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WEEK 5 TERM 1, 29th February 2016

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Kia Ora Koutou

Thank you to all the parents and extended family who supported the students at the Tainui Swimming Sports. Congratulations to all the students who swam in Waitara on Friday. We were very proud of you all - you behaved so well and swam your hearts out. Mokau was 'top school' for the third consecutive year - ka pai Mokau!

Now that we have settled into another year, perhaps it would be a good time to refresh your child's memory about the **bus code of conduct** on trips to and from school, to girls' brigade and to manual in Waitara:

Students should remain seated facing forward

Respect others and their property

Use acceptable language & behaviour

(including not distracting other drivers through the back window!)

Respect the property of the bus owner and listen to bus driver.

The teachers have been testing the children over the past couple of weeks and plans are being developed to meet the needs of our current students. Each year as part of the School Charter, the Board have to submit "Targets" to the Ministry of Education. We write targets for the school in reading, writing and mathematics. We aim for all students to make progress and those working towards the National Standard to make accelerated progress (more than 1 year's progress in 1 year) for the three core subjects. Of course there are other subjects in the curriculum that are also important and different students excel in different areas. Whilst good literacy and numeracy skills are vitally important, there are many other areas that contribute to make up the whole person!

Regards
Diane Scott - Principal

Be Bright, Eat Right Magic Show: The whole school will be attending this show at Mimi on Thursday morning. Thank you to the parents who have offered transport. If your child has not brought back their permission form please do so as soon as possible. The show starts at 9.45 and runs for an hour. Parents are welcome to attend.

Roopu Points: Students are working hard to earn points for their school group. At the end of week 4 points were:

Kokako: 39 Kea: 22

Kakapo: 38 King Fisher: 27

Absences: Please contact the school office by 9.30 am if your child/ren are absent from school. Phone 7529 733 or email

admin@mokau.school.nz with a reason why your child is absent and/or follow up with a note on the day they return. This is not only required to ensure the safe keeping of our students but also required by the Ministry of Education.

End of the School Day Pick-Up Changes:

Parents please notify the school office if your child is not going home in the usual way at the end of the day or is being collected by someone other than their parent. Please do not rely on your child to remember a message you gave them in the morning.

Te Kuiti Swimming Sports:

Ocean, Eve and Connell are going to compete at the Waitomo Inter-School Swimming Sports in Te Kuiti on Friday. We wish them well.



**Dates for
Dairies - the
Term ahead**

March

- 1st Bike Ride De-brief Meeting 6.30pm
Smyth's house
- 3rd Be Bright Eat Right Magic show @Mimi
- 4th Te Kuiti Swimming Sports
- 9th Manual
- 14th Taranaki Anniversary Holiday
- 17th Diane at First Time Principals course
Teura at PCT course
- 23rd Manual
- 25th Easter Friday Holiday
- 28th Easter Monday Holiday
- 29th Easter Tuesday Holiday

April

- 6th Manual
- 8th Be Seen for Team Green - St John fundraiser
- 15th Last Day of Term 1

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Board of Trustees Elections: This year is the year for Board of Trustees Elections. Please consider joining the Board or nominating someone who is keen. We currently have a vacancy for a Health and Safety Officer if you would like to co-opted onto the Board until the election in June. All parents will be kept up to date about the election process in future newsletters.

Scholastic Book Orders: Please get these orders in as soon as possible. If paying by cheque please make cheques payable to Mokau School. You can also order online by visiting mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

Home and School Meetings:

There is a Bike Ride Debrief meeting at Smyth's at 6.30 pm tomorrow night - 1st March. If you cannot make the meeting could you please give your feedback about the Bike Ride to someone you know is attending.

At this time of the year Home and School and staff discuss a 'wish list' of things to fund and/or purchase. Please think about what you think is important to go on this list and talk to a staff member about your ideas. Better still come along to the next Home and School Meeting and be part of the discussion.

This year is a 'camp year'. Normally students in Years 5 to 8 would go to camp with the other schools in our cluster but the booking for Vertical Horizons has been cancelled leaving the door open for us to organise our own camp or still join with other cluster schools at an alternative venue. We normally have a Marae Sleepover in Term 2 every year as well. Please also think about the experiences you would like your children to have and bring your ideas to the next Home and School Meeting.

Te reo Māori:

Te Kupu o te Wiki for the week starting Rātū, te 29 o Hui-tanguru, 2016 is **ika**: fish
Ka kai tātou i tētahi **ika** nui.
We will eat a big **fish**.

Swimming Sports Results:

We congratulate all children on how well they did at the Tainui Cluster Swimming Sports last Friday. What a great result coming first overall...way to go Mokau!!

Mokau place getters were as follows:

7 Year Old Boys:	1 st	Billy
	3 rd	Jackson
7 Year Old Girls:	2 nd	Martha
	3 rd	Brylee
8 Year Old Boys:	2 nd	Rico
9 Year Old Boys:	1 st	Connell
9 Year Old Girls:	3 rd	Sophia
11 Year Old Girls:	1 st	Eve
	2 nd	Ocean
12+ Year Old Girls:	1 st	Francis



Please cherish the wonderful collage of swimming sports photos created by Wendy Smyth (as attached)

Girl Guide Biscuits

These yummy treats are for sale for a limited time. Available in plain, mini and chocolate
Ph Mary Elizabeth Hagenson on 022 1099660.

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