



Lower Moutere School

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Kia Ora families and friends of Lower Moutere School

25 June 2025

It is really hard to fathom that 9 weeks have passed! We can be really impressed with all the achievements that we have made over the term, the great learning and engagement and despite the flus that have gone around, our attendance has still been high. A big thanks to you all for helping there!

Matariki Celebration tomorrow now at 8am

Looks like Tāwhirimātea has decided to water the garden over the next few days. Considering this, on Friday we will now begin at 8.00am NOT 6.00am. The classrooms will be open for parents to view the Matariki artwork that tamariki have completed. For those that can stay, at 9am, we will meet in the school hall for the hautapu ceremony and then take breakfast to eat in the classrooms. Please note we will not be able to cater for gluten free requirements or allergies. Please feel free to bring your own food.

Buses will run as normal on Friday. There will also be a sausage sizzle as per usual at lunchtime.

New Entrants squishing, squashing, smooshing and rolling – working hard creating their Matariki taonga! Proud faces, messy fingers, and shining stars all round!



Reporting to Parents and Conferences

On Friday, school midyear reports will go home to families, with your child. Thanks to the staff who have spent the term carefully gathering the necessary information to really ensure that you have a report that gives you detailed information about what your child can do, and where to next.

This is a time to celebrate your child's success by acknowledging their hard work and dedication shown in their school report. It is really important to focus on their individual achievements and progress rather than comparing them to others. Make sure that you highlight specific areas where they have improved or excelled and express your pride and support. This positive reinforcement will encourage them to continue striving for personal growth and excellence – being the BEST that they can be!



Parent/Teacher conferences will happen in the second week of Term 3 - Monday 21st July and Wednesday 23rd July. This will be a time to discuss with your child's teacher, the school report itself, and next steps.



Rooms 5 & 6 had a cake decorating competition this week. A big thanks to Lyn for making the cakes and congratulations to the students who won and decorated them. They were delicious!!



What to ask instead of 'How was your day today?'

Have you ever wanted to know a bit more about what happened at school today ... and not sure what to ask??

Here are 5 great questions that you can ask your child that should give you some great conversations.

BOARD ELECTIONS

This year we have board elections coming up. Our next meeting of the school Board is THURSDAY 26th June at 6pm in the staffroom. We extend a further welcome to any parent in the school, who wishes to learn more about being a member of the Board, to come along and join us. Please let Sue in the office know, so that we can have information prepared for you.



Congratulations!

Last week our school sent students out to compete in the local Kia-o-Rahi competition. Ki-o-Rahi is a traditional Māori team sport played on a circular field. Two teams, Kīoma and Taniwha, compete. The game is divided into quarters or halves, and teams switch roles (Kīoma or Taniwha) partway through the game. Here's how each team scores:

- **Kīoma** score by touching posts (**Pou**) with the ball (**Kī**), then running the Kī through a central area (**Te Roto**) and placing it down in a scoring zone (**Pawero**).
- **Taniwha** score by hitting a central target (**Tupu**) with the Kī. The Kīoma team has **Kaitiaki** (guardians) who try to stop the Taniwha from hitting the Tupu.

To prevent the other team from scoring, Taniwha will try to stop Kīoma players by ripping a tag off a player.

Our Chess Team also competed last week. All students had a great time thinking strategically and trying to outwit their opponents.

Finally, our Cross-Country team of six competed in Nelson. Congratulations to: Axel, Beau, Tor, Paige, Awen and Olivia. A special mention to Axel Walker who was the only senior student to qualify and compete at this level. All age groups had fields of about 60 students in them. Results were:

Paige - 46th - Year Five Girls, Tor - 31st - Year Five Boys, Beau - 44th - Year Five Boys, Awen - 5th - Year Six Girls, Olivia - 24th - Year Six Girls, Axel - 26th - Year Eight Boys

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) program is continuing to power along involving students in design, problem solving, electronics, basic engineering theory, curiosity and wonderment. Many thanks for the donations of tools over the last fortnight. However, we would still love some more tools. We are after a file, some safety glasses, a hacksaw and a spirit level.

Motueka Sprig and Fern Weekly Quiz

When? - Tuesday 22nd July 7pm

Why? - Proceeds to Year 7/8 Ski trip

Get a group together and have a fun challenge.

If you have any raffle prizes to donate, please get in contact with Mr Lynch or Mrs Simkin.



With the cooler terms upon us, it is time to remind ourselves of the school uniform for the winter season. Students wear a school fleece (we have many spares at school), the school shirt (available from Whitwells) and either BLACK shorts or fleecy pants. If students are needing to wear a thermal, it can be either BLACK or DARK BLUE. Students can of course wear a jacket to school for extra warmth during breaks etc.

After school care!

A reminder that Lower Moutere School offers an after school care programme – 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

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 / Tumuaki

JUNE	
Thursday 26 th June	Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm in the Staffroom
Friday 27 th	8am Matariki Celebration at School
Friday 27 th	Last Day of Term 2
JULY	
Monday 14 th	First Day of Term 3
AUGUST	
Friday 29 th	Daffodil Day - Mufti Day
SEPTEMBER	
Friday 12 th	School Photos
Friday 19 th	Last Day of Term 3
OCTOBER	
Monday 6 th	First Day of Term 4
Monday 27 th	Labour Day - Public Holiday
DECEMBER	
Thursday 18 th December	Last Day of Term 4



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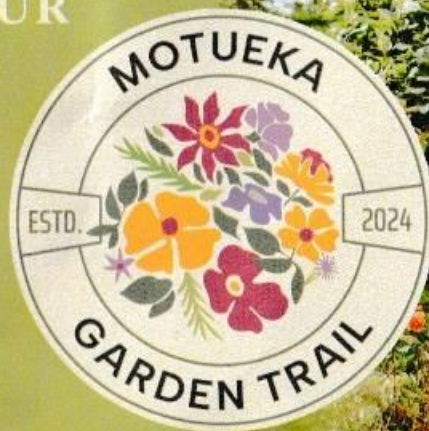
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WOULD LIKE TO
TAKE PART IN OUR
2025 GARDEN
TRAIL?

We need gardens
for our annual
garden trail, which
will take place on
the weekend of
15th and 16th
November 2025.



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Thinking about adding a beautiful new deck to your home? Now is the perfect time! With every confirmed deck quote, customers will receive a Prezzy card on us - the bigger the deck, the bigger the reward! So don't hesitate, call us today for your free quote.



Terms and conditions apply. Offer valid through from 5th May - 31st August 2025.

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**SARAU
WINTER SALE**

Preloved Books & Clothing
July 19th & 20th
11am - 3pm



MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY CENTRE
A fundraiser for Sarau Community Trust



KIDZ KLUB AFTER 3 Wicked Winter holiday programme

30th of June- 11th of July 2025

8.30am - 3.30pm

(aftercare may be available to 4:30pm
depending on numbers)

LOWER MOUTERE SCHOOL HALL

\$45 per day

WINZ OSCAR Subsidies available to eligible families



To get an enrolment form for your children contact
Leah Bailey-Young 027 512 0687

Kidzklubafter3@gmail.com

BE IN QUICK AS SPACES ARE STRICTLY LIMITED!!!

Monday 30 th June	Tuesday 1 st July	Wednesday 2 nd July	Thursday 3 rd July	Friday 4 th July
Mystery Box What will be inside our box full of mystery!? 	Winter Crafts What does Winter look like to you? Today we will craft all things Winter! 	Minute to win it You only have 1 minute, can you do the challenge before the timer runs out?? 	Movies in the Moutere Stay in your PJ's today! We are going to our very own cinema. 	Talent show Cartwheels, dancing, or singing, what secret talent do you have to share? 
Monday 7 th July	Tuesday 8 th July	Wednesday 9 th July	Thursday 10 th July	Friday 11 th July
Challenge Day Everything is a challenge today, are you up for it?? 	Market Place Today we are going to make really cool stuff to sell at our own KK market 	Medieval Feast Dress up in your best medieval costume to win the head of the table, this spot is fit for a King and Queen! 	Magic Day Abracadabra! Who will be blown away by your magic tricks! 	Lego Masters It's our famous Lego Master's today. Who can beat our tallest tower record!? 

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GARIN COLLEGE

Parent & Whānau Information Evening

Wednesday 16 July, 7.00pm
Garin Gymnasium

Come and hear about your Catholic college
This evening is aimed at providing information to parents
and whānau. Students can also attend

Open Day for Year 8 Students

Wednesday 23 July, 12.00pm - 2.20pm

Come to your Catholic college for
lunch and a look around

Programme

- 12.00pm Welcome from Principal at the gym
Complimentary lunch
Presentations from Garin College Leaders
Guided tours to see the school in action
Return to the gym for band performance
and farewell
- 2.20pm Visitors depart and return to their own
schools

(Any families wishing to have a tour of the Hostels, please meet
Robert Booth - Hostel Manager at the main school office at 2.20pm)



MOTUEKA HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY 23 JULY 2025

Commencing at 6.30pm

In the School Hall.

Come along to experience the many rich
opportunities available to your son or
daughter.

Self paced-tour.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Today's Learners, Tomorrow's Leaders

Parents Comments

"Building a bank of strategies to deal with problem behaviour"

"Actually addressing issues rather than just putting a Band-Aid over them"

"It taught me to connect better with my children"

"Because of what I have learnt my home's a lot calmer and happier"

"It was great knowing that everyone attending is just like me"

"Learning to ignore some behaviours & praising good behaviours"

"The most helpful part of the programme was learning about role modelling"

"Learning how to enjoy my kids again"

Incredible Years Parenting Programme Motueka

Group facilitators:

Phillipa Adams
Carolyn Marshall

Where: **Motueka Family Service Centre**

When: **Wednesdays 9:30am-12:30pm**
6th August - 3rd December 2025

Cost: **FREE COURSE**
Support for childcare available.
Support for transport available.

Who can enrol?

Parents/caregivers of a child between 3 & 8 years who would like support with their parenting skills. You are most welcome to bring along a support person, whānau tautoko, friend or family member.

To enrol or for more info contact:

Motueka Family Service Centre

Phone: 03 5280234

Phillipa - 021 0297 1506
Carolyn - 021 038 1017

Email: phillipamfsc@xtra.co.nz

Address: 27 Talbot Street, Motueka

www.facebook.com/motuekafamilyservicecentre



Supporting and empowering families/whānau

Incredible Years Parenting Programme

For parents/caregivers of 3-8 year olds



The Incredible Years Parents, teachers, and children building better lives

What is Incredible Years?

A parenting programme designed to:

- Develop positive family relationships
- Empower parents to make changes
- Helps parents handle difficult behaviour & set limits for their kids

Practical step-by-step suggestions help in handling everyday situations that parents face.

The Incredible Years



"I feel the Incredible Years Course has grounded me as a parent."

(Sarah - Mum of 3 children)

What's covered?

Parenting Skills

- Play & involvement
- Praise & rewards
- Limit setting
- Positive discipline

Interpersonal skills for parents

- Problem solving
- Dealing with anger
- Communication
- Giving & getting support

Making the most of school

- Learning after-school routines
- Homework support
- Involvement at school
- Reading
- Contact with teachers

Give it a go!

Why a Parenting programme?

- Parenting is the most important job adults do & we all want to do a good job!
- Many of us are not trained or prepared for the task
- Challenging behaviour in kids causes stress in families
- This programme supports whole family functioning
- Learn new skills to manage challenging behaviour
- Get encouragement & support
- Confident parents make a difference in families
- Learning parenting skills in a supportive group is effective and fun

For more info about the programme, visit the International Incredible Years website.

www.incredibleyears.com

Courses available:

- **Early Years (1-7 years)**
Term four 2025 on Tuesdays
Starting Tuesday 28th October
- **Tweens (8-12 years)**
Term three 2025 on Tuesdays
Starting Tuesday 29th July
- **Teenagers (13-18 years)**
On hold till 2026

All courses will be in the morning 9.30 am to 12.00 noon.

Venue:

Motueka Family Service Centre
27 Talbot Street, Motueka

Cost:

FREE

No childcare available, please make your own childcare arrangements.

For further information and enrolment contact:

Motueka Family Service Centre

03 528 0234

Group Facilitator

Phillipa Adams
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Six week parenting courses:

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Teenagers
Tools for Parents
Tweens
Tools for Parents
Early Years



Whānau services

Supporting you to be the parent you want to be

Why a parenting course?



- Parenting is the most important job we do
- Supports whole family functioning
- Learn new skills to manage children's challenging behaviour
- Encouragement and support
- Confident parents make a difference in families
- Learning parenting skills in a small supportive group is effective and fun

What is covered?

- What motivates children
- Building a positive connection with your child
- Communication that works
- Boundaries & expectations
- Managing behaviour
- Problem solving
- Where to for support



- Tweens & Teens courses also include discussions on puberty and teen specific issues.

What you need to know?

These courses are tailored for different age groups. Talk to us about which course will suit your whānau's needs best.

The courses are a series of six supportive fun small group discussions all based around positive parenting strategies.

It is important to attend all sessions as each one builds upon the skills and knowledge gained in the previous session.

You are welcome to bring along a support person to the group.

