



Lower Moutere School

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Kia Ora families and friends of Lower Moutere School,

17th October 2025

A special welcome to our new families joining Lower Moutere School. It is great to have you here with us. And of course, welcome back everyone. It is going to be a great term. This term is as always, a busy one with several exciting activities and events happening to delight and inspire our children!

We have had a busy two weeks since the start of the school term. We have had a fabulous Senior Camp up in Golden Bay, our year four students are enjoying their camp now and are off on an exciting bike ride today. Our STEM program is bearing fruit, and we have more about that in the articles below.

Our staff have an exciting and busy program planned for your Tamariki for the rest of this term. They work hard at their jobs and always go the extra mile to accommodate the needs of their students. We endeavour to ensure our communication is timely, considerate and respectful. Like everyone we are human beings, and like you, sometimes we make mistakes. When issues arise and discussions need to take place, these should be respectful and constructive. As in any workplace, raised voices and intimidating body language will not be tolerated.

All our school policies can be found at: <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/> Search for our school's name and use these login details. Username: lowermoutere and password: respectful.

FORMAL NOTICE OF STRIKE ACTION AND SCHOOL CLOSURE ON THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER

Today, the primary school teachers' union, NZEI has formally issued notice of strike action scheduled to take place from 7:00am to 7:00pm on Thursday 23 October 2025.

This action will involve employees who are members of NZEI Te Riu Roa and are covered by the following collective agreements:

- Primary School Teachers' Collective Agreement
- Primary Principals' Collective Agreement
- Support Staff in Schools Collective Agreement (includes employees with the job title Guidance Counsellor)
- Area School Teachers' Collective Agreement
- Kaiārahi i te Reo and Therapists' Collective Agreement

The Board of Trustees of Lower Moutere has reluctantly decided to close on that day as we do not have enough non-unionised staff to safely supervise the students here at school. We regret any inconvenience that this action has caused.

EVOLOCITY

On Tuesday, it was time to put our two electric vehicles to the test at a regional competition held at the Kartsport track in Appleby. We've been working on these vehicles since April, and through perseverance, patience, and resilience, we managed to build an electric bike engineered and raced by the Year 6-7 girls, as well as a kart created by the Year 6-7 boys engineering group.



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To be the best that we can be!

What a mission it was! The boys were determined they wanted to build a kart. After destroying a grass kart, a mobility scooter, and a bike and acquiring resources we finally put everything together to create a little machine! The judges were so impressed with our focus on sustainability that the boys received the Earth Care Award.

For the performance part of the competition, our vehicles had to complete 8 laps around the track. At first, the boys' kart was trailing in last place, but guess what? They ended up winning! When the scrutineers tested the battery consumption, the boys' kart only used 47%, while the other karts were well into the 70s. In this case, the tortoise really did win the race!

The boys got second place in engineering. At the end of the day, this programme wasn't just about winning awards. It was about the Universal design for learning... thinking, planning, designing, innovating, reflecting and sharing.

The teams were really buzzing. Congratulations LMS Royals and Granny Mobile.

Thank you to our parent Haig for the amazing toolbox, it had a lot of use. Thank you to our awesome community with all those tools! Thanks to our helper Mark who guided us and believed in us!

AQUABOTS

Last Saturday, we had an exciting practice day with the Aquabots. We spent the day trialling a couple of different courses to prepare for the upcoming competition. It was a great opportunity to test our robots and make adjustments before the big day.

Then, on Sunday, we returned for the actual competition. There were heaps of kids there, all putting their robots through their paces and competing in various challenges. Our school entered two teams, and we were proud to say we aced the obstacle course, thanks to the practice we did in our school pool. The course involved moving items, taking caps and lids off objects, all while being timed. It was challenging but fun!



The competition was about more than just robotics; we also had to complete a quiz about Marine Reserves and participate in interviews where we answered questions related to the entire process. Throughout the day, we showed real resilience and perseverance. At one point, our robot broke, and the intermediate robot also experienced issues. But we quickly made emergency repairs, and both teams managed to complete the last two tasks.

In the end, the intermediate team came 5th out of 23 teams, which was a fantastic result! And our Year 6 through resilience and perseverance earned first place!

Thanks to our hard work and determination, we are now heading to the nationals in Wellington! If we do well there and finish in the top three, we'll have the chance to compete internationally. We're proud of what we've achieved and excited for what's next!

We are fundraising with the Friday sausage sizzle and a firewood raffle. If you think you can help with fundraising, please see Tamsin in Room 9. Thanks so much!



SCHOOL CAMPS!

As mentioned earlier we have started our EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) programme – a very exciting time for so many students across the school. Our Year 7 & 8 students headed off for a great week to Tukurua, in Golden Bay with the Year 4 students having a tent-over at school last night! Thanks to the parents who are able to give up their time to support us with camps – we really appreciate your help!!



Lower Moutere School is a SUN SAFE focused school. We know the long-term dangers of exposure to the sun, and therefore do all we can to ensure that safe practices are in place at our school. This term, all students and staff are required to wear a sunhat whenever they are outside. Please ensure that your child brings their named school hat to school. If you need a new school hat, this can be purchased from the school office.

SWIMMING SEASON SOON TO START!



After seeing the fresh snow on the hills and the rain lately, I am pleased we are hesitant to start swimming! We will aim to have the pool heated within the next few weeks! Your child's teacher will advise you of swimming days and when each class will start swimming. This is the time to see how much all our students have grown, and check ... 'do those togs still really fit you!!??'

CLASSES – 2026 – WE ARE STARTING TO GET READY

The process for organising classes for 2026 is underway. Occasionally there are reasons for certain children not to be placed together, ie, there have been friendship issues, siblings etc. Please refrain from using this as an opportunity to request a teacher. If you do have something that you would like us to consider, this needs to be in writing to myself by FRIDAY 24th October please. This is sent to principal@lowermoutere.school.nz – many thanks.

This does not mean that there is a certain guarantee, however, we will definitely do our best to honour your request.



OUT OF ZONE SPACES – 2026

At the next Board of Trustees meeting, we will be setting the number of out of zone enrolment places available for 2026. If you know of anyone wishing to enrol here next year, please ask them to contact the school. Please also be aware some areas of the school will have less availability than others. Students who are currently pre-enrolled for 2026 do not need to apply.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The codes for your school photos, have been sent to the email address you have supplied to the school. Please ensure you check your junk and spam folder for the email. If you do not have an email address or have not received your code please contact Sue in the office, and she will help you.

UPDATE CONTACT DETAILS

If you have recently moved house or changed your contact details or your emergency contacts/details, we ask you to please contact the school office to let them know. You can email them on office@lowermoutere.school.nz or phone on 03 526 7775. Thanks for your help!



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.

SCHOOL POLICY & PROCEDURES REVIEW

As mentioned earlier all policies and procedures for our school can be located on SchoolDocs – <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>. This is a great place read about how we do things and provide feedback on the policies that are up for renewal. This term they are:

• <u>Bullying and Harassment</u>	Board review
• <u>Behaviour Management</u>	Board review
• <u>Searches, Surrender, and Retention of Property</u>	
• <u>Minimising Physical Restraint</u>	Board review
• <u>Stand-down, Suspension, and Exclusion</u>	
• <u>Staff Wellbeing and Safety</u>	

Login details. Username: lowermoutere and password: respectful.

The home page will have a 'review' section (labelled: Current Review), should parents wish to view what is currently being reviewed, and give feedback. If you wish to view any school policy or procedure, you will also find them all on this website.

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.

2026 TERM DATES

Term 1	Tuesday 3 rd February	To	Thursday 2 nd April
Term 2	Monday 20 th April	To	Friday 3 rd July
Term 3	Monday 20 th July	To	Friday 25 th September
Term 4	Monday 12 th October	To	Tuesday 15 th December

Nelson Anniversary Day:	Monday 2 nd February
Waitangi Day:	Friday 6 th February
Easter:	Good Friday 3 rd April (included in holiday)
	Easter Monday 6 th April (included in holiday)
ANZAC Day:	Saturday 25 th April (observed Monday 27 th April)
King's Birthday:	Monday 1 st June
Matariki:	Friday 10 th July
Labour Day:	Monday 26 th October

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.

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.



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

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Aqua BOTS fundraiser –

Name _____ Phone number _____



Let's get our Aquabot engineers to nationals.

We have a trailer load of firewood to raffle off for \$5 a draw.

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**Please return this slip to the office by Thursday 30th October
with \$5 if you would like to go into the draw.**

(Raffle will be drawn 3.30pm, Thursday 30th - delivery at a time that suits you).



Many thanks for your support for our school!

Bevan Clark
Principal / Tumuaiki

2025 DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER		
Thursday 16 th - Friday 17 th		Year 4 Camp
Thursday 23 rd		NZEI Strike Day
Friday 24 th		Year 3 Day Out
Monday 27 th		Labour Day - Public Holiday
Thursday 30 th October		Board Meeting in Staffroom 6pm
NOVEMBER		
Friday 7 th		LMS Athletics
Wednesday 12 th		Interschool Junior Athletics
Thursday 13 th		Interschool Senior Athletics
Wednesday 19 th - Friday 21 st		Year 5 & 6 Camp
Friday 28 th		Pet Day
DECEMBER		
Wednesday 10 th		Year 8 Leavers Dinner
Thursday 11 th		Year 8 Fun Day
Thursday 11 th		Board Meeting in Staffroom 6pm
Wednesday 17 th		End of Year Concert and Year 8 farewells
Thursday 18 th		Last Day of Term 4 - Finish at 12pm



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Which instrument or skill would your child like to learn?

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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/>
or find us on facebook: MusicLingo**

We are looking forward to bringing music to your school.

Motueka A&P **Association** **Show 2025**

Show day!

Saturday December 6th

Rain or shine, the day will be filled with rides, amusements, live entertainment, market stalls, petting zoo, Equestrian Eventing, Hobby & Craft competitions and much more...

 **Marchwood Park, Motueka**



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- Years 1 - 4, Years 5 - 8, Years 9 - 10

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- 1st Prize: one award, \$300
- 2nd Prize: up to two awards, \$200 each
- 3rd Prize: up to three awards, \$100 each
- Highly commended: up to 10 awards

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

- 5.00 pm Friday 17th October, 2025

Artwork to be sent to Harcourts Gold Spitfire Office
Unit 12, 544 Memorial Avenue, Christchurch Airport,
Christchurch 8053

CONTACT: southern@nzcfcs.com

For more details,
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Where - Māpua Wharf
When - Sunday 23rd November 2025
Time - Lines in 11am - out 12 noon

Registrations from 10.30am

3 Categories:

- Under six years
- 6 - 9 years
- 10 - 12 years

Spot prizes - sausage sizzle

Prize presentation

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

Only fish caught on lines win prizes
Maximum 3 hooks per line
Children to be accompanied by an adult at all times

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