

Dear Parents & Caregivers

YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

This time next week nominations close for the Board of Trustee Elections for Upper Moutere School.

We require 4 parent representatives to take on this governance role for the next three years...How about you?

Two meetings a term of no longer than 2 hours. Initial training provided.

Industrial Action

This week the NZEI union announced a significant decision. The latest vote of the union's membership has directed strike action and this time it will be a joint strike of primary and secondary teachers on Wednesday 29 May. This has never been experienced before.

Striking is not action that anyone takes lightly. We would prefer that settlement can quickly be reached through further negotiations, so that there is minimal disruption to our community. We hope that is still possible.

There has been a decade of neglect in school operations funding, in special education support services and in teacher resourcing. For the future teaching workforce to continue to be of high quality, then the profession must be an attractive career option, salary and conditions are a part of achieving that.

The NZEI has advised the Upper Moutere School Board of Trustees that the principal and teachers at our school will be taking strike action from 12:01am to 11:59pm on Wednesday 29 May. The Board has carefully considered the availability of teaching staff, and unfortunately decided that we can't provide the normal teaching services during the strike. The school will be closed. **It's important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on the day of the strike, 29 May.** There will be no-one at the school. I know that this is inconvenient for parents and students alike, but please be assured that student safety is our main concern. If there is any change in the decision to strike we will let you know on Monday 27 May. Thank you for your understanding. Please contact Grant at the school or Dot at work (5433809 dot@purepeony.com) if you have any queries relating to this decision.

Our two teams in the Tasman Mission at Whenua iti last Friday did us proud. This was a new event for us and our teams really enjoyed the challenge. Theo, Ben, Arielle and Bruno were our Year 6 teams while Brooke, Amanda, Tevita and Lily represented our year 7's and took out second place. A great effort out of the 28 teams participating in the day.

Congratulations to our senior students who took on the Moutere Hills Cross Country at Mahana yesterday. Again we had great results with fabulous reports of supportive responsible behaviour representing Upper Moutere with Pride.

Top Three placings in the their age groups

Hannah Urquhart (1st), Robert Vlaming (1st), Kaela Vlaming (1st), Ben Tyrell and Alfie MacNeil (1st=) Camden Singer (1st)

Billie Ewers (2nd), Isaiah Marr (2nd), Jade Urquhart (2nd), Kyle Bridge (3rd), Ollie Werner (3rd)

Other top ten placings

Jess Perry, Lila Stevenson, Matai Arnott, Micah Marr, Madison Vass, Fianna Lynch, Isla Rawlings, Sawyer Buschl, Anneke Vlaming, Brecon Jelfs-Berry, Annabel Lowe, Arianna Marr, Ada Wilson-Keen, Grace Werner, Obi Stevenson, Barney Lynch, Rowan Lattimer.

Today we have Saffron, Barney, Hendrix and Annabel competing in the Nelson Litarcy Quiz....they left school dressed for the event!

Monday sees the well-known author Des Hunt at school working with our Year 6 and 7 students, who will also be joined by students from Mahana.

For three mornings next week we will host Professional Learning facilitators from Cognition Education and teachers from across the 14 schools in our Kahui Ako.

Monday after school we will be joined by the staff of Tasman and Mahana School to work collaboratively on aspects of our Relation-Based Learning Profile we are developing across our Kahui Ako.

Noho ora mai

Grant & the team at Upper Moutere School

Term 2 Kids Fitness Fun at the Richmond Aquatic & Fitness Centre every Thursday – Supervised, Fun & Active Kids Fitness Classes.

→ Text CHAMP@CLM to 884 for a \$5 Class Entry, check our more info on our website

www.clmnz.co.nz/richmond/news/term-2-building-champions-kids-fitness-classes.html

You are invited to a public meeting to provide answers to questions arising from the public meeting held on 21 February and to get feedback on how you managed during the drought.

The meeting will be held on Thursday 23 May 2019 at the Moutere Hills Community Centre from 7pm.

Please direct any questions to the Dovedale Rural Water Scheme Committee Chair (James Stradling: james@strdng.com) in advance of the meeting.

All welcome.

Central government has placed a focus on reducing serious injuries and deaths associated with crashes on our roads, not only by investing in road safety improvements, but also ensuring ‘safe and appropriate’ travel speeds.

Of course the ‘safe and appropriate’ speed will vary for different types of roads, depending on their main use and characteristics.

Both Nelson City and Tasman District are starting work on reviewing the current speed limits. For speed limits to be effective, they need to be underpinned by community support and understanding.

That’s why we want to hear from you.

Please take the time to complete this online survey. It’s your chance to tell us what speed limits you think are safe and appropriate on the different types of roads we have across our region. Share with your family, community groups and neighbours.

Tell us what you think

<https://www.tasman.govt.nz/my-council/public-consultation/current-consultations/nelson-tasman-community-speed-limit-survey-tell-us-what-you-think/>

This feedback will help us as we review our speed limits. There will be a formal consultation process to follow if speed limit changes are proposed for specific roads. Please complete the survey by Friday 14 June 2019.

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Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$500

ASB ONE STEP AHEAD

Lending criteria and terms apply to home loans. Fees may apply. Eligibility criteria: documentation of the facility agreement must be done by 30 June 2019, mention of this promotion must take place during the home loan application process to ensure eligibility. Only applicable to loans which are secured by residential owner-occupied property with a minimum of 20% equity required; excludes lending through brokers. Limited to one donation per customer. Donation will be made to chosen school on complete draw down of the home loan. For full eligibility criteria, exclusions and further details see https://www.asb.co.nz/promotions/supporting-success-in-your-school.html

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Dyslexia Demystified – Lancewood Education
For parents and teacher aides - POWER TO THE PARENTS - Thursday 13th June, 9-12:30pm, Nelson - [FULL BOOKING DETAILS](#)

Let’s build your knowledge and action in the following areas:

- Literacy Difficulties Defined
- The Reading Process
- Phonological Awareness explained
- Developing Reading Fluency
- Sight Word techniques
- Strategies for Behaviour Challenges
- Developing a Learning Plan

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Ramaroa iti

Jake for being such a kind buddy to Austin while he was visiting. We love the way you took care of him and made sure he enjoyed his time at school. What a STAR you are!

Turama

Thomas: Your Numerate Light is outrageously bright! Well done for having stepped up a Maths group. We loved hearing your comment about the learning being hard but fun!

Eva-Mae; Yesterday, your thinker light was shining bright. You saw that Turama students needed support and you jumped into action, by holding their hands and modeled how to slow their breathing down. Eva-Mae, you are a kind and caring year 5 leader in Turama.

Leon; For pushing yourself out of your comfort zone by being involved in the cross-country yesterday. Your active light was shining so bright. It was obvious you had a fantastic day because of the smile on your face. Leon you should be proud of yourself.

Patrick you are such a star! Your attitude towards your learning makes every one of your Learning Lights brighter. You are focused and ready to learn at Hui and do your very best with your tasks. We love your manners and maturity in Turama.

Kieren: Sadly this is the last Student of the Week for you at Upper Moutere School. You always come to school with a smile on your face and something exciting to tell us about. You have been such a great buddy in Turama and we wish all the very best in your new school.

Ethan: For the effort you are putting into your Reading. I love your eagerness to answer questions and the way you are completing your activities with focus and pride in your presentation.

Ramaroa nui

Isla R: For your engagement during lessons and ability to make connections between tasks. You created a detailed and thoughtful postcard with a great symbolic image based on the Learning Pit.

Ollie and Isaiah: You two were a great example of our Whakatauki this week, determination until the end with your cross-country training and run yesterday. We were very proud of the effort you two put into your postcard publishing this week too.

Marie-Anne: For having a strong and positive attitude towards everything you do. It was great seeing your competitive nature come out during our Ripa Rugby Sessions.

Billie: For being a good all-rounder, from engaging well in everything asked of her, from cross country running to literacy. Being very helpful to Sarah with a great team attitude.

Ramaroa Nui – Sarah and I are so proud of the way you supported one another during Circle Time today. We really admired your wise and kind words to one another

Marama

Esther - Mihi mo to awhina me to tautoko! Thank you for your help and support toward other learners in our space. We are so impressed with your kindness!

Brecon – No one can deny your enthusiasm for your reading this term Brecon. It is great to see you so engaged and determined to enjoy this new learning.

Hendrix, Barney, Annabel and Saffron – Congratulations on becoming our class Lit Quiz masters. All the very best next week in the Regional Competitions.

Lily –Your perseverance and determination to succeed in your reading is inspiring. You set high expectations for yourself with a great attitude.

Max – Your confident light is shining bright when you engage with your writing tasks, Max. You independently create interesting and well organised texts, and you are really applying yourself well. Tino pai to mahi Max!

Cooper – It is great to see you engaging your active and creative lights Cooper when you explore and experiment with technology. Your robotic programming was very cool and we look forward to seeing what you and your team can create with our new creokit sets.

Sally – what a great leader you are Sally! Thanks for taking the time to help settle your new buddy into school routines. You are constantly looking out for others and offering support. Ngā mihi mahana Sally.

Ben – Your creative light has been on fire during your drum lessons with Odie. You have wonderful timing and creativity – from Odie

Brooke – Thank you for sharing your expertise with Banqer by taking the time to teach our new student how it works. You did this with genuine care and kindness. What a supportive classmate you are!



Principal Awards

Last week – Nina; for her caring attitude, her positivity and polite manners

This week: -

Brecon; This young man's growth in maturity and responsibility has to be acknowledged. Trustworthy, thoughtful leadership – impressive.

William D; This guy is becoming a very focussed learner. His artistic creativity to 'see something' in the negative space, recently blew me away.



Dates for your Diary

20 May	Des Hunt
20 May	Y8 Whenua iti Leadership
22 -24 May	Y8 Whenua iti Leadership
23 May	Junior Cross Country Dovedale
24 May	BOT Nominations Close
29 May	Strike Day
3 June	Queens Birthday
4 June	Y3-6 Ripa
7 June	BOT Poll (if required) closes
7 June	40 Hour Famine
9 June	Oral Health Bus Arrives
14 June	New Board takes Office
14 June	Rabbit Island Cross Country
17 June	NZ Playhouse at UMO
20 June	Junior Gymnastics
21 June	Senior Gymnastics
5 July	Term 2 Ends
22 July	Term 3 Begins