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MOKAU SCHOOL

"Together We Can Do It!"



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Kia Ora Everyone:

What a fantastic week we have had with our wonderful Recital and Speech Competition. The caliber of presentations was very high and it was wonderful to see family and friends supporting and students and enjoying the day. I am looking We were also very fortunate to be joined by a Taranaki legend and New Zealand Sevens player Michaela Blyde who came to visit as our Duffy Role Model. Michaela spoke of the importance of reading and how it relates to everything we do. She was inspiring and we even managed to twist her arm into playing rugby with us. Michaela was very quick on the field and she taught us a few drills that the New Zealand team use. We wish her all best in fulfilling her dream of being in the Sevens Squad to play in the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio. Thank you to the team at Project Energize for our great Tabloids last Friday. The students had a fantastic time and worked so well together supporting each other. I am looking forward to Pirate Day on Monday and selecting my crew for the treasure hunt and feasting on our pirate lunch.

Ben Single Principal

Awards

Duffy Reading Award: Olly Hutchinson for continuing to make steady reading progress.

Best Foot Forward: Joshua Black for being encouraging & supportive of the young team members at tabloid sports. You are a fantastic role model Joshua!

Brain of the Week: Bryn Raine researching & writing on in formative speech about the technology of fishing.

Mokau Speeches Results

Y1 1st Emmet O'Sullivan-Lobb
2nd Emily- Rose Davis
3rd Billy Smyth

Y2 1st Rico Pryor
2nd=Reece Omelvena
2nd=Indi Single

Y3 1st Claude O'Sullivan-Lobb
2nd Sophia Smyth
3rd Karnia Robertson

Y4 1st Olli Single
Y5 1st Tessa Smyth
2nd Morgan Cryer

Y6 1st Francis O'Sullivan-Lobb
Y7 1st Unity Ngatai
2nd Madi Kete
3rd Olly Hutchinson

Y8 1st Dianne Yan
2nd Joshua Black
3rd Te Rame Calder

We were immensely proud of our students on Tuesday when the presented their poems, talks and speeches. Juniors presented some wonderfully animated poems and made the judge's decisions very difficult! The senior competition was also a closely fought battle with speeches that persuaded, informed and entertained! Congratulations to the winners who will now compete at Whareorino against other schools from our cluster.

Results for Tainui Speeches next week.

Y2K14 Senior Leadership Day:

On Wednesday 15th October our seniors will be travelling to New Plymouth to attend a special event that aims to develop student leadership, inspire, motivate and empower. There will be special guests, games and giveaways. Permission and travel forms will go out next week.

What do you think?

At our last BOT meeting it was suggested we consider adopting a Mokau School uniform. Please find attached a response sheet. We value your feedback.

International Talk Like A Pirate Day

This Monday 22nd September we have our Pirate Day and we are looking forward to the students getting on board and joining in with all the fun and activities. Those that help to clean the deck and mend the sails will be rewarded with lunch. Those that don't will walk the plank so there is no need to pack a lunch. If the weather is fine we will be making our way down to the beach for some activities. No swimming! Sorry sharks!

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

Taranaki Cross Country: We have attached the travel permission for the children going to Hawera on the 24th Sept.

Mokau Scavenger Hunters:

Art Week:

We would welcome donations of CLEAN empty soft drink bottles, buttons, material, wool & embroidery cottons, coloured straws & pipe cleaners or similar craft materials to be used at our up-and-coming art week. Also any large pieces of cardboard or tubes would be helpful.

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Garden:

With the gardens being filled with calf pen litter, coffee grinds, sheep poo & soil we are ready for donations of seedlings. If you have any spare we would love to hear from you. We are also searching for a bath sized piece of carpet so we can get our worm farm underway. Thank you to Peter Raven for his donation of an old bath tub and Big Jims Garden Centre for the plants and magazines.

Reminders:

- Please name clothing as our lost property pile continues to grow. Remind your child about taking responsibility for their belongings.
- We are happy for students to use the microwave to heat food but this should not be an everyday expectation.
- Students are to bring a drink bottle if they don't want to drink out of the fountain.

Beginners Archery Course: New Plymouth Archery Coach is happy to run a beginners course here in Mokau if numbers permit. All ages welcome. Beginners include amateurs such as Blackie and Mark. There will be 2 x 3hr sessions run over 2 weeks. Please register your interest with tewaitiehu@gmail.com or contact her on 7529-761 before Fri, Sept 19th, 2014.

Yummy Stickers: All sticker back to the school by the 23rd September.

What's coming up?

Term 3

September

- 22nd** Pirate Day
24th Taranaki X Country @ Hawera
26th Last day of Term 3
27th Daylight savings starts

October

- 13th** Start Term 4
15th Y2K14 Leadership Day
22nd Mokau School Pet Day
24th Tainui Pet Day

HYDRATION

Water is needed to: replace fluid loss, cool the body down and transport nutrients around the body.

Replacing fluid is especially important for children as they are unable to regulate their body temperature as well as adults. Sports drinks are not necessary for children and contain high quantities of sugar.



Team work at Tabloids.



1, 2, 3 Pull. This was a hard combination to beat.



Our Garden Is Alive!



Michaela Blyde and our girls teaching the boys a thing or two about rugby.