



Lower Moutere School

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Dear Parents and whanau of Lower Moutere School –

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How are we tracking with the attendance!!?? 89% attendance for the school this term! Without sounding like a pounding drum on this, we know how important attendance is for students – not only for their academic achievement, it also helps with continuity of friendships, work in sports teams and also anything that they may be making or doing at school. It also helps families who are working – we all know that times are challenging at present, and our school wants to ensure that our families are supported.

School camps are due to start, with the Year 7 & 8 students heading away to Lake Rotoiti next week – for a bit of skiing, bush walking and exploring and having a go at 'The Great Race!' A huge thanks to the staff – Mrs Simkin and Mr Lynch for all the preparation that goes into this piece of the curriculum, and to the parents who are giving up a week to support! We look forward to seeing the photos hit Facebook and hearing of the adventures that they have been on, on their return!



Why do students go on camps? In the Health and PE curriculum, we have a section known as LEOTC (Learning Experiences Outside The Classroom.) This is where camps fit in, and each school is able to interpret this depending on where they wish to go and the associated costs – along with finding the right experiences for the students. Our focus is on giving our students the best experience possible, and the best value for money too! We are grateful to the school Board who have recognised the tougher times at present, and made significant subsidy towards the camps.



Camps are awesome! They give students and staff a chance to see each other in a different light. They help students experience risk, independence and self-control too. Above all, the experiences and memories that are made last a lifetime!

FROM THE Board

The Board met last Thursday – first meeting for the term! The following are some main points from the meeting:

- Reps from the Board are meeting with the Tasman District Council to discuss the opportunity to review road speeds in the local area. It would be our wish to see the speed around our school reduced so that our students and families are safer.
- The property was discussed at length – we are nearing the end of this mammoth undertaking, aiming for completion by the end of this term. The New Entrant space is nearly complete. Interior decorating is underway, and then a new roof for Room 1. The main entry into the school is now close to being finished!
- The Board accepted the resignation from Mrs Sinclair as Deputy Principal. Mrs Sinclair has been Deputy Principal at our school for 10 years now, and has decided to take time for family, and retire from her role here. She is certainly an incredible asset to all of us at our school, and the shoes are going to be big ones to fill, as we begin the recruitment process.
- Our teacher aide, Sarah Bain has resigned due to family commitments. We thank her too, for her time at LMS!
- The Board approved the planning for all camps that are coming up over the next few months, including the subsidising of these to support school families.



Our school is incredibly well supported throughout the year. In the last week we have been given the following...

- ✓ A free membership from the Motueka Toy Library so we can access this for free!
- ✓ \$1500 excl Creative Communities Grant from the Tasman District Council, to support us with the costs of Kapa Haka at our school!

What's Been Happening...

Here are some snaps taken around the school this cheery yellow Friday!



Our E-Pro pro's!



Looking bright and colourful!



Our expert face painting team!



A collection of brightness from our Year 5 & 6 classes!



Many thanks for your support for the school!

Chris Bascand (JP) - Principal