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# MOKAU SCHOOL



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

**WEEK 4 TERM 3, 14<sup>th</sup> Aug 2017**

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It was lovely to host a few visitors at school last week. We may be a small school but there is a large group of people making a contribution to the learning opportunities of our students.

Firstly we had our Special Education whanau support worker Linda Rawiti come and see us to introduce Fiona McKenzie our new Ministry Special Ed co-ordinator. We look forward to these ladies working with staff to enhance the learning opportunities of students.

The Pryor family popped in for a quick visit – it was great to see their faces again and have a quick catch up. Teacher-only Days come in handy to visit old friends.

After school on Wednesday the Board of Trustees and staff met with Glen Robinson and Leonie Spalding, our Ministry Property Advisor, to discuss the development of our 10 year property plan.

Thursday saw some 'surprise' visitors – 8 members of the Taranaki Bulls Rugby Team enjoyed a powhiri, then delighted the students with a question and answer session, followed by some physical drills and games. Thank you Merepaea for preparing a lovely welcome for our visitors and what an awesome bunch of guys – the students were 'pumped' by their visit. It was lovely for these role models to choose to visit the four most northern schools in Taranaki – Mimi, Uruti, Ahititi and Mokau.

On Friday senior students displayed their Science Boards and talked about their learning with parents, grandparents and other members of the community. Presenting their findings to their peers prepared them for sharing their new found knowledge with their extended school family.



Parents Wendy Smyth and Evan Lobb visited to take students for cross country running with Evan giving the students a short running psychology lesson and our Specialist Teacher Michelle Politakis was here for her fortnightly 2 day slot including professional development .... so you can see just how busy our school life can be, all the while ensuring we are teaching the core subjects of literacy and maths every day!





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## Term 3 Activity Updates

**Cross country.** Cross Country training is coming along nicely. The children are enjoying the hill work and road running with Evan and Wendy and getting fit in a number of other ways.



**Gymsport.** With just one week to go to performance day, the hip-hop routine is coming together. We wish Sophia, Grace, Jessica, Kayla, Merekara, Matua and Billy the very best for their performance at Gymsports.

**Literacy Quiz.** Study was on a bit of a go-slow last week with other commitments, but students will be on track again this week looking at the 2017 book finalists.

## Notices for Parents

**Transport Required.** With another busy week next week there are number of occasions requiring transport. Today there are permission and transport forms for our trips into New Plymouth on Friday, please fill these in and return to school asap. With students requiring transport to Gymsports, People Savers and New Plymouth next week if you haven't returned forms and are able to help out please ring the office and talk to Jackie.

### Surveys

Thanks to all families who returned Decile Review Questionnaire - this data is being collated and will be sent to the Ministry for Review. We will find out the outcome of this review towards the end of the year.

**Early School Closure THIS FRIDAY.** School will close at 12.30pm 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. We apologise for this inconvenience, but are very appreciative that staff have this professional development opportunity.

**Piopio Sports Photos.** These have been set down for Wednesday, 13th September - times for teams to be confirmed.

## Roopu Standings & Certificates

The roopu group points are still close- Mickey Mouse Club House & the Scooby Doos have 27 points and The Flintstones have a two point lead with 29 points.

## Certificates

**Junior 'You did It!' Award:** Holly for being a great V.I.P (Very Important Person - class leader)

**Junior Star Student:** Mana for being responsible with the army men toys.

**Senior 'You did It!' Award:** Emmet for presenting his Science Fair project confidently and knowledgeably.

**Senior Star Student:** Claude for giving it your all when the Taranaki Bulls visited - not bad for a footballer!

## Thank you



To our parents ...

coming in and sharing in your child/ren learning at our Science Fair and for providing morning tea. What a great occasion.

filling in the copious amounts of forms which have been sent home lately.

### Dates for this Term

Aug	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
	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
Sept	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

### Agricultural Days

Our Pet Day will be held on the first Wednesday Term 4 with group day on Thursday the same week. If students haven't already done so, they will soon be choosing their animals. Remember, goats must be born after 1st July, calves and lambs after 1st August.

**LIC Calf Club Art Competition.** LIC's website [www.calfclub.co.nz](http://www.calfclub.co.nz) provides valuable information on selecting, rearing and training a calf for Pet Day. There is an art competition with some great prizes up for grabs. Entries close on 16th October. Check out their website for details.



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**Absences.** If your child is absent from school, please make sure you let the school office know the reason for their absence on the morning of the absence. Attendance records, including unjustified or unexplained absences and lateness are recorded electronically and submitted to the Ministry.

**Grounds.** Our grounds are taking a hammering with the current weather. If at all possible, please do not drive on the grass and stick to the concreted areas when walking to the buildings.

## Community Notices

### Dotterel Defenders Protect me @ Mohakatino

Did you know there are only about 2000 NZ dotterel/ tūturiwhatu and that a pair nested at Mohakatino Estuary last summer?



- Nesting NZ dotterel are highly vulnerable to disturbance from people, vehicles & dogs.
- NZ dotterel nest in the sand above the high tide line.
- Eggs & chicks can be easily crushed or eaten if the adults are away from the nest.

Help avoid disturbance during breeding season:

Please stay below the high  
tide line August to March



### Dotterel Defenders



**What:** Beach clean, CoastBlitz, predator tracking & trapping

**Where:** Mokau Rd, Mohakatino Estuary (car park)

**When:** 1:00pm to 3:30pm Sat 19<sup>th</sup> August 2017

**Who's welcome:** Everyone, especially you!

**Find out more:** [www.facebook.com/DotterelDefenders](http://www.facebook.com/DotterelDefenders)

**Ngā mihi**

**Waitara WHANAU**

**FUN DAY** 10AM UNTIL 3PM

27<sup>th</sup> August 2017  
Clifton Park, Waitara

**FREE ADMISSION**

Three-Legged Race

Potato Sack Racing

**Bouncy Castle**

Train Rides Pony Rides

Tug 'o' War Egg & Spoon Racing

Free Sausage Sizzle Agility Dogs

Fire Brigade Display **Plus more...**

