

Kia ora to families and friends of Lower Moutere School –

17 March 2023

As a school, we have lots to celebrate at present! Wednesday saw the school sending 32 students to represent us at the Motueka Swimming champs. This is a testament to the strong ability of the students at our school! All our students were proud ambassadors of our school and performed extremely well. We certainly lived up to the vision statement of 'to be the best that we can be!'. We are awaiting the final results to come through, however we did have good representation in the finals!



~WEETBIX TRYATHLON~

Well done to the students who entered the WeetBix Tryathlon last weekend! Thankfully too, the clouds parted for some great weather too!! It is fantastic seeing the increasing levels of physical participation with our students! Thanks too, parents who support!! Here is a pic of SOME of the entrants!!

THANKS STAFF & PARENTS..

Last week saw our staff meeting with families to discuss how the year has started with students and to collectively plan how the school will facilitate learning over the time ahead. This is an important part of the partnership that we have with whanau, and ensuring that we set the year in a positive way. Please know that you don't have to wait for an interview time to discuss your child and their learning – staff are available anytime during the year.

School Values – RESPECT!

What does that mean for us at Lower Moutere School?

With **self respect** we like ourselves because of **who we are** not because of what we can or cannot do. Having self respect is to have pride and knowledge of one's own worth, to value one's self. Those with respect for themselves are less prone to regret, blame, guilt, shame, and have secretive behaviour.

Self respect is the cornerstone on which many other attributes are built such as honesty, confidence, and integrity. Self respect reflects the level of love we have for ourselves.

This term, we know we are being respectful to ourselves by modelling the qualities of a great learner – being the best we can be as a learner in our school. Talking at home about being a great learner will reinforce the value that we place on being a great learner, great model to others and how much we care about ourselves as a person.




Take the time...

Recently, while meeting a prospective family, the question was asked, "What do I need to do to have my child ready?" The dedication that families make to ensure that their child is 'school ready' is so commendable and shows the expectation that we, as parents, have on our children to be great learners. We do want them to learn, we do want them to be happy ... and we also want them to know that we are so supportive of them – both in and out of school.

In mid-January, I had the heart wrenching task of taking my own son to Dunedin, where he started study at Otago University. Now that is a hard task if ever there was one. All the way home (the car was VERY quiet!), I found myself asking –'did I spend enough time with him as he was growing up?' The answer is we will never know – however consciously **making the time to be with our children every day** is what will be remembered. Take the time – without devices or distractions – and what you will get them ready for is building memories that will stay with them forever. And do you ever get used to not having them at home? ...well it's been a long 3 months!



School Pool – is now closed for the season – Please return your pool key  to the office!

Building update...

The work continues to happen behind the large plastic tent. Room 3 is nearly ready for us to move back in. The drains need to be completed, a bit more carpet, a clean and then it's all ready!

The staffroom no longer has a ceiling, trusses have arrived and there are lots of holes all over the place. New heating units have been installed and exterior cladding is being checked. It is a huge project and I remain ever thankful to the efficient team – IMB and Ian Twinn – builders, along with the students and staff of the school. We do hope that 3-4 months is all that we have left!



Thanks Motueka New World – for your very generous donation made to the school, to support us with our Breakfast Club!! It is very much appreciated.

Touch Rugby

If your child plays Touch after school, you will have had the saddening news that the after school games have been cancelled for the season. Well – we can't have that!! So we have spoken with a number of local schools and are in the planning stage of hosting a tournament at Lower Moutere. We will keep you informed!

Finally, you will have heard about the teachers strike, read about it and felt the impact of it, with changes needing to be made to ensure they are looked after for the day. So, what is it that would make the biggest difference? For us, the biggest difference would come if we were better supported with Learning Support. We have an incredible Deputy Principal – Mrs Karen Sinclair, who along with Mr Fraser Campbell, our Learning Support Co-ordinator, work tirelessly to find supports and plan interventions for our identified students. Our Teacher Aides are the most amazing people we could have with our students and the patience and care they show towards all students is outstanding. We would like the Ministry to fund us more appropriately. Our school currently pays for the Teacher Aide time and this is always a tight juggle. We would also like to see teaching staff released more often so that they can spend time on the tasks that they do not usually get time for ... working 1:1 with students, assessing, making resources and planning. It also concerns us that teaching is not a profession that people aspire to go to any more. Let's hope that this will be sorted in the near future and we can get back to doing what we love the most – working with students and making a positive difference.

Thanks for your support for Lower Moutere School!

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

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



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Sports Trust

THIS Saturday
1:00pm - 3:30pm
18th MARCH 2023

All in Academy
Y7-8
Netball Development

Motueka Netball Courts

\$5pp Register from 12:30pm **Require Parent contact & consent**
connect@SoulutionzSports.nz



MARCH	
Thursday 30	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm in staffroom
APRIL	
Friday 3	Year 7 & 8 Summer Tournament
Thursday 6	Motueka High School Music Tour
Thursday 6	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 24	Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 25	Anzac Day
Wednesday 26	First Day of Term 2
MAY	
Thursday 4	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm in staffroom
JUNE	
Monday 5	Kings Birthday
Thursday 22	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm in staffroom
Friday 30	Last Day of Term 2
JULY	
Friday 14	Matariki - Public Holiday
Monday 17	First Day of Term 3
AUGUST	
Thursday 10	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm in staffroom
SEPTEMBER	
Friday 22	Last Day of Term 3
Thursday 14	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm in staffroom
OCTOBER	
Monday 9	First Day of Term 4
Monday 23	Labour Day - Public Holiday
Thursday 26	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm in staffroom
SEPTEMBER	
Thursday 7	School Photos
NOVEMBER	
Thursday 30	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm in staffroom
DECEMBER	
Friday 15	Last day of Term 4

RAIDERS
NETBALL TRIALS

Come along to this year's Netball Trials and Open Day - We have friendly Social Teams to suit all, or a Competitive Team if your keen to take your talent and drive it to the next level - bring a friend or 2, you may just have a bit of fun and enjoy it enough to all sign up!

1pm - Saturday 25th March, 2023

Netball Season: May - September 2023

Motueka Netball Courts (Recreation Centre)

Join us at
Upper Moutere School
Tuesday 21 March
6:30 - 7:30pm
and hear
John Parsons

An interactive workshop for parents for keeping your children safe online.

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SATURDAY 1ST APRIL
9AM - 2PM

\$10 for a site
 phone/ text 0275287366 to book by 24th March

St Peter Chanel School
423 High Street

RANGERS RUGBY **SATURDAY 18TH MARCH 1PM - 3PM**
REGISTRATION DAY **MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY CENTRE**

COME ALONG & REGISTER FOR THE 2023 SEASON
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE
FREE GOODIES WHEN YOU REGISTER
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Adventure Fun Run

2nd April 2023
Tasman School
417 Aporo Road, Tasman

ENTER ONLINE: \$15 per person | \$40 family
 ENTER ON THE DAY: \$20 per person | \$50 family
 SIGN IN BETWEEN: 10.00am - 11.30am
 RACE STARTS: 12 noon ...and we're off!

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