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MOKAU SCHOOL

"Together We Can Do It!"

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Kia Ora Everyone:

Thanks to Home & School we have some awesome new athletics gear including discus, shotput and a new high jump pole. Our students have been honing their techniques and will be ready for action next Friday. On the gardening front we have just planted out some more of our seedlings and the students are just about ready to get our new worm farm up and running. We are also in the process of finalising our new waste disposal systems and would like to encourage parents to look into ways that they can help to reduce packaging waste. Just a reminder to ask your children if they have notices or home learning as we do have a few that have been forgetting.

Ben Single Principal

Awards

Duffy: Olli for his keenness to explore such a wide variety of text. He has a great comprehension and is quick to locate information to answer questions.

Best foot Forward: Reece for his enthusiasm to share his writing with others. It has been great to see him choosing a topic quickly and getting started too.

Brain of the Week: Callum for sharing his great knowledge of numbers and counting with his group. He is a star.

Boys Brigade Trip: Please find attached information and a permission slip for next week's trip to Shane Lowry's farm. Please return this on Monday.

Sunhats

Can **all** children please have a sun hat to wear each day this term.

People Savers:

Yesterday senior students attended the People Savers Red Cross First Aid Course at Ahititi School. It was a great day with lots of interactive first aid activities. Students learnt how a cope with different scenarios they may encounter in their homes or at school and how to use the DRS ABC to respond to the situation. The essence of the students' learning was:

D = DANGERS – ensure the scene is safe – for you and your patient

R = RESPONSE - is the patient conscious? Shout at them and Squeeze their shoulder

S = SEND FOR HELP If the casualty does not move or talk or is badly injured, send for help quickly.

Get an adult and/or call an ambulance and relay the necessary information.

A = AIRWAY ensure the airway is open.

B = BREATHING if unconscious and breathing put the patient in the Stable Side (Recovery) Position.

C = CIRCULATION Treat an injury to ensure blood circulation is maintained.

It was always great to get together with other schools from the cluster and witness positive interactions between the students.

One thing that was highlighted from the day was the need for students to know their Rapid Response Number so emergency services can locate the property. If you live on a farm could you please teach your child this number in case they ever have to ring 111.

School Photos: We will be having our school photos on Monday at 9am, so don't forget to bring your smiley faces. Any envelopes and payments need to be in first thing on Monday.

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Athletics: Tainui Athletics at Ahititi will be starting at 9.15am next Friday. If you are taking your own children please ensure they arrive with time to get ready. Those students travelling from school will need to be ready to leave by 8.45am. There will be yummy food, drink and ice blocks available all day. All permission slips must be returned on Monday so that travel arrangements can be made.

School Pool: We are aiming to have the pool open from next weekend but have had some issues with our power supply. Keys will be available from our school office until the end of term then will be available from Whitebait Inn. We will confirm the opening next week.

School Production: We are now getting right into our production and will be confirming roles early next week. If your child has lines could you please assist them with learning these. We will also be making the songs available next week online so that they can practice them. If you are interested in helping with the production please let us know.

Playgroup Fundraiser: The Playgroup are fundraising by selling Abacus calendars, cards, diaries and kids notebooks. If you are interested attached is the order form . Please make cheques out to the Tainui Playgroup. You can send orders and payments to the school no later than the 19th November.

Garden: We would like to thank Gaewyn Temple-Cox & Jenny Manson for their kind donation of some tomato plants for the garden.

School Uniforms: Please have a look for any school uniform items that may have gone home as there are a few items missing. If you have any please return them as soon as possible.

Girls Brigade & Boys Brigade Prize giving & Concert. This will be held at 3.15pm on November 25th at the Awakino Hall. Everyone is invited to come & support the children, especially parents, grandparents, caregivers, aunts,

uncles, cousins, friends, neighbours, school staff and community members. Pre-schoolers are invited to join in with a special afternoon tea of jelly & ice-cream! Children who won trophies. At Girls Brigade last year, are asked to return them to school as soon as possible. School children may travel to the prize giving on the school bus.

What's coming up?

Term 4

November

10th School Photos
14th Athletics @Ahititi
25th Boys and Girls Brigade Prize Giving.

December

11th School Production
17th Term 4 Ends Potato Weigh In & Family Fun Day.

