

# MOKAU SCHOOL



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

**WEEK 3 TERM 3, 7<sup>th</sup> Aug 2017**

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What a great week we had last week. Students enjoyed a fun gymnastics session with Vicki Coll in the hall; they also enjoyed some extra time outside waiting for the 4 Texan RNZAF planes to fly over Mokau; on Friday, Grace, Ryan and Martha celebrated birthdays; Heidi received her prize for winning the national poetry competition; juniors went on some great insect hunts, including finding a lovely little lizard; seniors managed to complete their Science Fair boards and start their study for the Literacy Quiz; and sadly we said goodbye to the Hagenson family - we wish them well in their new adventures.

## Term 3 Activity Updates

**Gymnastics.** Mokau students joined with Whareorino for a gymnastics session lead by Project Energise's Vicki Coll. Activities focused on jumping and balancing, twisting and turning including walking beams and spring box vaulting.



**Cross country.** The students and staff are training daily for the Cross Country later this term. Don't forget there is a parents' race if you would like to get out and do some walking and/or running with your child/ren. Could all last year's cross country trophies be returned to school as soon as possible?

**Gymsport.** Our Fantastic Mokau Group are enthusiastically practicing their hip-hop dance for the Gymsport competition - sounds as though Sophia has choreographed a great little routine which we are looking forward to seeing.

**Literacy Quiz.** Last week students studied the answers to some of last year's quiz questions. Students are reading David Walliams' books and graphic novels at home as well as watching books that have been made into movies. This week and next week we will be studying picture books and listening to orated David Walliams books.



**Congratulations.** This week Heidi received her prize for the Rainbow Poetry competition and all students and staff were acknowledged by Judi Billcliff for their wonderful poetry efforts.

## Notices for Parents

**Transport Required.** We will be requiring parent help to transport senior students to and from Ahititi on August 23 for the people savers first aide course and for our trip to New Plymouth to the Arts Festival on August 25. If possible could you pencil these dates in on your calendar and fill in the required paper work which will come home shortly.

**Science Fair:** The students have now completed their science boards and what a wonderful display of work they are. If you would like to come for morning tea and to view the student's science fair boards and talk to students about their work we would love to see you on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30 am. A small plate of food for morning tea would be much appreciated.

### Surveys

Thanks to families who returned our Health Curriculum Survey - these will be collated and a Health Curriculum Statement compiled.

**This week we have a very important form to complete and we would love 100% commitment as the result affects the amount of funding our school receives.** You may have seen in the media that the 'decile way' of funding schools is going to be scraped, but this is at least a couple of years away. We are applying to have our decile rating reviewed - the lower the school decile rating the more funding per child a school receives. Our current decile rating is 6 but we feel this is not a true reflection of our current school community. Please fill in the form and return to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Early School Closure. School will close at 12.30pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August** to allow staff to attend a writing moderation workshop with other schools in our cluster. Buses will run at this earlier time - the South Run will reach Tongaporutu at 12.40pm and will be at Fraser Smith Rd at 1.00 pm

## Roopu Standings & Certificates



The roopu group points could not be closer - before the presentation of certificates at assembly all groups had 14 points, following certificates, Mickey Mouse Club House & the Scooby Doo's have 15 points and The Flintstones have a one point lead with 16 points.

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## Certificates

**Junior 'You did It' Award:** Daniel for being on his way to independence

**Junior Star Student:** Ruth for being a reliable independent class member

**Senior 'You did It' Award:** Martha for completely independently completing her science fair project and write up.

**Senior Star Student:** Billy for being respectful and using his manners.

# Thank you



To Mark Smyth for collecting and splitting the firewood rounds.

Jackie Warren for helping students with their science board presentations. These look wonderful.

To Wendy and Evan for continued Cross country training

## Dates for this Term

Aug	9 <sup>th</sup>	BOT Property Meeting 3.30pm in the library
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Science Fair Display 10.30 am
	16 <sup>th</sup>	BOT Meeting 7.00 pm
	17 <sup>th</sup>	BOT CoLs meeting in NP
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Staff @writing moderation workshop @ Ahititi in pm
		Early finish 12.30 pm
Sept	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Gymfest
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	People Savers First Aide course @ Ahititi for Year 4-8 students
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Taranaki Arts Festival Trip to NP
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Tainui Cross Country @Mimi
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country Postponement date
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Home and School Meeting 7.00 pm
	20 <sup>th</sup>	BOT Meeting 7.00 pm
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tainui Speech Finals @ Whareorino
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Life Ed Van
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Literacy Quiz @Te Kuiti Primary
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term

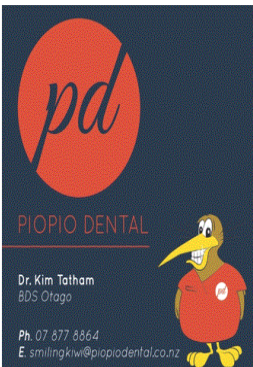
# Community Notices

Careers Expo - Sunday 13th August 2017 and Monday 14th August 2017. Just a reminder that there is the Taranaki Careers and Training Expo on at the TSB stadium on the above dates. Doors open Sunday at 10am and close at 3pm and from 8.40am on the Monday until 3pm. This would be great for Year 7/8 students to attend to get insights into different careers and think about what subjects they need to take to pursue different careers. For more information visit <http://www.taranakicareersexpo.com/>

## The Smiling Kiwi Open Day

Friday August 11<sup>th</sup> from 9am till Midday. All visitors welcome to visit this fantastic new practice and see what we have to offer. Don't forget to book an appointment as you leave!

Open for patients from Monday August 14<sup>th</sup>. Providing all your dental care needs. We also offer free dental care for children under 18, ACC and WINZ treatments (T&C apply). Care for all primary and intermediate children is still provided by the School Dental Therapist.



## Family Art

Sundays | 1 - 3 pm

Todd Energy Learning Centre

Drop in anytime | Entry by donation

Call in on Sunday afternoons for family-friendly, hands-on, art making activities inspired by our exhibitions.

HEALTHY HOME BAKING

# NO BAKE MUESLI BAR

**Ingredients:**

- 1 cup pitted dates – soak in water for 10min then drain
- 3 Tbsp. honey
- 3 Tbsp. peanut butter
- 1 cup natural nuts – loosely chopped
- 1 ½ cup rolled oats

Whizz up dates in a food processor and then add to oats and nuts in a separate bowl. Melt honey and peanut butter in a pot or microwave then add to the oat mixture. Stir through to mix all ingredients. Transfer to a dish lined with plastic wrap or baking paper. Press down until flat then refrigerate until firm. Remove and chop into bars.

Makes approx. 15 bars

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