



Lower Moutere School



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Greetings Parents and Caregivers

21st April 2026

I hope everyone had a lovely Easter break and enjoyable school holiday period. After taking some time to recharge the staff have been busy getting ready for this term. The focus for this term is Tūrangawaiwai - This translates to "a place to stand" (tūranga = standing place, waewae = feet). Tūrangawaewae is a profound Māori concept highlighting the connection to place as a fundamental part of identity. It is not necessarily where one has spent the most time, but where their deepest roots are. The concept is often summarized as "where we feel especially connected, empowered and aligned with our foundations". Using this concept we will be exploring our connection to our special places, our local area and its connection to the wider world.

Welcome to Lizzy Laing

This term we welcome Lizzy Liang to Room 6. Lizzy comes to us with strong teaching experience, most recently in Nelson, and is a local resident of Motueka. During the appointment process, she stood out as a skilled practitioner who aligns well with the values and standards we hold for our students. To ensure a smooth transition, Lizzy worked closely with Rachel Diack during the term break. Lizzy will be an asset to our school and I know you'll make her feel welcome and a part of our school community.

Fuel Supply Update

New Zealand is currently at Phase 1 ("Watchful") of the national fuel response plan, meaning supply remains stable. School will continue as normal, including EOTC and activities. If you are experiencing challenges getting your children to school due to fuel costs, please get in touch so we can explore ways to support you (noting that hybrid learning is not an option at this time). We will continue to keep you updated if the situation changes. As a School, we are:

- Encouraging carpooling
- Exploring ways to limit unnecessary travel
- Supporting walking and biking where possible

Fundraising Quiz - Motueka Sprig & Fern Tonight at 7pm!

Tonight we are holding a fundraising event at the Sprig and Fern in Motueka. This year, every cent raised will go directly toward our EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) program. We believe that some of the most important lessons don't just happen within the classroom, and your support ensures that cost is never a barrier to our Tamariki experiencing the magic of the great outdoors. Entry is \$5 per person, with lots of raffles, \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Use of makeup at school

Upon coming back to school yesterday we noticed a trend that we would like to discourage of makeup appearing in the classrooms. While we absolutely love the creativity and curiosity about "growing up", we would like to gently ask that makeup be saved for home or the weekends. Practically speaking, young skin is incredibly sensitive and can react easily to long-term wear; plus, with our active days of PE and playground fun, products often end up smudged or irritating little eyes. By keeping things natural, we also ensure our students can focus entirely on their mahi and friendships without the distraction of comparing looks, allowing them to just be kids—climbing trees and getting stuck into learning—for as long as possible. We truly appreciate your support in keeping our school a simple, inclusive space where every child feels comfortable exactly as they are.

Staff Only Day

Lower Moutere School will be closed for instruction on Friday 29th May for our last professional development day focusing on the new Mathematics curriculum. This day will be used by our staff to further develop our collective understanding of this curriculum area. This is the last mandated staff only day for the school year.

Attendance

Last term we saw a school wide regular attendance rate of 78%. Regular attendance means attending school 90% or more of the days that it is open for instruction. In practical terms that is have less than one day off sick every fortnight. The Ministry of Education is tracking attendance on a daily basis. When a child's attendance falls below the 90% threshold, we have been asked to submit a reason to them explaining why. It is essential if your child is away sick that you let us know. If your child's attendance falls below the 90% threshold and we don't have a recorded reason we will be contacting you by either phone or email to see what we can do as a school to help improve your child's attendance. We are community and are all here to work together to ensure your children are getting the most out of their educational opportunities here at Lower Moutere School.



Face masks

We have many brand new boxes of face masks in the office. If anyone would like some please pop in and collect them.

School Swimming Pool

Our school swimming pool is now closed. If you have hired a pool key, could this please be returned to the school office as soon as possible. Many thanks!

School Jerseys

The weather is getting a bit cooler in the mornings. If you are after a school jersey for your child/ren please pop into the office or see your child's teacher and pick up a free one.....we have plenty!!

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 there is an after school programme held in the hall at Lower Moutere School – 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 up 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



Francis

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Individual, duo or group lessons in school hours are available.

**To enroll your children please contact Eugenie: info@musiclingo.nz
Please let us know your child's name, class and what they would like to learn.**

**For more information, check our website: [Musiclingo.nz](https://musiclingo.nz/) <https://musiclingo.nz/>
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SCHOOL CAMP COMING UP?

Stay Dry at Night
We Help Kids Stop Bedwetting

Bedwetting doesn't have to stop your child from going. Here's how to prepare:

- 1. Get help early**
 The sooner you learn how to help your child stop bedwetting, the more confident they'll feel about staying dry at camp.
- 2. Reassure them**
 Many kids still wet the bed at this age. Your child is far from the only one thinking about this.
- 3. Smart evening habits**
 Skip fizzy drinks and juice after dinner. Make a final toilet stop after your evening chat.
- 4. Tell a teacher**
 Let a trusted teacher know ahead of time so they can support your child quietly and confidently.
- 5. Pack discreet essentials**
 Extra PJs, wipes, and a quiet waterproof disposal bag keep things simple. Skip onesies, they're tricky for night toileting.
- 6. Consider temporary medication**
 There is short-term medication that can help with sleepovers and school camp. Just make sure to trial it before they go.

Don't wait for the next camp to roll around.
 Give your child the best chance to enjoy **sleepovers** and **school camps** without stress.

At Stay Dry at Night, we can help your child (aged 5 to 12 y) learn how to stop bedwetting.

Want more tips?
 I can't tell it all here, so checkout my blog about Bedwetting and School Camp

www.staydryatnight.com

Scan the QR code to read our full blog

**WALK IN
IMMUNISATION
CLINICS**

Tuesdays from 18th Feb 2025 3 PM - 7 PM	Fridays from 21st Feb 2025 9AM - 1 PM
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281 Queen Street Richmond
All funded vaccines available
except Shingrix

Health New Zealand
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Nelson Marlborough

bookings available
via this QR code



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**MOTUEKA AFC
FOOTBALL 2026**

Kids turning 9 years old needed

Games starting 2 nd May	Kids born in 2017 or late 2016	No experience needed
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- Registrations also available for ages 5 to Adult
- Register online www.sporty.co.nz/MotuekaAFC
- More info contact motuekaafcjunior@gmail.com


