

UPPER MOUTERE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



NEWS AND EVENTS:

9 Dec Y8 Dinner
10 Dec Top Team
13 Dec School Picnic -
CANCELLED

School finishes for the year at
12 noon on Tuesday 14th
December.

Wednesday 3 February 2022
School Starts

FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Kia ora Parents/ Caregivers/ Whanau

Last week our Year 7 and 8 had three days of fun at Bridge Valley. They got to waterslide and swim, work as a team in Laser Tag battles, sharpen their aim with archery and air rifles, take on the luge and drift bike, show their skills on the rock climb and try to get each other very wet on the aqua park before relaxing in the pool. They were a fabulous group of students to take away. We knew they would be and they did not disappoint. Thank you to everyone who helped support all the fundraising for what was to be their Wellington Camp. Thanks to Fleur, Annabel, Jerry and Andrew who were able to join us for the days as camp parents.

I also want to acknowledge the time and effort put in by Heidi and Toby initially getting everything ready for Wellington and then quickly finding an alternative and working through all the logistics to make that happen in such a short time.

This coming Thursday we are holding our annual Year 8 leavers dinner, which always includes our Year 7's. We had planned for it to be quite different this year to recognise that this special group of students had missed out on what we see as a traditional rite of passage at Upper Moutere. However, this has had to be tempered slightly due to the Traffic Light Framework.

As of today, we are working as a school under both the Delta Level 2 requirements and the Orange Traffic Light Framework.

As of only last night I received the detail of the latter from the Ministry of Education and as yet I am still working through the implications of this for school. Frustratingly the details to date have not been clear and been changing almost daily! However, it has now been confirmed that until the end of this year schools are to stick with the Delta Level 2 requirements for their day to day operation, so that is the same as we have been operating all this term. The Orange Traffic Light Framework impacts on non curriculum related school activity and after school hours.

Because of this, our End of Year Picnic cannot go ahead and sadly we will not be able to farewell our Year 8's with their parents present on site at this. We will celebrate our Year 8's graduation from primary school as a whole school on Monday 13 instead.

We can confirm that our swimming pool can open for the summer under the Orange light. We will sell keys next week. Be aware there will be extra precautions required of all pool users to ensure we comply and keep everyone safe. A HUGE thank you to Patsy who has again put in considerable hours to get our pool up and operational.

Tuesday saw quite a delivery to our bottom field... well to be honest only half what was expected! It seems any mention of the word slide there is a delay! We are awaiting equipment needed for the installation. I am still hopeful that our Year 8's will get to use the new slide before they leave but.....

At our last Board meeting the Board worked with an NZSTA professional development provider through the process of refreshing and reworking our school Strategic Plan for the next three years. During this she challenged us to go back to our school Mission, Vision and Values and check in that they still reflected our school. We will continue to work through this process and seek your input next year, perhaps first at our Meet the Teacher evening. Our School structure for 2022 has now been decided.

NE/Year 1	Rachael Whalley	Ramaroa iti
Year 2/3	Jaki Van Dijk	Ramaroa nui
Year 4/5/6	Julieanne Dowell and Dylan Bird	Turama
Year 7/8	Heidi Olykan and Toby Ammundsen	Marama

Next week you will receive the stationery requirements for your child's learning space which will also confirm their placement for next year.

Top Team next Friday... if you have not heard of this before....it is a fun day of House Challenges of which 50% get you wet... so please send your child to school with togs and two T shirts or a Rash shirt, a top that can get wet and another to change into!

Please see separate message from your School Board.

Grant and the Upper Moutere Team



PRINCIPAL AWARD

Eammon For his resilience. He never gave up despite falling off several times... the smile on his face when he finally nailed the hill was priceless!

Phoebe C Another who took on the rock wall with real trepidation but by sticking with it and quietly attempting the climb over and over again she made it further and further up the wall, way beyond what she thought she could ever do! Brilliant!

Tommy... this guy noticed a classmate struggling in the pool, he checked in on him, found out he was OK but still watched him to ensure he was safe. What a life guard.

Student Awards

Turama

Benji – For your focus on your Flipgrid task. You described your character well and seem to be really enjoying The Explorers.

Thomas – You confidently described your novel study character on the video. Great work using Flipgrid to present your ideas.

Tate – We are super impressed with the way you are taking responsibility for improving your achievement in Maths. Keep up the awesome effort Tate.

Hunter, Sophie, Zac W, Emilia, Ari, and Hope, for your skills and effort in our high jump tournament. You were the highest jumpers in your year group.

Josephine: You won a highly commended for the nationwide Keep It Real memoir competition. The judges thought your memoir, "Arlo", was very engaging.

Luna – For being a self-directed learner. You focus on your goals and the success criteria. Ka pai tō mahi Luna!

Ramaroa iti

Heidi, Abigail, Maddison; For being a super leader in our class. We can rely on you to be making good choices and to help others when needed. What Stars you all are.

Orson; For using your CREATIVE Learning Light during Art. Your drawings are AMAZING. Congratulations

Elijah; For using your NUMERATE and THINKER light to help you solve problems during Math. What a STAR!

Archie; For being a kind and caring buddy to Adelyn when she came for a visit. Thank you for making her feel so welcome.

Laykin; Your LITERATE Light is glowing. We love how you are segmenting and blending sounds during reading and writing. What a star!

Ramaroa nui

Riley; you have been a super Year 3 this week. You have made fantastic choices with your learning and I was so impressed with the poem you created. You described the emotion you chose so well! Tino pai to mahi

Marty; I love your enthusiasm at Reading time Marty. You are really enjoying your independent activities and are making very good decisions about who you are working with. Tino pai to mahi!

Marama

Jess A: It was great to see your enthusiasm and positive energy at Camp. You got stuck in and made the most of every moment. I particularly enjoyed your determination at Rock Climbing and the fun you had at Laser Tag. Ka Rawe Jess!

Phoebe E: Your giggle can be heard echoing around the school Phoebe. You approach every area of school learning with enthusiasm and positivity – Nga Mihi Mahana Phoebe.

Eamonn S: You have been working really hard this term on self-management and organisation in preparation for your transition to High School. Good on you for making effort in this area, it will serve you well. Tino pai to mahi Eamonn.

Eva-Mae – You stepped up into a leadership role when one of the Supplejack leaders were away and you did a fantastic job. This was a mature and supportive decision, one that you should feel very proud of. Ka pai Eva-Mae.

Luca - You are a fantastic addition to our learning space and school Luca. It has been awesome to get to know you, you are a mature and talented individual and we look forward to having you with us again next year.

At ImpACT-Mental Health we work with many schools, parents, children, teenagers and educators, who enjoy our Resilience based education programmes, as well as providing one to one coaching packages.

Covid, Lockdowns and our rapidly changing world appear to be causing higher states of anxiety and a decline in overall mental health, for our youth and adults alike.

We thought we would take this opportunity to share with you our latest blog - 'Building Resilience in Children during Lockdown and Life', which has appeared in the media.

<https://impact-mentalhealth.com/top-tips-for-building-resilience-in-children-during-lockdown-and-life/>

Here is the link to our upcoming webinar
<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/168198079985>



**SWIM INSTRUCTORS REQUIRED AT
RICHMOND AQUATIC CENTRE**

**SCHOOL HOURS + WEEKEND WORK
AVAILABLE WITH FULL TRAINING PROVIDED**

WEEKDAY SCHOOL HOURS

If you are looking for a position to fill in time whilst your children are at school, we have a position for you. We provide a fun filled work environment working with babies and toddlers learning to swim. No experience necessary - just a willingness to sing and have fun with our littlest swimmers. A bubbly fun personality is a must - SwimMagic will provide all the training you require. Apply now, to become part of our awesome team.

WEEKEND WORK

We have weekend hours available - Saturday and Sunday. Are you looking for a position that allows you to work weekends only? We have positions available to teach our programme to swimmers of all ages. Hours to suit and SwimMagic will provide all the necessary training, no experience is necessary. If this sounds like you or you would like to know more - please get in touch now.

Please note you must be in NZ to apply and have a current work visa.

How to Apply If you have the skills and a positive friendly attitude that we are looking for please do not delay in submitting your CV and Cover Letter with an application form available from the facility.

CLM has carried out a health and safety risk assessment for this position to ensure we are complying with our obligations under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015. As a result, we can only consider applications from applicants who are fully vaccinated against Covid-19 unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Moutere Hills Community Centre COUNTRY Christmas Market

4th December 10:30am – 3:00pm

- Artisan products
- Giftware
- Food carts
- NBS** Community
We believe, We create.
- Kids Craft Corner
- Free entry

Moutere Hills Community Centre
1539 Moutere Highway
Phone: 03 5432516

PLEASE BRING CASH!



HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

JUNIOR JOURNEY

11-13 YRS | \$350pp
3 nights / 4 days
10- 13 Jan | 24 - 27 Jan



KAITIAKI KIDS

10-12 YRS | \$350pp
4 days (+ 1 overnight)
10- 14 Jan | 17 - 21 Jan



GO WILD

7 - 10 YRS | \$300pp
5 days, 9am - 3pm
17 - 21 Jan | 24 - 28 Jan



Enrol now! www.wio.org.nz

Krankin' Kids BIKE TO BUSH HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Junior and Senior Bike to Bush Kamp - January 17th & 18th at Kaiteiteri MTB Park
Junior & Senior Krankin' Kamp - January 24th & 25th at Codgers MTB park (Nelson)



Our 2 day 'Bike to Bush' holiday programmes are packed with Mountain Bike skill development paired with nature connection sessions. This includes our progressive riding development programme, hands-on predator control education, trail maintenance and nature focused games and activities. Learn to ride like the Pro's and take care of the parks at the same time!

www.krankinkids.co.nz
Bookings Open December 1st, 7pm. Spaces limited.