



Lower Moutere School



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Dear Parents and whanau of Lower Moutere School –

Next Tuesday, we look forward to welcoming to the school, Jan Tinetti (ex-Minister of Education) and Damien O'Connor – Labour MP for Tasman/Westland. Both MPs I know well from the West Coast so look forward to catching up with them and showing them around our fine school! They are looking forward to meeting our students and talking to them about learning and life at Lower Moutere!

On the same day, we also welcome the team from Whenua Iti - Manaaki Tāpoi Rangatahi (Trades team) who are going to work with 30 senior students developing skills in waiata, local pūrākau and pakiwaitara (stories), mau rākau and kēmu (games). This initiative is a real win-win for both our students and the team at Whenua Iti who are working with us!

Whanau connections – meeting with our parents

Thank you to the large number of parents who attended the parent teacher interviews at the end of last week – one of the most significant factors in student achievement is the involvement of parents in the education of their child. We were pleased to see over 90 percent of parents booking interviews. Taking an active interest in your child's education and supporting them with next learning steps and the challenges they face, cannot be understated.

Attendance matters!

The Ministry of Education is really emphasising regular attendance and ensuring that schools are doing all they can to have students in school and attending regularly. They have gone so far as to now make times to visit us termly to identify attendance trends at each school. Ideally, if we could reach 94%, that would be fantastic! Acknowledging that there have also been significant illnesses circulating, our fingers are crossed that this is behind us now!

Why does it matter? Our staff commit significant time to putting together programmes of work that support and enhance the learning for all our students. We all want to raise achievement for our students so that each

day, they can be the best that they can be. Disjointed attendance makes it incredibly hard for your child to catch up, puts them behind their peers and ultimately, they spend more time trying to get to the same stage again as their peers.

We all know that education is really important – your help with this is appreciated!



BUS ACCOUNTS

The term 3 bus fees are now due. The accounts for this are \$40 for one student and \$75 for a family. As this is a 'user-pays' system, it is important that it is paid to ensure continuation of service. If you have not paid for Term 3, please can you pay. If you are needing to set up an automatic payment for this, please come and see us and we can help.



The school bank account is ASB -[12-3158-0184739-00](https://www.asb.co.nz/branches/12-3158-0184739-00) . Use your child's name and bus as the reference please! Remember we also have Eftpos in the office for any payments.



SCHOOL UNIFORM –TERM 3!

Just a reminder that winter uniform is still 'in'. On the legs are black fleecy leggings or shorts – and thermals. We ask that thermals are either black or dark blue only. Please check that all items, especially the fleece top, is named! Thanks!

Did you know ... we have honey for sale!!

The exciting day has arrived when we have our own grown HONEY for sale! The pottles of 500g RAW honey are \$12 each and are available in the school office. Please bring cash if possible! A big thanks to the Rusbach family and BeeQuipNZ who have helped us out so much!



Heads up ... disco coming!

Start getting costumes ready ... there is a group of very keen and excited senior students who are planning a school disco. This is a part of their Acorn challenge, and they are busy confirming dates at present. Keep an eye out for the end of this month ... info coming!!

Emergency drills

Today we held an emergency drill at school. This is a very important action that we do each term, to ensure that our students and staff know exactly what to do, should an emergency situation ever occur while we are all at school. Today was a fire drill. We also practice earthquake drills and lockdown drills too. To safely evacuate the school, we take approximately 1minute 20seconds, which is great! If you are an adult visiting the school during the day, signing in so that we have a record of all people on site is really important too! At home, when did you last do a fire drill? Do your children know what to do should something happen at home? This could be a great discussion point tonight at the dinner table!



Year 5 & 6 Hamper Raffle!

The winning tickets were drawn on Wednesday. The lucky winners were **Duncan** with ticket number 72, **Rickie** with ticket number 439 and **Gert** with ticket number 421.

A BIG thank you to everyone for supporting our raffle!



SAUSAGE SIZZLES ... every Friday this term, \$2 each!

Enrolments for 2025 ...

It seems so far at this point in time – however we are already beginning the process of looking forward to the 2025 school year! If you are aware of any students who are due to turn 5, and intend on attending Lower Moutere, please pass on to them, 'please let us know!'



You Have Value

This term, we are focussing on 'You have value – we succeed together – others matter'. We see this with the Olympics values and this is reinforced with our school values too – we respect others. This means that we do simple things such as ...

- Speaking our truth with sincerity and honesty – not talking about others in a mean way
- Helping out where we see others needing this – not putting them down
- When the strengths are called out of each one of us, when the strengths and successes are supported in each of us, we lift the wellbeing and achievement for everyone.

Being proud members of Lower Moutere achieving to the best that we can be, is a mighty goal!

School accounts ...

The school has a few accounts that are outstanding at present. We are not in a position to write off accounts as this means that we are taking away funds from our students. If you have an overdue account, or not sure if you do owe anything, please call in and check at the office. It would be great to have these cleared as soon as possible.

The days are getting longer now, and we have a lot to look forward to this term. Our Calendar of Events, which is towards the end of this newsletter, highlights a particularly full and busy term. It is also an exciting one with the School Disco (more to come!), Daffodil Day, Year 5&6 camp, winter sports wrap-ups and to start term 4, the Year 7 & 8 camp. There's HEAPS happening – thanks for being a part of it!!

Many thanks for your support of our school and our students!



Chris Bascand – Principal (JP)

Upcoming Events

AUGUST	
Wednesday 21 - Friday 23	Year 5 & 6 camp - Teapot Valley
Thursday 22	Board meeting
Friday 30	Daffodil Day
SEPTEMBER	
Friday 13	School Photos
Thursday 19	Board meeting
Monday 23	Dental Bus Arrives
Friday 27	Last day of Term 3
OCTOBER	
Monday 14	First day of Term 4
Tuesday 15 - Friday 18	Year 7 & 8 camp to Totaranui
Friday 25	Dental Bus Leaves
Monday 28	LABOUR DAY
NOVEMBER	
Thursday 7	Board meeting
Monday 11	Motueka Schools Kahui Ako TEACHER ONLY DAY
Tuesday 19 & Wednesday 20	Interschools Athletics Day 1 - 8-10 year olds then Day 2, 11-13 year olds
Thursday 28	Board meeting
DECEMBER	
Wednesday 11	End of year concert and Year 8 farewells
Thursday 12	Last day of school

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Scan the QR code to support Pete's Natural Sodas' PledgeMe campaign! We're crowd-funding for a \$100,000 for a brand-new canning line to bring you even more of your favourite natural flavours. Check out the exciting rewards and be part of our bubbly journey!



A panel of judges will select the five best artworks in each of the two age categories and Mayor Tim will announce them at the opening of a special art exhibition on October 17th. Selected works will be sent to the Mayors for Peace Secretariat in Japan. The artwork that wins the Mayors for Peace President's Award International will be used to promote awareness of the importance of peace education on various occasions. Entries are open now and close on September 1. Entry form and more details about the competition are on our website [Mayors for Peace Art competition 2024 | Tasman District Council](#)

Young People

HEROES OF FAITH

Messy CHURCH

Activities Songs Food Games Stories Crafts

St Thomas Anglican Church
101 HIGH STREET MOTUEKA
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August 27th 5-7pm

COME AND ASK, COME AND LOOK, COME AND SEE
Children under 14 years old must be accompanied by an adult