

UPPER MOUTERE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL AWARD

Rose R

Rose has a real
empathy for others.
We all got to see
this especially last
week.

Dates for your Diary

8 Mar Y7/8 Boostrix & HPV
Vaccine
11 Mar Sushi Day
1 April Sushi Day
14 April Term 1 Ends
2 May Term 2 Begins

FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Kia ora Parents, Caregiver and Whanau

Our Tryathlon was a great success. Teachers commented afterwards on how a number of students cheered on their mates even when they were in the same race and in at least one case just after being overtaken! Again, we thought it was not going to be the same without parents there but for those of you who could make it and cheered on from outside the various fence lines...thanks!

You can check out all our top three place getters on our Facebook page.

We are needing to build an extension to our shade house so we can transfer our plants to this area to harden off. Is there someone out there with the time and skills to create this quite basic structure for us? A parent, grandparent, or member of the community? There are funds to pay for this to be completed. Please contact Saree in the office if this sounds like something you can help us with in the next few weeks or so.

Toby and I attended an afterschool workshop run by the Moutere Hills Catchment on seed gathering and sowing last night. We have 'an expert' coming to collect seed with a group of children next week.

You will be very aware that a number of Nelson/Tasman schools have COVID 19 cases. Please don't be alarmed by this. It is only natural as cases in our community increase, they will appear in our school. We have good systems in place to respond to this and to keep any spread of the virus – should it appear – to a minimum.

You may have seen Dr Jin Russell in the media noting research from New South Wales about their recent Omicron outbreak showing that spread within the school setting is very low (less than 4% of cases at school infected someone else when at school). We have seen that in New Zealand too.

This is why we remain open at Red. It is positive for a child's wellbeing and learning to be at school with their friends and school staff and we have systems in place to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Your job remains the same, too: please continue to keep a really close watch of your whānau for anyone with symptoms. If unwell, please stay at home and get advice about getting a COVID-19 test.

With Phase 3 of the Omicron response, the key change is that it is only confirmed cases and their household contacts who need to self-isolate. Everyone else, including those who may have had close contact with the case but aren't in the household, must continue to monitor really closely for any symptoms of COVID-19 and can attend school/ work.

Last week we shared a couple of documents on our Website and Facebook page outlining what steps you need to take if your child or someone in their household receives a positive test. We will update these today and repost them on Facebook and our school website.

The Upper Moutere Team, with the support of the School Board, have planned and are prepared as much as we can be to ensure teaching and learning continues for all your children as positive cases impact on our school and community.

We have planned for five possible scenarios as to how our school may look over the next few weeks/ months. These scenarios were shared with the School Board at our meeting, via Zoom, on Wednesday night. They are presented here in what seems a logical order however we are also aware that might not be the case in reality!

At Phase Three the biggest impact on teaching and learning is going to be how many staff are affected, their availability and if we have the staff to provide both onsite and distance learning.

The scenarios we have planned for are...

- As we are now... students and staff onsite, learning together
- Students either learning onsite or from home through distance learning as the student is at home, isolating. Some staff will either be at home, isolating, as they have a household member with COVID, or they have COVID themselves. How we group the children at school may change and their teacher(s) may not be their regular teacher(s). We expect this to be a fluid stage with students and staff isolating and returning as they have recovered.
- Essential workers children only are onsite (as we did after Lockdown), Distance learning for everyone else, due to the very limited availability of staff to be onsite and able to retain the required Health and Safety ratios and regulations.
- Onsite school is closed but distance learning is occurring, like during Lockdown, as no staff are able to be onsite, but some are able to support distance learning from home as they are isolating as a member of their household is a confirmed case.
- School Closed. No learning offered, as too many staff are sick. Or The Ministry of Education/ Health deem this necessary for a time.

All our teachers have prepared for this disruption to ensure you and your children are supported as best we can.

For children isolating, learning hardpacks have been prepared and are ready to go out. For those learning spaces where online learning is naturally part of their regular learning programme, teachers have been ensuring students are confident in accessing their learning online and how they can communicate with their teachers. We may be able to assist families who have limited devices at home with a loan of a school device. Please ask when needed and we will see if we can allocate one not needed at school.

A couple of weeks ago we tested our @school communication tool to ensure it was working. This is how we will be communicating with you in the first instance, so please keep checking in.

If your contact details have changed recently, please check that Saree has these as we need to ensure our communication lines are open.

Next week as there are no Interschool swimming sports, we think we might hold our own fun event for our whole school... sorry you cannot come and yell and scream and generally cheer everyone on as you usually do. We wonder if we can find some canned spectator sound effects to play in your absence!

Right now, school is great, your children are wonderful, mask wearing is just what we do (though not exactly fun!) and we are just getting on with learning, enjoying being together and Celebrating Us!

We hope you have had a chance to check out our short videos introducing our teaching teams. (And yes, we know TVNZ staff are quite safe in their jobs!)

Thanks for your ongoing support. Stay safe.

Nga mihi nui

Grant and the Upper Moutere Team

Student Awards

Turama

Finn: You show an excellent attitude to your learning. Thanks for being a responsible Year 6 student and a role model in our space.

Riley G: You are happy and positive, and we are impressed with the way you are following instructions and focusing on your learning.

Ramaroa iti

Sam for his fabulous first week at school. We love your enthusiasm for joining in with everything we do. What a star!

Laykin for your infectious enthusiasm during Math. Your Numerate Light is shining so brightly. We love how super speedy you are at your Basic Facts.

Ramaroa nui

Abigail; you have had such a fabulous start to the term. You are focused and consistently do your best in everything we do. What a Star!

Stella & Carter H; I am so impressed with your writing! There are so many things to remember when you write your stories and I have noticed how focused you both are to do the best you can at writing time. Well done to you both!

Marama

Zak C: You are such an asset to our learning space Zak! You approach all learning tasks with a positive and determined attitude. Keep it up Zak, you are proving yourself as an amazing Year 7 leader.

Jess P: You are such an amazing role model in our learning space. You set an example for others to follow by always being a kind and caring person, as well as a determined learner. Thank you for all the hard work you put in Jess. Tino pai rawa.

Seth: What an amazing start you have made to your Year 7 learning Seth. It is great to see you seeking feedback and making changes to improve your learning success.

Mapua Rangers Football Club - 2022

Welcoming all players to register
via our website- football.net.nz

Any questions email -
mapuafootballclub@gmail.com



Players 12+ are required to register with vaccine pass

YOGA CLASSES

At
Chandrakirti Meditation Centre

Sunrise Valley Road, Sunrise Valley, Upper Moutere

FRIDAYS

9.30am – 10.45am



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SPORTS UPDATE

Touch starts next Tuesday &
Wednesday 1 & 2nd March. Good
luck to all the players and thank you
to the parents who have volunteered
to manage the teams.

There is a Volleyball league starting 8
March in Motueka, for Y6-8. Look out
for a notice coming home if your
child has expressed interest.