

# The Grapevine

## MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY NEWS

# GLOWING REPORT

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Upper Moutere School's board of trustees is delighted with the latest ERO report.

"Collaborative teaching practices and well-resourced, flexible learning spaces that promote independence." So reads the latest Education Review Office (ERO) report for Upper Moutere School, published this September.

ERO is a government department, set up to evaluate and report publicly on the quality of education. Schools are reviewed on average once every three years, with less frequent reviews needed for schools that are performing well. The last report for Upper Moutere School was released in 2012.

Board of trustees' chairperson Dot Kettle says the 2017 ERO report is "a credit to teachers, parents, our children, and the leadership team led by principal Grant Watson. ERO gave us the highest rating—finding that our 'children are achieving excellent educational outcomes', with our next review likely to be carried out in four to five years."

To create the report, the government reviewers spent time at the school, talking with staff and students, and looking at the school's systems for identifying, planning and monitoring progress for the 142

children who currently attend in Years 1 to 8.

Achievement information at the end of 2016 showed that 90% of children at Upper Moutere School were achieving at or above National Standards in reading, 87% at or above in writing and 88% at or above in maths.

"The board were absolutely delighted with the oral feedback the reviewers gave us," says Dot Kettle. "They shared with us how much our children enjoy their time at school. They found that across all ages, the children were taking ownership and pride in their learning. The reviewers praised the efforts of Grant and the whole team in delivering quality teaching and learning across the school.

"Of particular note was the extent of 'fun collaboration in action'—at a staff and student level—and they affirmed that our school's flexible learning environments are enabling teachers and students to lift achievement.

"On behalf of the board of trustees, a big thank you and congratulations to the whole team."



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## Mapua Playcentre

### *The Village that Helps us Raise our Children*

*We're running a series of family profiles over the coming months to introduce some of our playcentre families and what they love about playcentre. This is from Fiona who comes with her two sons Douglas, 4, and Joe, 1.*

We moved to Ruby Bay three years ago after falling in love with the stunning landscapes and friendly atmosphere. Finally venturing out of the house after taming our chaos of unpacking and boxes, my one year old and I popped into Mapua Playcentre for a visit. We were delighted to be made to feel welcome straight away. We enjoyed advice about local walks, groups and activities and got stuck in digging, splashing and sliding in the peaceful garden.

Since then Douglas' interests have been nurtured by our supervisors. He has moved from playing storm rescues with his friend to dressing up as a Policeman and Fire-fighter (putting out fires and giving out speeding tickets aplenty!) to being inspired by visits from the Mapua Fire Service and St John's Ambulance. He is now planning to be either a Fire-fighter or an Ambulance Paramedic when he grows up. Or maybe Superman - time will tell. I have to give a huge thank you to our supervisors for planning so well around his interests and providing so many exciting sessions.

Three years on, Douglas is getting ready to go to school. We joined a Friday morning Discovery Session at Mapua School organised by the Playcentre. It was lovely to see him settle in and play beside friends and children he already knows from Playcentre and enjoy getting to know the grounds, building and New Entrant teachers alongside his trusted Playcentre supervisor.

Not only did Douglas find his place at Playcentre, our whole family did. Helping out at working bees, my husband made friends to go kayaking or mountain biking with. The mums have been mountain biking too, and might even have been to Rimu Wine Bar once or twice. Not before the mountain biking though!

All in all, Mapua Playcentre has been the place where we have found our feet as a family in this beautiful place. If you're new to the area, or new to having children in the area, do pop in and I'll do my best to pass the welcome on!

Mapua Playcentre has been a prominent place for families in the Mapua community for over 60 years. We have a qualified supervisor on each session and we love having visitors so please feel welcome to drop in at any time and find out what Kiwi families have been embracing for generations.

We offer a term of free sessions for first time families and all children under two are free. Session times are Mondays and Fridays 9:30am - 12 noon during school terms. You can find us at 84 Aranui Road (behind the tennis courts by the scout den). Alternatively, please contact us with any questions you have either by phone: Kathryn on 021 2534264, email: mapuaplaycentre@gmail.com or find us on Facebook.

## Pale Blue Dot

*Looking for thought provoking discussion?*

Long -time locals John Valentine and Steve Doyle tackle questions such as "What do we want in the future for the top of the south? What pathway will get us there? What can grassroots locals do to come along for the ride?"

Listen and perhaps join in the discussion every second Tuesday on Fresh FM 6-7pm. You can contact John or Steve several ways: their Facebook page, Fresh Future is a very good read and this is the place to find out when the next show will be. To catch up on previous shows you can listen to podcasts [www.freshfm.net](http://www.freshfm.net) . Or Email [freshpalebluedot@gmail.com](mailto:freshpalebluedot@gmail.com), And keeping it very local indeed, the is sponsored by the Moutere Inn.



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# Kai Collective

SPRING UPDATE



Hi! We're thrilled to announce that we've created and gifted over 150 family sized meals out into our community since we began in July. We couldn't have done any of this without the astonishingly generous support of you, the Moutere community. **Thanks!**

Just as a reminder, these meals are simple homecooked meals that are freely available; no prerequisites, they're simply there for anyone in need of a little support. If you'd like to collect one or two for a friend, neighbour or relative who's having a rough time, please do!

#### Meals can be picked up from:

- > the MHCC every Friday between 10am and 12pm see Anna or Melody at Playgroup
- > or there are meals in the freezer at the Church hall - see Tessa Werner
- > or see the staff at MHCC any day of the week and they may be able to help you.

We'd liked to acknowledge the MHCC and the staff there for their ongoing support of our collective. Also, Mary & Bob from High Places have been a great help lending us heaps of cooking equipment, thanks guys! Recently the Motueka Community Store have shown us a lot of love, along with many other very cool members of our community. Thank you to all of you!

If you'd like to support The Moutere Kai Collective, here are some ways you can help;

- We're looking for catering sized pots, have you got one you don't use?!
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Always, if you find someone unresponsive and not breathing you must first call 111. Then begin CPR while someone fetches the nearest AED as using this will greatly increase the chances of the patient's survival after a sudden cardiac event.

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**The AEDs currently in Upper Moutere** are housed at MH Community Centre, Mahana School and St Paul's Church. Then: Tasman Store and Tasman Golf Club.

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160 years ago. Lower Moutere School opened its doors for education in the area. That's a fairly amazing stint for anything in a country as young as ours! On the last day of term 3, the school celebrated the major renovation that we have been working through. In addition to this, we had a number of ex staff, students and members from the wider community attend the occasion. One in particular, is Mrs Limmer - pictured below. Since 1880, the Limmer family have had a continuous presence in the school. Mrs Limmers husband, Rex, was one of the first students to catch the school bus to our school, when this service first started. It is only fitting that Mrs Limmer be asked to plant a new oak tree - again, a symbol of the school. At 91, she felt it would be an easy task! You can't beat great kiwi spirit!

The area has many generous people and as a school, we wish to thank the many who give their time - or goods to our school community. A recent Walk / Run -Step in to Spring event raised just over \$2000 for the school, to be spent on sports gear. While some of this funding came from entry fees, there were also a great number of people or businesses who donated goods and vouchers. On behalf of the school, we wish to thank you all (there are a number of them - almost too many to list).

Last month, we organised a Golf match - social competition of course! Again, we had a huge number of generous people donating time and prizes for this fun event! This year, it was held at the stunning Tasman golf club.

This term will see the beginning of the swimming season, athletics, school camps and end of year graduation of our Year 8 students. The term will fly past and Christmas will be upon us! Here's to the start of a great term, with many exciting events and activities!

Chris Bascand JP  
Principal - Lower Moutere School





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### Fine Dining Evening 7pm Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>

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### Don't Forget

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### Pastel Artists of New Zealand, Nelson Region

It is nice to see a bit more sunshine lately! I know most of us are "over the wet."

I hope that some of you had a chance to view the Impressions National Art Awards. There was some amazing artwork displayed. A few of our local and national pastel artists entered and were accepted into the awards. They entered some beautiful work and we are proud to say that one of our National members from the Marlborough region, Vicki Jackson, won not only NBS People's Choice Award but also the PANZ Nelson Bays Best Pastel for her work entitled "Solace." Well done Vicki.

Our Nelson region pastel group will be gearing up for our February 2018 exhibition. When I say gearing up I mean "painting a lot"!! Watch this space for details.

One of our members, Michael Busby, gave an interesting mini-workshop at our Tuesday morning session in Mapua on perspective in our paintings. I never knew there could be so many vanishing points in a piece of artwork. Thanks to Michael for enlightening our group on a topic that helps us to keep our paintings at the correct angles!

Some of our pastel members attended a workshop sponsored by the Motueka Arts Group with Christchurch artist Maxine Burney who guided us through a "Journey to Abstraction." This was described by the artist as a fun way of looking at, learning and working with Still Life subjects. It was indeed just that and those of us who attended learned another way of seeing a subject and letting loose with our colour choices.

We always welcome new members to our group so if you feel so inclined to explore your hidden talents by dabbling in pastels feel free to come along to the Mapua Community Centre on a Tuesday morning between 9am and 12pm to see what we get up to.

For additional information please contact our Area Rep, Glenys Forbes at 03 540 3388 or by email [gmforbes@ts.co.nz](mailto:gmforbes@ts.co.nz). You can visit our **FACEBOOK page**: PANZ Pastel Artists of New Zealand to see what some of our pastel artists are creating.

Gloria Anderson

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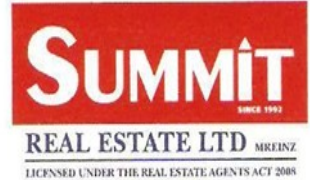


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## Junior Youth

Fridays/3:30-5:30pm/Year 5 - Year 7/\$2/meet at UMO church hall

*\*Come early after school for afternoon tea, gold coin donation*

- 3 Fun in the field day
- 10 Community Help
- 17 Making more slime... (cost \$5)
- 24 Making Christmas decorations

## Intermediate Youth

2nd & 4th Fridays/6:30-8:30pm/Year 7 - Year 9/\$2/meet at UMO church hall

- 10 Making Christmas decorations
- 24 No youth

## Senior Youth

1st & 3rd Fridays/6:30-8:30pm-ish/Year 9 - Year 13/\$2/meet at UMO church hall

- 3 Sports night at MHCC (meet down there)
- 11 (Sat) Fundraising: Sausage Sizzle at the Warehouse
- 17 Community Help
- 25 (Sat) Fundraising: Sausage Sizzle at the Warehouse

## Questions?

Tessa: 022 101 2276/Billy: 021 027 28825

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Facebook - Moutere Community Youth

And remember our **Adventure Camp** - we are planning another north island adventure camp for senior youth (14-17 year olds). 22nd-28th January. This being a camp in the summer time means it won't be so cold when you fall out of the raft and into the Tongariro River. We have already started fundraising for this trip but if you would like to be involved please contact Billy - 021 027 28825

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|                    |                        |                  |
|--------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| 200g melted butter | 4 eggs                 | 70g brown sugar  |
| 70g caster sugar   | 250g flour             | 70g carob powder |
| 150ml cold coffee  | 140g chopped walnuts   | 1sp vanilla ess. |
| ½ tsp cinnamon     | 100g dried cranberries | Pinch of salt    |

### Method:

Beat butter, sugars, vanilla, eggs and carob together until combined. Add coffee and stir in.

Sift flour, baking powder, cinnamon and salt into separate bowl. Add wet ingredients and fold together.

Icing: Beat together 70g soft butter, 150g icing sugar, 30g carob powder, 35ml cold coffee and vanilla essence. Spread on cold cake. Sprinkle on coconut.

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***Pet tip for the month:***

If you have different types of animals remember how each species communicates and sees itself in the 'pack' and make sure you are respected as pack leader.

I am always happy to help with animal behaviour issues but as I now live in the Brightwater area arrangements would have to be made for home visits.

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