

UPPER MOUTERE SCHOOL WHAKANUIA MATOU! - CELEBRATE US!

NEWS AND EVENTS:

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau

What a wet start to the term! Our grounds are rather waterlogged in places and we have had to stop play on the top field for several days so it does not turn into a mud bath!

Literacy Parent Information Night.

On the evening of Tuesday 16 August, we would like to invite you all to an information workshop on the teaching of reading and writing. For the past year or so we have been developing a Structured Literacy approach to the teaching of literacy for our junior students and gradually been introducing aspects of this for our middle and senior students. A structured literacy approach is quite different from how literacy, especially reading, has been taught in New Zealand for the past 30+ years. We would like to share the programme with you and how you can support your child. So please Save the Date...6.30pm - 7.30pm. More details to follow.

We have Nobu visiting our school currently. Nobu is a teacher from Toyota in Japan. He is in the process of setting up a small school that will provide an alternative education programme to the mainstream Japanese system. Nobu is observing at our school to glean how we structure teaching and learning. He is finding it quite different!

This Term we have introduced Kōwhiri time on Wednesday afternoons. Students have chosen between the four activities offered: Kapa Haka, Gymnastics, Art and Singing. We are looking forward to sharing what we have learned in a few weeks time.

We have just one family currently isolating due to a member having tested positive, however we have nearly of a quarter of our students off sick. Again, I want to acknowledge your vigilance and support in not sending your child to school if they are unwell. The phone calls , emails and @school app letting us know your child is absent is appreciated. For some it is a daily contact with us at present, Thank you!

It seems, to find a reliever for absent staff is pretty much impossible at the moment. We contacted 48 possible relievers this week as a staff member was sick and had no responses. Luckily, we could re-jig our teacher placement to ensure the class affected was covered.

Swimming Lessons at the ASB Aquatic Centre with the Swim Magic Team.

We are booked in week 6 and 7, 29 August through to 9 September. We travel in by bus each day for ten days to have a lesson in small ability groups taken by a qualified instructor. Children also get some time in the 'big pool' to enjoy the water experience with their friends. This will be our fourth year participating in the programme. Each year we are extremely impressed with the progress children make. Unfortunately, the considerable subsidies the Swim Magic Team had been successful in applying for on our behalf are no longer available. This year the School is applying for Grants however the School Board is committed to subsidise this activity considerably, to keep the cost to you down as much as possible. This year the cost to families will be \$75 per child for the ten lessons including travel to and from the ASB Aquatic Centre each day. We undersand this may be difficult to budget, please let us know so we can work with you on this.

Lastly....

"if you go down in the woods today, you are sure of a big surprise... if you go down in the woods today you may see a new..... slide."

Yes, we cannot believe it, but it is nearly finished. This week all the pieces have finally been attached, the scaffolding removed and the structure concreted into place. Next week the 'fall' areas top and bottom will be constructed and the following week? Will it be time for Take Off?

Nga mihi nui

Grant and the Upper Moutere Team

PRINCIPAL AWARD



29 July

Henri for his fabulous artistic ability in clay sculpture....so much detail in such little time.

Brody for his positive attitude to everything... always. His smile warms the room!

5 August

Carter H WOW WOW WOW.... this guy's reading is flying. The skills he is showing are just amazing. Thanks for reading to me Carter, such a joy....you made my day!

Tate I am looking for our CONFIDENT light switching on and in Tate I see it glowing brighter and brighter. Head up, smile fixed and a yep, I can do it attitude...love it!

Jess Blown away...Before our Pottery session we needed the clay cut up into small blocks... Jess did it, no problem. We needed the slip pots cleaned after...Jess did it no problem. She offered in the first instance and just took the initiative and did a fabulous job in the second. We were so grateful. She should be bottled!

Student Awards

Turama

Tate: We are very impressed with the way you explained your thinking so clearly during your fractions task. Excellent mahi Tate!

Harper: Your Active light is shining bright. We have noticed your excellent teamwork and positive attitude during PE, Winter Sports, and class games. You model being a great winner and a graceful loser.

Ethan – for showing maturity and leadership within Turama. You have been a leading light this year, showing a willingness to take on extra responsibilities and to lead by example. Ka rawe!

Brody – for going above and beyond in your writing. Your enthusiasm for writing has extended into writing during the holidays and at home. We are really impressed by your great attitude and effort.

Ramaroa iti

Irah for his super duper sound work during Writing. What a super star you are. Congratulations, we are so proud of you.

Micah; We are so impressed with the choices you have made in the classroom this week. We are so proud of you.



Ramaroa nui

Ryder & Abigail; As I was marking your spelling, I noticed that since the beginning of the year you have scored 100% on our Friday spelling tests!

A huge well done to you!

Casper & Austin; Your enthusiasm and focus were such a pleasure to see while you were designing your books. Keep up this awesome momentum guys!



Marama

Morgan; Outstanding Leadership Morgan! You showed initiative and encouragement when you organised and supported the younger students with their rugby training sessions.

Leam: Your numerate light is firing bright Leam. It is great to see you so confidently sharing your learning and discussing your problem-solving processes. Tino pai to mahi Leam.

Riley: Your hard -working attitude lights up your Thinker light Riley. You bring positivity and determination to our learning space Riley Your recent Maths learning has also been awesome – so great to see you sharing your thinking with your group. Ngā Mihi Mahana Riley 😊

Jude; Your confident light is shining through in your Maths learning Jude. You are showing clear understanding of Measurement in Mass and Capacity. It is great to see you accepting the challenge of increasingly complex learning – keep it up Jude!

Alex: Your hard working attitude shines through in our learning space Alex. You apply yourself quietly to your learning and you always try your very best – Tino pai to mahi Alex – great working attitude!

Micah: You bring positivity and a real “can-do” attitude to our learning space Micah. We appreciate your willingness to help anyone in our space, teachers included. You show kindness and consideration when learning alongside others. Ngā mihi mahana Micah.

Aspen: You welcome us each morning with your fabulous smile and such a warm greeting. Thank you for the positivity you bring to our space Aspen, your confident light is shining bright!

Matai and Lucy: Wow! You two amazed us with your numerate light shining bright during our Maths discussion. You both explained your thinking with detail and confidence. It was fabulous to see! Ka pai to mahi!

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Nominations for School Board have now closed with Five (5) parents putting themselves forward for election:

Jane Penno-Chisnall

Iwao Fujii

Andy Marr

Andi Pannell

Elaine Partridge

Candidate Statements are on our website and notice board.

You will soon receive voting papers. You can only vote on the paper you receive.

Please get your vote in before 4pm on Wednesday 7 September.

MOTUEKA HIGH SCHOOL



invites Year 8 students,
their parents/caregivers to our

Open Evening

Tuesday 9th August 2022

commencing at 6.30 pm
in the School Hall

Come along to experience the many rich
opportunities available to your son or daughter

Self-Paced tours available

We hope to see you there

Today's Learners, Tomorrow's Leaders

TE REO MĀORI KŌRERO.

Every Thursday in
September, come and
practise your te reo Māori.

**Where - Tastology at the post
office 1381 Moutere Highway.
1st - 29th September, 10am
-11am.**

All levels welcome, cue cards and
dictionaries available.
This is a very relaxed setting, come
as often as you can.
Gold coin koha to cover costs.
Message 02040003803 for more
info.

TABLE TENNIS NELSON
PRESENTS...



BUSINESS HOUSE COMPETITION 2022

BATS AND BALLS PROVIDED.

RUNS FOR 8 WEEKS
STARTS WED 10TH AUGUST
7PM - 9PM
SAXTON TABLE TENNIS
STADIUM

2 X PLAYER TEAMS
COST IS ONLY \$5 PER PLAYER
PER MATCH

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PHOTO: Olympic rider
Rebecca Petch

REGISTRATION DAY
SUNDAY
21ST AUGUST*

NEW SEASON ABOUT
TO START. COME & SEE
WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!

*FOR BACK UP RAIN DATES
PLEASE CHECK FACEBOOK



Local track details

There are a number of great tracks around
the Mainland North Region. Find the one closest
to you, and have a go.

CHCH CITY BMX CLUB

Kyle Park
Waterloo Road, Hornby
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RACING STARTS
SUNDAY
28TH AUGUST