

MOKAU SCHOOL



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Last week was truly a celebration of success for our students and school families.

First up we had students competing in the Te Kuiti Gymfest in Pio Pio. These students came back so excited by their achievements and they won the Team Spirit Award as well (see Wendy's report below). Students demonstrated what they had learned in the space of 3 weeks with a gymnastics display in the hall for other students to be inspired by their achievements.

On Thursday night 8 senior students travelled to Te Kuiti to compete in the annual Literacy Quiz. As representatives of our school all these students did us proud with the added bonus of one of our teams taking top honours winning the quiz.

The biggest accolade of the week however came from teachers at Otorohanga South School who sent this email (abridged) ... "We were at the literacy quiz last night and just want to congratulate you on your student's awesome team spirit ... you could tell they had prepared for the quiz and they deserved to win. It was lovely to see how excited they were and the way they worked as a team, celebrating their success with high fives. What a lovely bunch of kids"

As teachers and parents this is the true reward - our students give us a lot to be proud of. Keep up the awesome attitude kids.

Regards,
Diane Scott

Awards

Student of the Week Certificates

Juniors: **Jordan** for attempting to complete all his work

Seniors: **Merekara** for excelling at Gymfest and the Literacy Quiz.

Olympic Value Awards

Yellow: **Claude** for **Fair Play** and including others.

Blue: **Francis** for **Pursuit of Excellence** and always giving her best.

Red: **Ruth and Martha** in **Balance between Mind, Body and Character** for giving up their weekend to do community service at school.

A Few Extra Special Awards & Thank You

Mr Hagenson was the lucky winner of our Father's Day book draw - this is a Duffy Award celebrating male caregivers, be they dads, step-dads, uncles, grandfathers or family friends to acknowledge males who support and encourage kids and be a positive influence in young people's lives. Frank received a copy of the book *What If?*

A big thank you to **Mrs O'Sullivan** for transporting the students to the Literacy Quiz. It was great to all travel together. Thanks also to **Mrs Hagenson** for coming along to support. Once again thank you to **Mrs Smyth** for the commitment to coaching the Gymfest team and flowing up by reporting results.

Decile Review

Thank you for the 100% return of forms to provide information for our decile review. Our review has now been lodged with the Ministry and we will find out the outcome of this application before the end of the 2016 school year.

Roopu Competition

Roopu points are still mounting up - the Olympic Values are evident in both the classroom and playground. At the end of Week 5 points were as follows:

All Blacks	58	Storm	72
Barcelona	57	Chiefs	68

Literacy Quiz 2016

Do you know who edits the Rodent Gazette?

Who Nancy Drew's friends are?

or Who wrote the Princess Dairies?

Two teams of students from Mokau School faced these and 97 other questions to vie for the title of 'Literacy Quiz Champions 2016'. The quiz was composed of 10 rounds of 10 questions, categories included Picture Books, Book Series Fairy Tales, NZ Authors, Visuals, Who said That, NZ Book Award Finalists and General Knowledge. Teams have studying hard all Term and both teams dedication was evident on the night. Team 'Downtown Dabbers' (Connell, Ocean, Francis and Grace) were placed 5th overall and team 'Mokau Masterminds' (Eve, Claude, Merekara and Sophia) lived up to their name coming out victors on the night. Masterminds were rewarded with prizes for

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their 4 individual round wins, a \$50 Paper Plus voucher each, a trophy to hold for the year and their team name will be engraved on the shield displayed in the Te Kuiti Library. Showing great Mokau attitude the Mastermind team shared their prizes with the Dabbers - they thought this fair because they all studied together and created practice quizzes for each other.



Gymfest

On August 23rd 2016, fourteen year 2-8 Mokau School students took part in the Annual Otorohanga and Te Kuiti Districts GymSports Festival Competition.

Many of these students had never tried gymnastics before so it was a whole new sport. They not only needed to learn the basics of gymnastics but they then had to learn a series of routines and put it all together in just 3 weeks!

The enthusiasm and commitment from these children was amazing. The boys had 2 floor routines to learn and a vault. The girls had a floor, vault and beam to learn.

The competition had 3 classes: Springers (level 1), Flyers (level 2), Twisters (level 3). Our children entered Springers and Flyers. Certificates were awarded to 1st - 8th place-getters.



Front from left: Billy, Jacob, Kayla, Martha
Back (on Beam): Merekara, Reece, Matua, Sophia, Dannielle,
Eve. Wendy (Coach). Jessica. Grace. Ryan. Connell

RESULTS:

Springers Women's year 2-6

5th Grace, 8th Martha,
15th Kayla, 18th Jessica

Springers Women's year 7&8

1st Eve

Springers Men's year 2-6

1st Jacob, 4th Connell,
5th Merekara, 6th Matua,
7th Billy, 10th Ryan

Flyers Men's year 2-6

3rd Reece

Flyers Women's year 2-6

3rd Sophia, 9th Dannielle

Our children most certainly did Mokau School and the community proud. The overall "Team Spirit Award" was awarded to Mokau School Team for their team morale, support, work ethic, and manners. We won this award in 2013 and again this year in 2016.

Thank you to the parents for their support, it wouldn't have been easy without you!

Thank you to the children for your attention, manners, great work ethic and wonderful attitudes.

Together we can do it!
Wendy Smyth



For the young Star Wars fans that are collecting the tokens there will be swap meet in the library tomorrow at

morning tea time – remember to bring your swaps and a list of the tokens you still need for your collection.

Hi, I am fundraising for our King Country Rep Hockey away games in Taranaki, Ngatea and the McGrath Cup in Rotorua and I have raffle tickets to sell. There are 4 raffles with only 200 tickets/raffle and 1 prize for each raffle. The prizes are: a trailer load of dry pine firewood, x2 \$100 meal vouchers at either Stoked eatery or Huhu Café, x2 Black Water Rafting Black Abyss tickets and x4 tickets through the Ruakuri Cave. If you would like to buy a ticket to support our team please contact my mum on 022 1099 660 or maryelizabeth@hagenson.com Thank you very much, from Connell.

Up and Coming Events

Term 3

AUG	31	Vicki Coll – Project Energise
SEP	2	Tainui Schools Cross Country @Mimi School. 10.00 am
	5	Robyn Irving - Enviroschools
	6	Mokau School speeches (seniors) and poem recitals (juniors). @Mokau School. 10.30 am
	7	Manual
	9	Tainui Cluster of Schools Speech Finals @Whareorino School
	12	Staff Union Meeting in NP Duffy Role Model Assembly @Mokau School 1.30 pm Speaker: Shelley Ryan
	21	Manual Taranaki Cross Country BOT Meeting 7 pm
	23	Last Day of Term 3 Teddy Bears Picnic

Term 4

OCT	19	Mokau School Agricultural Day and Arts Display. 10.00 am
	21	Tainui Girls' And Boys' Club (Ag Day) @Tainui Domain 10.00 am
NOV	11	Tainui Schools Athletic Sports @Ahititi School

Ruben's Tip for Grown Ups Helmets on Right and tight



In NZ it is the law that all cyclists have to wear an approved helmet. The helmet should fit well, be in good condition with no chips, cracks or freys. Children may need help to ensure the helmet is securely buckled and does not wobble around loosely on their head.

Thank you to the Waitara R.S.A. for donating \$200 to Mokau School. As they suggested, the money will be used to purchase learning resources which promote an understanding of ANZAC



Duffy Role Model Assembly

This assembly will be held on September 12 at 1.30 pm. Our guest speaker will be Shelley Ryan – the Duffy Team has given this description of the work Shelley does.

Kids, Cars and Animals - how does it all work? Shelley first started the SPCA journey at Auckland SPCA in 1993, working in many animals areas around the Animal Village. In early 2000, the position of Education Officer was created part time and by the end of 2000, there was so much interest from schools wanting to share in animal welfare learning, the position of Education Manager was created and went fulltime with a fantastic team of SPCA Education Officers and animals specifically selected to be part of the delivery of SPCA education, including working with Royal New Zealand successful One of the Family education programme across the country, presenting to over 100, 000 students which shares conversations about the bonds we share with our pets.

Today, she works as an Auto Angel - with her other passion which is cars! Auto Angels is an all-female sales team finding the right car for families. She is currently modifying her classic muscle car (hot rod) to take drag racing at Meremere raceway. She continues her work with Police and Community Groups specifically with at risk young people helping to make the connections of love, kindness and care through the animals in our homes and community with her own alternative education business - EmPAWthy - Helping One, Helps the Other. She has 5 kids - 2 adult daughters, a son, 2 school aged daughters, 4 grandsons, 2 dogs, 4 cats, and 2 blue tonaued lizards!

te reo Māori: The phrase of the week is ...

Ka pai hoki koe!

Good on you!

We could have said this many times over last week, let's hope we can use it this week.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Te Kuiti Primary School Mud Run Fundraiser.

Saturday, October 15th 2016. More information at <http://tkmudrun.org/>

Mahoenui Pig Hunt. Thursday 8th – Saturday 10th September 2016. For more information contact: Rosemary Briggs 07 8778722 rjrpbriiggs@gmail.com