



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

**WEEK 8 TERM 1, 21 March 2016**

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## **Week 8**

Attending the First Time Principal's programme last week new Principals had a 'meet and greet' with the numerous faces that fill important roles at the Ministry – these are the 'go to' people for issues and progress in schools and two key Ministry personnel are visiting our school tomorrow – our Property Advisor Gina Thompson and our Senior Advisor Corinne Peters.

With two short weeks ahead then just two weeks till the holidays, Term 1 will be finished before we know it. Students are very excited about their training for the Weet-bix Tryathlon which is the day after Easter. This coincides with the closing of our swimming pool for this season. Please return your keys as quickly as possible for your \$10.00 refund.

Regards,  
Diane Scott



## **Awards**

This week's certificates were awarded to:

**Duffy Reading Award** – Brylee for adding fluency to her reading. Awesome!

**Student of the week** – Jacob for helping other students with their maths.

**Brain of the week** – Emmet for brilliant maths  
– Ka pai Emmet

**Roopu Points:** The competition is heating up among our roopu groups. At the end of week 7 two groups were tied for the lead.

Kokako: 78	Kea: 56
Kakapo: 78	King Fisher: 64

## **Te reo Māori:**

Te Kupu o te Wiki for the week starting Rāhina, te 21 o Poutū-te-rangi, 2016 is  
**whero:** red

Hōmai tēnā pene whero.  
Give me that red pen

**Home and School Meeting:** The Home and School meeting is TONIGHT at 7.30 pm in the School Library. All caregivers are welcome. We will be discussing this year's 'wish list' and ideas for a camping experience.

**Manioroa Marae Powhiri:** All students will be taking part in a Powhiri to welcome Te Kuiti High School to the Marae on Tuesday. All parents/caregivers are welcome. Students will leave school at 10.15 and return around 12.30. The Powhiri is at 11.00 a.m.

**Be Seen for Team Green:** Each year we are inundated with requests to help charities to raise funds. This year we have chosen two worthy charities to support as both these charities are visible in our community – St John and The Air Ambulance. 'Be seen for Team Green' is going to be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April to raise funds for St John. Students can wear green and donate a gold coin to support this charity. There will be some 'green' activities on the day for students to enjoy.

## **Weet-Bix Tryahlon**

Students are in the final week of training for this big event with two trainings at school this week – **Tuesday and Wednesday**. Students need to have their **bikes and shoes at school for these two days – then take them home before Easter**. A reminder that on the day of the event in New Plymouth **all students need shoes to bike in** and they need to practice putting them on during the transition from swimming to biking. As coach Mary-Elizabeth has pointed out, the non-tie elastic shoelaces make this transition much easier, as does **talc in their socks**. Socks in shoes are optional but be mindful that blisters can easily develop on the 1500 m run without socks. **A 'marker' for your bike position is also a good idea** – this marker needs to be seen clearly from a distance (e.g. the Hagenson children each have a shimmery cheerleader pom pom on a pole to position with their bikes). With 1600 bikes on the day, sorted into age group lots, a visual clue as to where to get and return their bike will make the transitions much easier, as would a **container to house their clothes, shoes and helmet** – small flexi tubs are a great idea. As you can imagine the logistics of setting up such an event are huge and parents cannot help their children during the event – they can help them set up their gear before-hand and then they wish them luck at the start and congratulate them at the end! Go Team Mokau!

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## Dates for Dairies

### March

- 21<sup>st</sup> Home and School Meeting
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Powhiri at Marae  
Ministry visitors.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Manual  
BOT meeting
- 25<sup>th</sup> Easter Friday Holiday
- 28<sup>th</sup> Easter Monday Holiday
- 29<sup>th</sup> Easter Tuesday Holiday
- 30<sup>th</sup> Tryathlon New Plymouth - 14 students



### April

- 1<sup>st</sup> Creativity Challenge Due
- 6<sup>th</sup> Manual
- 7<sup>th</sup> Anne Purves visiting  
Vicki Coll - Project Energise  
Be Seen for Team Green - St John fundraiser (note change of date)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Teura and Merepaea at 7+course
- 11<sup>th</sup> Duffy Role Model Assembly
- 15<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term 1

## School Policy Reviews

Every Term there are School policies that need reviewing. This Term our 'Swimming pool' and 'Alcohol, Drugs and other Harmful Substances' are up for review. Staff, parents and/or Board members are all welcome to look at these policies to review that they still meet the needs of our school. The instructions to review policies are as attached. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form or you can use a school computer to make your comments.

## Duffy Role Model Assembly

Our first Duffy Role Model Assembly will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30 pm. Our guest will be Alistair McIntyre, also known as "Mr Mac". Alistair has had 20 odd years' experience in the contracting and landscaping field, operating heavy machinery on various worksites and this is what gave him the idea of writing a children's book about his work experiences - creating "Doug the Digger". He will share his book concept and development with the kids and we may wish to join his fan club! With the help of some good friends and key industry contacts, Alistair also launched Youth Into Industry: a programme designed for high school aged youths to introduce them to the possibility of pursuing a career in civil construction and infrastructure. You can find more information about Alistair on his website [www.dougthedigger.co.nz](http://www.dougthedigger.co.nz) and [www.youthintoindustry.org.nz](http://www.youthintoindustry.org.nz). Sometimes Alistair brings his truck and digger to schools so be ready just in case! All community members welcome!

**Pio Pio Rugby:** Pio Pio rugby is starting on 30<sup>th</sup> March. All parents are welcome to help and can attend with their child.

**Newsletter Items:** Just a reminder that the newsletter gets written in the weekend so if you have something you would like included please have it to the office by Friday 4.00 p.m.

**Westcoasters Hockey:** The winning team from 2015 have finally got their hands on the trophy. A very proud coach, Wendy Smyth, presented the trophy to the team in assembly last week.  
Go Westcoasters!



## National House Condition Survey – help us help NZ create better buildings

BRANZ, an independent and trusted research, testing, and consulting organisation is conducting a national survey on condition of houses.

BRANZ is gathering information from you on quality of NZ homes and how best to improve them. We are surveying 654 houses across NZ. We'd love to hear from you if you **rent your home in Mokau or in the area** and it is a **stand-alone house**.

**How you can help us?** We do a survey on the phone and arrange a time with you so one of our trained assessors can meet with you and together complete a physical survey. Please be aware that your name and address are removed from the information we use to write our reports so it is confidential.

**What do we do?** BRANZ appreciates you have busy lives so as a gesture of thanks we would like to offer you a \$50 voucher for completing this survey. You will also be entered into a draw to win one of two iPads. The findings and what they mean for NZ's housing are reported later in the year on the BRANZ website.

**Can you help?** Please contact our National Co-ordinator Vicki Cowan on 0800 886 422 or email her on [houseconditionsurvey@branz.co.nz](mailto:houseconditionsurvey@branz.co.nz).