



Lower Moutere School



SCHOOL ROAD, LOWER MOUTERE

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Dear Parents and whanau of Lower Moutere School –

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Welcome to term 2! We send a big 'Hi!' to our new families who have started with us at Lower Moutere. We know that you will enjoy everything that our school and community has to offer!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Coming to school is really important. We understand that students get unwell from time to time and that they do need to stay at home. The staff at our school are incredibly dedicated to ensuring that every child at the school has their learning needs met and to experience success in learning. Having 1 day off a week equates to 2 weeks a term. Over a year, that is 2 whole months of learning lost – on top of the 12 weeks for school holidays – almost half of the year lost. We can never get back today once it has gone – so parents, please ensure that attendance is a real priority for your child and their learning, as it is really important to us as a school. What is also appreciated is a phone call, email or txt to the school explaining why your child is absent. This is a requirement from the Ministry of Education. Many thanks for your help with this!

BUS ACCOUNTS

The term 2 bus fees are now due. The accounts for this are \$35 for one student and \$70 for a family. As this is a 'user-pays' system, it is important that it is paid to ensure continuation of service. We therefore ask that this is paid for by MONDAY 8th MAY. If you are needing to set up an automatic payment for this, please contact us and we can help.



The school bank account is 12-3158-0184739-00.

Please use your child's name and bus as the reference please!

BUS from MOTUEKA – with the rising costs of everything really, can I really encourage families in Motueka to consider this service. At \$3.50 a week, it is a cheap option to get your child to and from school – plus good for the planet!



SCHOOL UNIFORM – TERMS 2 AND 3!

Now that we are in term 2, we will see students in their winter uniform. There is little change with the exception of black fleecy leggings instead of shorts – (optional) and thermals. We ask that thermals are either black or dark blue only. Please check that all items, especially the fleecy top, is named! Thanks! If you are needing a fleece please pop into the office as we have lots!!

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING THIS TERM??

This term will see our school having a focus on Science – in particular, the Physical World. For those of us who remember our high school days, we are looking closely at physics – forces and motions, electronics and electricity and all those hands-on learning activities!

Sports wise, we will be starting preparations for the school cross country, which will be held in the paddocks at Chambers and Jackett later in May. We will also have preparations for gymnastics! In arts, we are learning about sketching and photography! Exciting times and loads of 'experiential learning' opportunities!

WINTER SPORTS

It is great to see a large number of our students enrolling in winter sports! Many teams are now practicing after school and we send a BIG thanks to the parents who offer to coach our school teams!

We also wish to acknowledge Kerrylee Ward who has altered and adjusted some sports uniforms for our netball players! She was absolutely amazing so a huge thanks from Lower Moutere!!

This visual is a really good reminder to us all, about our conduct with sports! These support our school values of RESPECT and we really encourage you to talk these over with your child(ren).

For our awesome students

For our cheerleading parents!...

- ✓ Is **PROACTIVE** by helping with clean up after a practice or after a game.
- ✓ Is **RESPECTFUL** of umpires, officials, opponents, coaches, managers, equipment, uniforms and team mates and always listens carefully.
- ✓ Is **OPEN** to try anything the coach wants them to try at practice and at the game.
- ✓ Is **UNDERSTANDING** that their team mates all learn differently.
- ✓ Is **DEPENDABLE** by showing great sportsmanship, by following the rules and working hard for themselves and their team.

WE:

- Support the coach
- Let our child make decisions
- Encourage our child
- Praise our child and cheer for everyone
- Let our child have fun
- Behave as role models
- Respect officials
- Respect the opposition
- Respect the umpire's decisions
- Give our child autonomy
- Support the coaches decisions
- Want our child to learn lessons from sport

WE AVOID:

- Arguing with the coach
- Constantly shouting instructions
- Criticizing our child
- Comparing our child to other players
- Demonstrating negative behaviours
- Being abusive towards officials
- Arguing with opposition parents/players
- Disagreeing with the coaches decisions
- Telling our child how to play
- Wanting our child to win at all costs



MAY	
Thursday 4th	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm in staffroom
Friday 5th	The Kings day! Dress in your PJ's, looking royal!
Thursday 11th	Firewise programme NE - Room 6
Tuesday 30th	School Cross Country (pp 31 st)
JUNE	
Monday 5 th	Kings Birthday - Public Holiday
Friday 9 th	Motueka District Cross Country
Thursday 22 nd	Playhouse theatre visits
Thursday 22 nd	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm in staffroom
Friday 30 th	Last Day of Term 2
JULY	
Friday 14 th	Matariki - Public Holiday
Monday 17 th	First Day of Term 3
AUGUST	
Thursday 10 th	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm in staffroom
SEPTEMBER	
Thursday 7 th	School Photos
Thursday 14 th	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm in staffroom
Friday 22 nd	Last Day of Term 3
OCTOBER	
Monday 9 th	First Day of Term 4
Monday 23 th	Labour Day - Public Holiday
Thursday 26 th	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm in staffroom
NOVEMBER	
Thursday 30 th	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm in staffroom
DECEMBER	
Friday 15 th	Last day of Term 4

Many thanks for your support for the school!

Chris Bascand (JP) - Principal