 17th Native Skills and 18th Kina Beach  
\$55 per day.

**Website:** [innatureeducation.com](http://innatureeducation.com)  
**Facebook:** In Nature Education  
**Email:** [naturenurturenz@gmail.com](mailto:naturenurturenz@gmail.com)

## IMPROVE THROUGH PLAY

### HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

15 - 26 April | 9am - 3pm  
Saxton Community Indoor Centre  
\$40 per day  
Ages 7 - 13

Scan QR Code or register via Nelson PlayHQ  
For more info Contact [Dustin@nelsoncricket.org.nz](mailto:Dustin@nelsoncricket.org.nz)

MOTUEKA RECREATION CENTRE

# 2024

## APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

<b>15 APR</b>	Badminton - 10-12 - \$5 Pickleball - 10-12 - \$5 Public Skating - 1-3 \$5 Entry \$8 Hire Basketball - 6-8 - \$4	<b>22 APR</b>	Badminton - 10-12 - \$5 Pickleball - 10-12 - \$5 Public Skating - 1-3 \$5 Entry \$8 Hire Basketball - 6-8 - \$4
<b>16 APR</b>	Public Skating - 1-3 \$5 Entry \$8 Hire Basketball - 1-3 - \$4	<b>23 APR</b>	Rock Climbing - 10-11 & 1-2 (Booking Required) - \$8 Public Skating - 1-3 \$5 Entry \$8 Hire Basketball - 1-3 - \$4
<b>17 APR</b>	Badminton - 10-12 - \$5 Basketball - 1-2 - \$4 Pickleball - 6-8 - \$5	<b>24 APR</b>	Badminton - 10-12 - \$5 Basketball - 1-2 - \$4 Rock Climbing - 1-2 & 2-3 (Booking Required) - \$8 Pickleball - 6-8 - \$5 \$5
<b>18 APR</b>	Public Skating - 10-12 \$5 Entry \$8 Hire Basketball - 10-12 - \$4	<b>25 APR</b>	<b>ANZAC DAY CLOSED</b>
<b>19 APR</b>	Pickleball - 10-12 - \$5 Public Skating - 6-8 \$5 Entry \$8 Hire Basketball - 6-8 - \$4	<b>26 APR</b>	Pickleball - 10-12 - \$5 Public Skating - 6-8 \$5 Entry \$8 Hire Basketball - 6-8 - \$4
<b>20 APR</b>	Badminton - 10-12 - \$5 Basketball - 9-4 - \$4 Rock Climbing - 1-2 (Booking Required) - \$8	<b>27 APR</b>	Badminton - 10-12 - \$5 Basketball - 9-4 - \$4 Rock Climbing - 1-2 (Booking Required) - \$8
<b>21 APR</b>	Pickleball - 10-12 - \$5 Public Skating - 2-4 \$5 Entry \$8 Hire Basketball - 12-4 - \$4	<b>28 APR</b>	Pickleball - 10-12 - \$5 Public Skating - 2-4 \$5 Entry \$8 Hire Basketball - 12-4 - \$4

SPORT TASMAN FOR MORE INFO VISIT US OUR FACEBOOK PAGE OR PH (03) 528 8228

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# MOTUEKA GYMNASTICS CLUB

## TERM 2 TIMETABLE

### EVERY THURSDAY

PRE SCHOOL: 10:00 am - 10:45 am  
YEAR 1 & 2 : 3:15 pm - 4:00 pm  
YEAR 3 & 4 : 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm

**TERM CONDITIONS**  
Cut off for any new or returning enrolments for the term is the second session of the term. \$150 per child/per term. Fees payable at reception or internet banking.

**WHAT TO WEAR & WHAT TO BRING**  
Tight yet comfortable shorts/leggings/tshirt/leotard (if you have). Warm layers in the winter months. NO buckles, zippers, buttons.  
If your child has long hair, please ensure it is tied into a bun or ponytail. All caregivers/other children to be seated during session for safety.

SPORT TASMAN For more info call: 03 - 528 8228 or send e-mail to shia.b@sporttasman.org.nz

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## 2024 HOCKEY OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 4th MAY at Saxton Field Hockey turfs  
10:30 am—12:30 pm

**2024 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

For Information -  
Please contact Lauren Hutton—rdm@nelsonhockey.org.nz  
www.nelsonhockey.org.nz - PH: 03-5479988

## 2024 Nelson Hockey Junior Program II

Thursday 16th May to 20th June - Saxton Field Hockey Turfs  
Register online at [www.nelsonhockey.org.nz](http://www.nelsonhockey.org.nz)

**Kindy Sticks:**  
3 & 4 years old, fun fundamental skill games  
3.45pm - 4.30pm  
\$40 for six week program

**Fun Sticks:**  
5 & 6 years old, learn the basics of hockey, some fun games  
3.45pm - 4.30pm  
\$40 for six week program

**Mini Sticks:**  
6 to 8 year old, skill development and game  
4.30pm - 5.30pm  
\$45 for six week program.

**Kiwi Sticks:**  
9 to 13 year old, skill development and game  
5:30pm - 6:30pm  
\$50 for six week program

Please make payment using child's name as reference to:  
03-1354-0452914-16

Registration spaces are limited and will close 9th May

**Regional Development Manager Lauren Hutton**  
rdm@nelsonhockey.org.nz or phone - 03-5479988

## Fun musical entertainment for kids at the Memorial Hall

Weta, Tuna and Kārearea are mates of Gary the Glowworm, and are travelling to attend his Rave in the Cave birthday party. The friends face a number of trials on the road and learn that, despite their differences, they can achieve their goals by working together.

This is Land of the Long, Long Drive, a tale for Kiwi kids, featuring iconic New Zealand creatures and landscapes, and fresh waiata by New Zealand singer-songwriter Benny Tipene. It's a story that has been loved by audiences from tots to grandparents. The show jumps into life with beautiful costumes from Gridley by Victoria, Costumier for the Royal New Zealand Ballet.

Land of the Long, Long Drive will be at the Motueka Memorial Hall on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 2.30 pm. The performance lasts 1 hour. Tickets (\$25 adults, \$5 children 5+) can be purchased from Motueka Floral Studio (cash only) or at the hall on the afternoon of the show (EFTPOS available)

