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# MOKAU SCHOOL

**"Together We Can Do It!"**

**WEEK7 TERM3, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

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## **Kia Ora Everyone:**

Our hearts go out to Auntie Rae and whanau with the passing of Ian (Tuk) on Friday. The service on Tuesday was a great tribute and we know Ian will be sadly missed.

The students all made beautiful flowers and cards for Auntie Rae this week and have assured her that they will take care of the school for her and make sure it is kept clean and tidy so she doesn't have to worry. Our students are just finishing final preparations for Cross Country and they are looking great. Thanks again to our parents who have been helping at school as you have done a magnificent job preparing them and helping them to realise their potential. Go Mokau! Also good luck to our Gymnasts who are travelling through to the Gymsport Festival in Te Kuiti on Monday. We wish you all the best and know it will be a great experience. Thank you to all the parents who have given up their time to help our students prepare for this event. This week I have really enjoyed listening to our students as they have shared with me the topics for their talks and speeches. There is a great variety of topics and some real passion coming through with their choices. Also a big thank you to Miss Bazeley who has helped this week while Merepaea has been away. Condolences also to the Potroz family with the passing of John on Saturday. Our thoughts are with their family in this time of sadness.

**Ben Single**  
**Principal**

## **Awards**

**Duffy Reading Award:** Dianne Yan for reading, evaluating and interpreting information to include in her speech.

**Best Foot Forward:** Morgan Cryer – for working collaboratively and constructively with other members of her group.

**Brain of the Week:** Gemma Jones – for organising ideas to write an original, entertaining speech. Good luck in the competition Gemma.

**Father's Day:** I hope that all our Dads have a lovely Father's Day this weekend and congratulations to Lachlan Cryer for being drawn as our Duffy 'Caught Being Good' Dad.

**Pet Day:** We are having our Pet Day on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Tainui Day is on the 24<sup>th</sup> October. Pet goats can be born after the 1<sup>st</sup> July. Calves & lambs to be born after the 1<sup>st</sup> of August.

## **School Funding Opportunities**

Thank you to everyone who voted for our entry in the Stafix Powering Your Community Competition. Unfortunately our entry was placed fourth – just out of the money! It was however good to see so many of our families 'spreading the word' about our community gardens and getting their friends to vote.

PGG Wrightson are now running a Cash for Communities programme during spring which our school could benefit from. Any farmer who purchases Ballance Agri-Nutrients on their PGG Wrightsons account, between 1 September and 30 November, can earn cash for Mokau School. If you would like to find out more or have any questions click onto

[www.cashforcommunities.co.nz](http://www.cashforcommunities.co.nz)



**Tainui Cross Country:** For those students requiring transport to Mimi tomorrow we will be leaving Mokau at 9am. The Cross Country will be on rain or shine so please come prepared for the weather. Morning tea will be from 9.45-10.15 followed by briefing and pre-race walk of the course. On arrival please collect your uniforms from Mr Single and Mrs Scott.

## **There will be no bus running.**

Bring some money as food available will be hot chicken sandwiches, sausages and bread, juice and magic sticks.

**Taranaki Cross Country:** Sorry we had the date wrong as this is on the 24<sup>th</sup> September in Hawera. If your child is going please let the school know and we will cover the entry fee.

## **Potatoes in a Bucket!**

Would you like some freshly dug potatoes for Christmas dinner?

On Monday every student is being issued with a bucket and a seed potato – the rest is up to you! Help your child grow some potatoes in a bucket! All students will bring their bucket to school late next Term on the official weigh in day – there will be prizes for the biggest harvest and the largest potato – junior and senior!

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### International Talk Like A Pirate Day

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September pirates will descend on Mokau for our annual Pirate Day. We encourage all children to dress up as it will be a great day of fun and activities. More details will follow leading up to the date but we do encourage you to start thinking about what you will wear. Don't forget you can find things from around home that you already have to create your outfits.

**Class Blogs:** Some more exciting learning outcomes have been posted on our class blog. Our blogs are a wonderful display of what is being achieved in our classrooms and a good link between home and school. Please take some time to have a look and post a comment on your child's work or the work of other children. In the latest post on the Albatrosses' page students explain the cultural masks they have created - these masks depict either a direct link to the student's ancestry or a significant figure from their cultural heritage. What a diverse range of students we have at Mokau School. Our blog addresses are:

<http://mokaualbatrosses.blogspot.co.nz/>  
<http://mokauschool.blogspot.co.nz/>

**Wish List:** Now that our plumbing has all been sorted we will be moving on to the much needed painting of our school and repairing our roof. We are also in the process of finalising the details of our new office as Jackie will swapping spaces with me. This is a much better office space and will create a much more inviting first contact area for visitors and parents. Our gardens are also coming along now and we are now planning to update the old dental clinic into a space where students can work and resources can be stored. This will help to unclutter our foyer area. Trevor has also been busy upgrading our pool pump and filter so it is ready for next season. Playground markings and set of goal posts are also being investigated and the pool fencing is likely to be replaced early next year.

We are keen to hear from our parents and community as to what they would like to see at Mokau School. If you have suggestions then please email the office or send in your ideas. We will also be putting up a list in the foyer that you can add to. This will help our BOT and Home and School to plan for future spending and work.

### Mokau and Tainui Speeches

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 10am we will be having our School Speech and Poetry Competition here at school. Everyone is welcome to come along and listen to our students reciting their poems and sharing their talks and speeches. The winners from each year group will be travelling to Whareorino for the Tainui Speech Competition on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage your children at home by listening to them as they practise.

**Yummy Stickers:** We have until the last week of term 3 to collect so eat some apples kids. All sticker back in to the school by the 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

### **What's coming up? Term 3 August**

#### **September**

**5<sup>th</sup>** X Country @ Mimi  
**8<sup>th</sup>** Te Kuiti Gym Sport Festival  
**12<sup>th</sup>** Project Energize Tabloids @ Mokau  
**18<sup>th</sup>** BOT Meeting  
**19<sup>th</sup>** Tainui Speeches @ Whareorino  
**24<sup>th</sup>** Taranaki X Country @ Hawera  
**26<sup>th</sup>** Last day of Term 3  
**27<sup>th</sup>** Daylight savings starts

#### **Pre School Spot:**

Our little people send lots of hugs and kisses to their daddy's for Father's Day this Sunday. You are sure in for a nice day!!!

Playgroup has been excited about using the wonderful new art and craft resources that we have purchased. Our creative kids are sure to make some wonderful creations!

Thank you to all the families who came and supported the Playgroup Disco on Friday night. We really appreciate your support and the feedback has been that people had a fun night. Thank you to all the parents who helped, to Dr Rock for use of his equipment and to Tainui Rugby Club for your support.

#### **Check this out! Taranaki Trolley Derby:**

This could be a great opportunity for some Mokau ingenuity and some great bonding time with your child. If you are interested get in touch with Ben or check out the Taranaki Trolley Derby Facebook Page. We may even look at running a pre event in Mokau if there is enough interest!

**THE ROCK 95.6FM**  
**TARANAKI TROLLEY DERBY**  
**NOV 1ST 2014 - FIRST RACE 9AM**  
Trolley entrance Cracroft Street  
Spectator's entrance Hendrie Street  
Prizes for: Most Spectacular Crash, Gnarliest Cart, Ultimate Team Effort, Kiwi Ingenuity, Fastest Machine + Lots of Spot Prizes  
Prizegiving 5pm at Crowded House  
Trolley Entry Fee: \$5 (5-10yrs) \$15 (11-15yrs) \$20 (16+)  
ROCK promo girls - Bouncy Castle - Face Painting - Food & Drinks - Fun for the whole Family  
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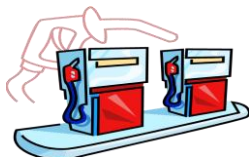


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## Tennis Hot Shots Schools - A great opportunity for a child's first tennis experience!

2013/2014

Lots of children experience tennis for the very first time at school. In fact, Tennis Hot Shots' predecessor, Grasshoppers Tennis, delivered over 1 million tennis sessions to kids between 2007 and 2013!

Tennis Hot Shots Schools is one of the four major components that make up the complete Tennis Hot Shots program.

Tennis Hot Shots is just for kids. Primary aged children learn to play on the right size court using racquets that are perfect for small hands and super-hittable balls that don't bounce too high.

Tennis Hot Shots provides a consistent, fun and safe tennis experience for primary aged kids. The key philosophies of the program are:

1. Learning through play – children learn the game of tennis, rather than just the isolated skills.
2. Scaled equipment – smaller courts, racquets and low-compression balls.
3. Progressive pathway – children can move through the blue, red, orange and green stages as their tennis improves.

The Tennis Hot Shots Schools program consists of four 30 minute sessions that focus on learning the game of tennis as well as teaching vital fundamental movement skills and perceptual motor skills. Sessions are led by trained deliverers and professional coaches.

Students are encouraged to serve, rally and score in each lesson. This game-centred approach serves to promote game sense. Students are encouraged to 'play with purpose' and this involves guided play using questions and direct instruction to promote tactical understanding and technical development. Students will improve their tennis by:

1. Knowing what to do in the context of play (decision making)
2. Knowing how to do it (movement knowledge)
3. Being able to execute the how and what successfully (movement capability)

To get tennis into your school, to find out more about the costs, scheduling and availability of the program, simply contact us by emailing [hotshots@tennisnz.com](mailto:hotshots@tennisnz.com) or call 09 905 3133.

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