



# Lower Moutere School



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Tēnā koutou katoa. Nau mai, hoki mai ki te kura Lower Moutere –

Here we are in the middle of our final term – there are so many exciting happenings occurring around the school and the buzz at our school is humming!

We have a number of important pieces of information in this newsletter, that we ask that you take note of.

## STAFFING & CLASSES – 2023

In 2023, we are continuing to run the same number of classes as this current year. We are so fortunate to have no changes in staff. Our school has a very stable staff – and we welcome back to do release work, Lana! While enjoying being a mum, she is also keen to return to school – so we look forward to seeing her smiley face again! Mrs Parfitt will be enjoying her role as grandma a lot more next year, as she finishes her teaching career at the end of this year.

As we put classes together, parents are asked that should they have any specific requests, that this is done in writing to [principal@lowermoutere.school.nz](mailto:principal@lowermoutere.school.nz), by Thursday 1 December. Requests may be around friendships or specific needs however we are unable to fulfil requests for particular teachers.

### *Lower Moutere School Acorn challenge recipients!*

Every year, students in Years 5 – 8 are offered the opportunity to participate in our Acorn Challenge activities. These encourage our students to go 'over and beyond' in the wider community – to give back to others and it's all voluntary. A number of students take up the challenges, many of them taking well over 4 months to complete. If your child has an acorn challenge yet to complete, can you please remind them to have them handed in to us by the end of next week.

## SCHOOL GROUNDS OVER THE HOLIDAYS!

We were asked a really good question this week – 'are the school grounds open during the holiday break?' The answer is yes. In fact, the more it is used, the better! Builders and other contractors will continue to be on site so please do take care with their movements.

## SCHOOL ATHLETICS!

**A huge congratulations!** To the staff of our senior school, for running such a fantastic athletics champs for all of the 8 – 13 year old students of the local district .... AND ... **LOWER MOUTERE won the relay race on both days!!** Well done to the students who participated on the days and to the many other students of the school who helped in other ways too. This all helped make the day a great success!

## PET DAY!

**NEXT FRIDAY** is our school PET DAY! Attached to this newsletter, is all the information that you need to know about Pet Day. We are also asking the students to advise of which animals / pets they are bringing. Please have this discussion with them, so that we are able to plan the grounds and inside housing accordingly. Many of the craft entries are the same as the Motueka A&P show – so you may consider entering that on the Saturday!??  
Entry form for this is attached.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS

The juniors are holding their own athletics, this FRIDAY, starting at 11am – 12.30. This involves all students from the New Entrants rooms through to Room 3 (Mrs Mathewson). Parents are most welcome to come and watch. A sausage sizzle is available to these competitors for \$2 each.

## SCHOOL PRODUCTION

The staff and students have been incredibly busy – and the hours that have gone after hours is immense. A huge thank you for this. So – here are the presentation dates –

- **Smaller version of Suessical snippets** – Motueka High School – 6 Dec at 5.30pm. Koha entry. This is not the whole show.
- **Whole show production** – WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER – 10am for a matinee and then again at 6pm. These shows will be held on our new decking area, outside Rooms 9 and 10. For the 6pm show, parents are welcome to bring a picnic blanket and some 'grazing' food – make an evening of it!

Please note that this is not our end of year function – this is yet to happen!!

## YEAR 8 End of year DINNER!

This will be held at school on WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER. Separate details will be heading home to our Year 8 students regarding this.

## END OF YEAR PRIZE GIVING!

The end of year prizegiving will be held at the school on TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER. There will be some musical entertainment prior to the awarding of trophies and Golden Acorn awards. Again, this will start at 6pm, concluding by 7pm. School reports will also be handed out at this time.

## LAST DAY OF TERM 4, 2022!

The last full day of school is Tuesday 13 December. There is a half day on the 14<sup>th</sup>, however no buses will be running. If you intend on sending your child(ren) to school on the 14<sup>th</sup>, please let your child's teacher know. (We will remind you again closer to the time).

## AFTER SCHOOL CARE – KIDZ KLUB!

Is looking for a few more workers ... are you keen to work for the after school care programme? OR even better – would like to work during the holidays in the holiday programme?? If so, please contact Cindus on the following number ... 027 3587233 – thanks!

There will be one more newsletter before the end of the school term.

Many thanks for your support for our school!

Chris Bascand - Principal

### ATHLETICS DAY RESULTS!

Lower Moutere had one of the most successful District Athletics Champs on Tuesday and Wednesday. Sara Beveridge and Slade Pine were the 11year girls and 10 year Boys overall champs! Slade was overall Junior Champ.

Lots of successes in events saw Awen Horrel second overall in the 8 year girls. Ashen Hill was second overall in the 12 Year boys.

Eli Belsey, Sophia Pine, Elyse Karetai and Shay Ilton were all third overall in their age groups.

To top it off both Junior and Senior Relay teams are this year's champions!

Thanks to all the support for a successful two days.



## PET DAY INFORMATION! – 2022

Hi Parents – we know that a Pet & Craft day has not been held at Lower Moutere for a few years now! We are working alongside the up and coming Motueka A&P show, so that entries with our event can in turn, be used at the local show – should you wish! So here is some detailed information on what we have planned for the day – so that you are aware of what students need, what to bring, when to come to school etc ... hopefully we have it all covered in this notice!

**Craft entries** – The two themes this year are SAND SAUCERS ....



On a flat, round dish, maximum size is 20cm.

The school will supply ... a plastic saucer type plate and sand.  
Home needs to provide the flowers. (we do have some daisies on the lawn!)

**Vegetable creations...**



The school will supply toothpicks, skewers and a limited supply of veges.  
Home needs to provide veges – older ones that are just fine.

Students and parents are welcome to practice making these creations at home on Thursday, however students need to assemble these **all** at school on the Friday. Creations can not come to school pre-made.  
Make use of produce that is past its best ... or that you are not needing, as we do not wish families to go to huge expense with this!

**Optional entries that can be entered into the A & P show**

Animal picture – any picture of a pet / animal however can not be photographed.

**Market stalls** – Students in Rooms 4-8 will be holding stalls for students to purchase small treats from. The food available is popcorn, fruit kebabs, candy floss, chocolate crackles, coconut ice, jelly in a cup, fudge, sherbet and lolly cake. All portions are small. Students have been busy making and marketing this week as part of a maths focus across the school. Students will be able to purchase these from the student run stalls. The stalls will run for approximately 20minutes.

**LOWER MOUTERE SCHOOL CURRENCY** – on Pets day, there will be many activities for students to participate in. These are all being run by our senior students. The school has developed its own 'pet day currency' in the form of 'Admit One tickets' so students can swap a ticket for an activity or goods. One ticket is worth 20c, and we ask that students have no more than \$3 each on the day. The tickets can be purchased on Friday morning.



**Pet day activities** – following the stalls, there will be a range of activities for our students to participate in. They are... *Treasure hunt, Magnetic fishing, Tug of War, Target throw, Face painting, Gumboot throw, Coin toss and a Chocolate wheel!* Again, the same currency used for the stalls will be used for the activities. Part of the discussions with students this week will be around budgeting and planning, as they start to think about how they will spend their 'ticket money'. There will be prizes too, ranging from extra tickets to small take home prizes.

## THE PET DAY AFTERNOON...

**Bring your pet!** – There is absolutely no compulsion for students to bring a pet to school. We know that some animals will not be suited to bringing to school, or logistics simply mean that it is too difficult to get them to the school on the day. Students can consider designing a 'virtual' pet, or make a pet rock!

**There will be a map of where animals are to be placed in the school.** This will be displayed in multiple areas around the school. Please remember that they must have all their needs met while on the school grounds – water (bring a bowl), some treats, provision for shade – if outside, and doggy bags too.

We ask the following, when considering bringing a pet to school-

- If your pet gets stressed easily, it's best that they do not come to school.
- All animals that require tethering, must have someone with them at all times- be it a parent or the student.
- The following dogs are not ideal on days where we have mass animals on site – i.e., dogs used for pig-hunting, staffy dogs, Pitbulls or Rottweilers.
- No stallion horses.
- Pets such as tadpoles, rocks, teddybears or other 'feathered' or fur animals, may be brought to school in the morning (with the exception of cats/kittens). All classrooms where caged animals are housed will be air-conditioned for their comfort.

Please ask a staff member if you are not sure.

**Pet Classes** Pets arrive during lunch time, and are judged with their owner/handler in attendance after lunch. Please continue reading for information about pet judging. If your child is intending to bring along a pet, please help them prepare for the day, by **practicing answering the questions listed below.**

Please introduce me to your pet... what is its name, and what breed is it?  
Tell me about where your pet sleeps and why it sleeps there.  
Tell me about what you feed your pet and why you feed it that food.  
Tell me about how you keep your pet healthy.  
What sort of things do you do to keep your pet healthy?  
Why is this pet, a good pet for you?



As you can see, a huge amount of prep work has already been completed by the staff and senior students, for what is lining up to be a great day. We look forward to sharing the day with you all!

**Weather... What if it is raining?** There is no postponement date. The morning programme continues in a modified format... children still make their floral artwork, work is still put on display and judged, and stalls are still held (on the verandahs). Animals do not come to school. Notification will be on Facebook and email.

**JUDGES...** we are after a few more judges please ... if you know of anyone who would love to help us out!

**Can we bring along friends, family, etc.?** Yes please. Bring as many guests as you like – make sure you all come in time to view the classrooms full of children's work.

So, let's keep fingers crossed for a warm day and enjoy our Pets Day!

Staff – Lower Moutere School

**ENTRY FORM – please find this attached. Could this be returned to school by MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER.**



## TIMETABLE FOR THE DAY

9.00 - 10.20	<i>Students in class putting together sand saucers, vege critters and finalising other entries.</i>
10:20 - 10.40	<i>Food stalls being set up - morning tea -public display starts 10.45 - 11.00</i>
11.00 - 11.20	<i>Food stalls open -For students, items on their stands will be priced between 20- and 40¢. The currency for all activities will be in the form of token tickets. Tickets purchased by students can be used as 'money' for food items. - eg \$1 gets 5 tickets. These will be available on Friday.</i>
10:50 - 12.00	<i>Non-pet classes being judged in classrooms.</i>
11.20 - 11.30	<i>Food stalls being packed up - games &amp; activities to start . Students can bring up to \$3 to swap for 15 tickets. Games do have prizes!</i>
11:30- 12.00	<i>Children check on their saucers and critters. Go and view other classes' creations.</i>
12:00 - 12.30pm	<i>Pets arriving and being housed, tied, tethered, etc in preparation for judging. Please see map for where to put animals (pg 4)</i>
12:30 - 1.00pm	<b>LUNCH.</b> <i>Following this, we will have viewing of the non-pet class entries (they will have been judged)</i>
12:45 - 2pm	<i>Judging, pets only.</i>
2:15pm	<i>Time to re-house, re-tether pets, and clean up - home.</i> Students with pets are welcome to leave school early with their pet, at the conclusion. Ensure, if you are a bus student, that you sign off before leaving.



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LOWER MOUTERE SCHOOL PET DAY ENTRY FORM

FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER 2022

Are you planning to bring a pet to this year's pet day? If so, could you please fill in the details below ...

Pet owner \_\_\_\_\_

Pet type \_\_\_\_\_

Pet name \_\_\_\_\_

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Pet type \_\_\_\_\_

Pet name \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed form to the school office by  
MONDAY 28 November.