UPPER MOUTERE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



NEWS AND EVENTS

23 Feb Beach Day
3 Mar Jnr Summer Fun Day
5 Mar District Swimming
6 Mar Mahana Fiesta
21 Mar Muddy Buddy
13 Apr Summer Tournament
14 Apr Student Led
Conferences
16 Apr End Term 1

DEAR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS...

The school triathlon is always a great way to start the year and this year was no exception. The nerves, the excitement and positive give it a go attitude...brilliant. Great to have so many whanau with us too, cheering on everyone. Congratulations to our place getters.

This afternoon we hosted the Moutere Hills Senior Swimming Sports Year 4-8. There were some anxious moments thinking that we might not be able to.

At Meet the Teacher I shared the areas of focus as a school this year. Our Theme for 2021 is "GIVING BACK". This came from our student's response after Lock down last year where they wanted to raise funds for so many needy causes. We plan to develop the concept of Giving Back in different ways over the year. One way is our Native Plant Nursery. Despite last year not being what we planned and lockdown interrupting our growing process we were able to access some Carex seed which we germinated and planted up successfully. We also had success with lacebark seedlings found on the steps to our bottom field. We have just over 1000 plants available for the Moutere Catchment plantings this year. We are continuing to employ Mel to help us develop a programme of seed gathering through to planting out.

Our biggest area for staff professional development will be in Digital Fluency. Becoming more skilled at being able to use our e-Learning tools to enable our students to access, and engage in learning more creatively. We have Ministry funding to support us in this.

Another area of focus is specifically for our junior team, looking at the Structured Literacy approach that is very topical at present. Jaki and Rachael will be taking part in professional development in this. We hope to start off the year with a BIG DAY OUT next Tuesday ...it is a big ask as we need to get 118 students to McKee Domain and back with your help. At time of writing I think we have enough transport for about a third of our students, can you help us? Please?

Our First Learning Celebration will be next Friday 26 Feb 2.15 in the hall...all welcome.

Grant & the Team

A MESSAGE FROM MEL -

FROM YOUR SCHOOL BOARD

Hello and welcome to all of our Upper Moutere school families, The school board have our first meeting next week of the year next week and are looking forward to a community spirited year. It was lovely to meet those who were able to attend the Meet the Teacher evening and we would like to say thank you also to those who have put their name forward for a social/fundraising conversation. For those who were not there we would like to extend this invitation. Currently only 1% of income to our school comes from locally raised funds.

We would like to increase this by supporting parents to participate in one or two fun fundraising initiatives throughout the year. The aim is to have more people take part in only one or two activities, this is so nobody feels overloaded, as we understand our lives are all busy. As we have other schools around us who have very successful fundraising fairs we would like to acknowledge that we can all play a role in securing ongoing funds for our school also. Please do see Grant, Saree or any of us to pop your name and number down, we will then be in touch with a time to gather and brainstorm together.

Warmly, Mel Marr and School Board



Congratulations
to our triathlon
winners on the
day....
Josie, Carter,
Ashley, Jake, Lisi,
James, Linnea,
Hope, Brody,
Seery, Zac,
Emilia, Kyle,
Hannah, Robert,
Kaela and Finyas

Student Awards

Turama

Seery - for showing excellent leadership this week - you have been going out of your way to support younger children in Turama. Nga mihi nui.

Zac W - awesome focus in class and for showing our school values, particularly respect for others. Ka rawe!

Ramaroa iti

Stella and Heidi for showing manaakitangi to our new children within our classroom. You are both very kind and have taken the time to look out for them in the playground. What super buddies you are

Ramaroa nui

Austin: What a fabulous writer you are Austin. You have really impressed me with your focus and enjoyment at writing time.

Marama

Blake - The whole school was so impressed with your selfless act of kindness and inclusiveness during our school Tryathlon last Friday. Through your actions you have represented our school values with pride.

Tobi - What an impressive start to the year you have had Tobi. All your learning lights are shining bright. You are thoughtful, fun, kind and hard working - keep it up!







Family route 20 km with A Grade Bypasses Additional 2km beginner route (FREE) Food, Hot and Cold Drinks on Site



Fundraiser Trail Ride 2021 Sunday 21 February 2021

HARWOODS PROPERTY Waitui Road, Upper Tākaka Track open 10am-3pm \$50 per adult (16+) \$25 per child/youth

Postponement Date: Sun 28 Feb





PRODIGY DANCE

Come along and join Amy-Rose to explore a wide variety of dance genres in a fun, friendly and supportive class. The classes will cater for a variety of ability levels.

Wednesday's at Moutere Hills Community Centre



2:15pm - 2:55pm \$60 Preschool 3:15pm - 4:00pm Ages 5/6 yrs \$70 4:05pm - 4:50pm Ages 7 - 10 yrs \$70 Ages 10 yrs+ 4:55pm - 5:40pm



Starts 10th February. Class numbers will be limited so bookings are essential. Contact Moutere Hills Community Centre on 5432615 or email

enquiries@mouterehills.org.nz to book

