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MOKAU SCHOOL

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

WEEK 8 TERM 2, 19th June 2017

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The week that has past has been a difficult one for a variety of reasons.

Firstly, our condolences go to the Pennington family for the loss of a loved one. This is never an easy time for a family. We have all been thinking of you.

Thank you to the parents and caregivers who returned the school community survey aimed at gauging the support for future school projects. The options will be discussed by our Board of Trustees in conjunction with the development of our 10 year property plan which is currently in its planning process.

As touched upon in last week's newsletter there has been a number of changes in our community which have resulted in Mokau School losing students as families move out of our area. This week the Board will be considering the reality of what our roll will be next year so we can forward plan for the best learning opportunities for the children we have. We would greatly appreciate parents being honest with us and letting us know as early as possible if family circumstances are changing.

In a similar vein staff are finding it difficult to deliver a robust learning program to all students - last week we had 6 students away Tuesday, 7 students away Thursday and 10 students away on Friday as well as students leaving at lunch time for sport. Please consider the effect on student's progress and achievement when you take your child out of school for a non-school related activity.

Please also seriously consider joining our Home and School Committee - all students have enjoyed the spoils of this groups fundraising - what a great group of dedicated parents and community members that provide great opportunities and resources for our students. Unfortunately this group has lost several members due to families leaving our area and may be losing more so we would love to see some new faces. The AGM is on the 27th June at 4 pm - we are hoping this time will enable more parents and caregivers to attend without the need to find childcare.

Last week we welcomed a new student to the junior room. Welcome Calvin we hope you enjoy your time at Mokau School.

Kind regards - the Mokau Team



- Wendy, Billy and Soph (+their dog and a couple of other student helpers) for moving our stock
- Mark for repairing the trough in the bottom paddock.
- Rob for fixing the fence that was broken when trees were felled.

Roopu Points

After 7 weeks at school the groups are vying for top spot. Mt Messenger is still in the lead with 56 points, The Remarkables second with 44 points, Mt Cook with 43 and Mt Everest 42 points.

Fidget Spinners

We have all been mesmerised and fascinated by these little gadgets and staff have allowed their 'inclusion' in the classroom for a few weeks, unfortunately they have now become a learning distraction and we would prefer them to remain at home please.

Te reo Māori

The phrase of the week is

tākaro pakeke, tākaro ataahua

Play hard, play fair

Certificate

Junior Student of the week: Calvin for a great first week of school.

Junior Star Student: Mana for being a great role model.

Senior Student of the week: Grace for being an active listener, focussed learning and excellence.

Senior Star Student: Matua-Roy for a positive attitude to learning.

Science Fair

Last week seniors started experimenting with science - we took advantage of the range of colours of autumn leaves and tried to identify the pigments present by the process of chromatography.



This is a lead in for students completing their own science fair experiment or investigation. We may not get these complete before the end of the term but we will be making a good start. Students can design (1) an experiment to test a hypothesis or (2) investigate a science and/or technology question, then research and explain its answer e.g. how do black holes form? how is wind or the tide used to generate power? What plants grow best in coastal conditions and why? What causes coastal erosion? or (3) create a display about an endangered New Zealand animal and explain why they are threatened e.g. some species of whitebait

SPORTS REPORTS

Jessica, Martha and Ruth played soccer on Saturday in Te Kuiti. We played against KioKio and we won 4 nil. Martha got two goals and Ruth got Player of the Day for playing for the other team.

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On Saturday Connell, Ryan and Grace played two games of soccer the first game was against St Josephs, we lost 2 nil. We then played against Taumaranui and also lost 2 nil, Martha played for us. Grace got Player of the Day for the first game and Connell got player of the day for the second game.

In the weekend we played Centennial Park and we won 12 tries to one, we all played well as a team. Kade was player of the day. I scored 3 tries and Jackson had some good runs
By Billy

On Tuesday I played for Westcoasters Intermediate Hockey team we played against Kioio who were really good. We played well and lost 4-1, Ocean was player of the day
By Soph

On Sunday, we hunted on horses for hares on our place. It was a beautiful and sunny day. We had no kills but jumping the fences was still heaps of fun.

By Soph

Home and School Committee AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Home and School Committee will be held on Tuesday June 27th at 4.00 pm in the School Library.

All welcome.

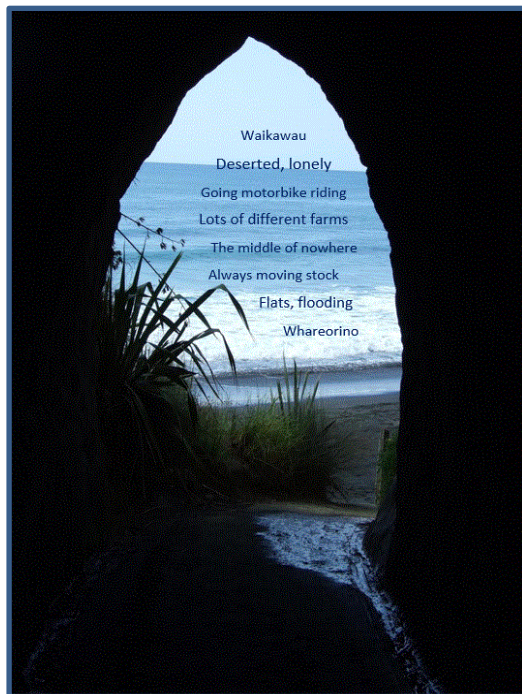
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Up and Coming Events

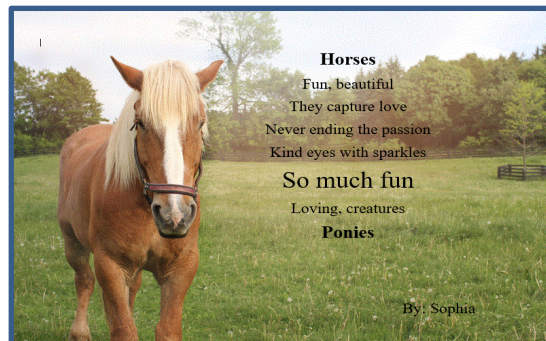
June	21 st	BOT Meeting 7.00 pm
	27 th	Firewise - morning Home and School Annual General Meeting 4.00 pm Library
July	29 th - 30 th	Diane at NP Principal's Conference
	last wk	Sir Peter Blake Award (TBC) Reports issued
	7 th	Last Day of Term 2



Tongaporutu
tidy, beautiful
casting for fish
go to three sisters
lots of native bush
bombing off bridge
tiny, peaceful
clean

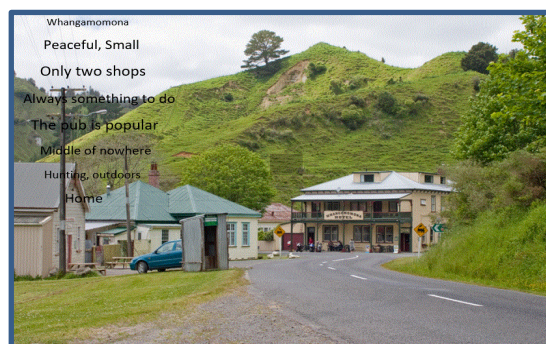


Waikawau
Deserted, lonely
Going motorbike riding
Lots of different farms
The middle of nowhere
Always moving stock
Flats, flooding
Whareorino



Horses
Fun, beautiful
They capture love
Never ending the passion
Kind eyes with sparkles
So much fun
Loving, creatures
Ponies

By: Sophia



Whangamomona
Peaceful, Small
Only two shops
Always something to do
The pub is popular
Middle of nowhere
Hunting, outdoors
Home