



Together we can do it – ka taea e tatou – together we are able

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Kia Ora Koutou

What an eventful week we have had - highs and lows.

The students attended the 'Be Bright Eat Right' Magic Show last Thursday and thanks must go to staff and parents who transported students to and from Mimi. Students are enjoying fresh corn for lunch from the school garden and had a great wheels day on Friday - staff witnessed caring, sharing and junior mechanics! Senior students are also enjoying some keen debating on whether robots should replace teachers!

We are very happy to report that we had 27 students at our March roll return which should restore our 2 teacher staffing. This should be confirmed by the Ministry in the next couple of weeks.

Unfortunately this week we have had to remind several students about the expected level of behaviour at school. Staff will not tolerate disobedience that is harmful or dangerous to other students, staff and/or property at the school. We will be reminding students of expected behavior in the classroom, in the playground and on the bus and will follow up with consequences for inappropriate actions. Please talk to your child and remind them about your, and the school's, behaviour expectations.

Regards
Diane Scott



- Jackie Warren and Jo Wackrow for washing all our uniforms after swimming sports. A big job well done.
- Geoff Robertson for bringing back the gear from Waitara after swimming sports.
- Mary-Elizabeth for taking on the administrator role for 'Team Mokau School' for the up and coming Weetbix Tryathlon. 14 students will be competing.
- Also to Jo Wackrow for donating several Guinness Book of Records for our school library - there were several excited boys when they discovered them.

- Jacqui Kete, thank you for taking our students to the Te Kuiti Swimming Sports.
- Thank you to the senior students for writing the 60-odd thank you cards to our Mighty Bike Ride sponsors.
- And a VERY BIG THANK YOU to the landowners who very generously opened their properties for the bike ride ...

The Smyth family
The Omelvena Family
Mrs Bev McDavitt
and Angela Hammond - thank you!

Roopu Points: the competition is still close among our roopu groups. At the end of week 5 points were:

Kokako: 53	Kea: 39
Kakapo: 48	King Fisher: 38



**Dates for
Dairies - the
Term ahead**

March

- 7th Observation Survey 1st Training
- 8th Anne Purves visiting
- 9th Manual
RTL (resource teacher for learned behaviour) visiting
- 14th **Taranaki Anniversary Holiday**
- 15th Observation Survey 2nd Training
- 16th Project Energise - fitness activities
BOT Meeting
- 17th Diane at First Time Principals course
Teura at PCT course
- 22nd Powhiri at Marae
Property Advisor & Senior Ministry
Advisor visiting
- 23rd Manual
- 25th Easter Friday Holiday
- 28th Easter Monday Holiday
- 29th Easter Tuesday Holiday
- 30th Tryathlon New Plymouth

April

- 6th Manual
- 7th Project Energise
- 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.

Home and School Meetings:

Thank you to the people who attended the Bike Ride Debrief meeting. It is really important to reflect on the systems for the bike ride and refine the processes for such a big event.

Remember to put on your thinking caps for this year's 'wish list', ideas for a camping experience, Marae sleepover & Winterfest ideas and/or other experiences you would like your children to have. Bring your ideas to the next Home and School Meeting.

Te reo Māori:

Te Kupu o te Wiki for the week starting Rātū, te 7 o Poutū-te-rangi, 2016 is
ringaringa: hands

Horoia ō ringaringa. - Wash your hands

Swimming Sports Results:

Oops - in last week's newsletter we missed one super swimmer from our list of place getters. Reece was placed 3rd = in the 8 year old boys - well done Reece.

Te Kuiti Swimming Sports:

Three senior students competed at the Waitomo School swimming sports in Te Kuiti last Friday. Eve gained three 1st placings and a 3rd. Connell gained also gained three 1st placings and a 4th - the 4th placing was in a race against 12 year olds (Connell is 9). Then Eve, Connell, Ocean and a student from Whareorino teamed up to win the relay. What an awesome effort!

Awards

This week's certificates were awarded to:
Duffy Reading Award - Conna for his enthusiasm for home reading.

Student of the week - Mana for always trying his best.

Brain of the week - Emmet for his understanding of addition.

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.

Creativity Challenge: In assembly last week each student was issued with an empty water bottle. Their challenge is to make something that uses all, or part, of the bottle then bring it back to school on Friday April 1 (no this is not an April Fools joke). Other family members are welcome to help students with their bottle project as these challenges are designed to stimulate discussion and problem solving but students must be able to explain how the object was made and what it is for.

Clifton Junior Rugby Muster Days

Tuesday March 8th and
Thursday March 10th from
3pm till 6pm. Weigh in and pay.
Train with the CHIEFS
development Team 4pm till 5pm
Tuesday 8th March. Please
bring boots and mouth guard
and water bottle. txt Amanda on
02102618144 to secure your
spot. Season starts 9th April



Winter Sports:

All North King Country winter sports registrations are due March 10th. Please let me know if your child/children are interested in a sport in that direction - Football, Rugby, Netball - all played on a Saturday. These players will join Piopio Primary School if we don't have enough to make a team.


Hockey - Junior hockey played on
Thursdays (3:40pm - B's and 4:10pm - A's) in Te Kuiti. Intermediate hockey played on either a Tuesday or Wednesday late afternoon.

Hockey - Westcoasters team for Junior B (years 2-4), Junior A - (years 5&6) and Intermediate - (years 7&8). If your child hasn't played hockey before and falls into a higher year group, there are options we can look at, so don't hesitate to contact me if that is the case. I am confident we can make Westcoasters team(s) again.

Regards,

Wendy Smyth
Ph: 7529015





University of Waikato Chiefs Development Team are coming to: Clifton Rugby Club

Bring your children down to the club on: **Tuesday 8th March from 4:00pm - 5:00pm**
The Chiefs Development players will be coaching fundamental skills - tackle technique, ball into contact and catch and pass.
Please contact **Amanda Dombroski** at the club on: **02102618144** if you have any queries. Your son or daughter are welcome to attend a fun afternoon of rugby skills with the Chiefs.

Go the Chiefs!

