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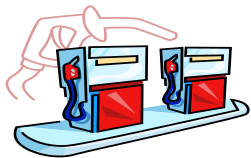


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# MOKAU SCHOOL

**"Together We Can Do It!"**



**WEEK 1 TERM 1, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013**

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## **Hello Everyone**

Welcome back to Mokau School for 2013. I hope you all had a wonderful break and all the kids are refreshed and looking forward to an exciting year ahead. Our major fundraiser for the year, The Might Mokau Trail Bike Ride is drawing very near. Thank you to all the people who have participated in the organisation of this event so far. We anticipate that everyone will play a part in helping make this event a success and we are grateful for your support. Ms Burrows, Merepaea and I are very excited about the future learning direction this year. We have been consolidating our ideas and expertise and have decided to start the year looking at how we each connect within our school, families and wider community. Each week the newsletter will share our current learning focus and how you can enrich your child's learning through sharing your own personal knowledge. We feel this home, school partnership is important for each child's learning. We are always available to talk with you and look forward to connecting with you in 2013.

**PRINCIPAL**  
**Ben Single**

## **Learning Focus: READY TO CONNECT**

We are learning about developing an awareness of ourselves, our family and our community and how we connect within these contexts.

AT HOME YOU CAN talk about your family, where you have come from and why you chose to live the Mokau area. What do you know about the area we live in?

**Birthdays:** Sophia 20<sup>th</sup> Dec, Tessa 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan, Jackie 12<sup>th</sup> Jan, Seth 13<sup>th</sup> Jan, Logan 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb.  
**Happy Birthday to you all!**

**Life Education:** We are very lucky to be having Harold visiting us here at Mokau on the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> February to talk to us about food nutrition and what our body needs to keep us happy and healthy. Whareorino will also be joining us on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Swimming:** We will be swimming everyday so can you please ensure that children bring their togs & towels each day. We will be developing our confidence and skills in preparation for Tainui Swimming Sports.

**Stationary:** All the children this year will be starting with new exercise books as we have reviewed our curriculum areas and book standards to reflect our teaching for the year.

**Bus:** The bus will continue as normal and if you have any question regarding the routes please contact the School. If children are going to be away can you please call Len on 7529043

**Beach Education Day:** Mokau will be hosting our Tainui Cluster Beach Education Day on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. It should be a great day and if you are able to assist, please let us know as we require 1 adult to every 5 children. More information will follow.

## **Lunch & Interval Time Change:**

The timetable has been altered to maximise the students learning time. We believe this will allow us to optimise our efficiency in teaching the core curriculum subjects. Our Brain Break or Munch 'N' Crunch time will give students time to reflect on their learning and refocus for the lesson ahead. We are looking at making healthy choices and are encouraging students to bring a small healthy snack i.e. fruit, vegetables, natural popcorn etc.

9.00-11.00 Literacy (10-10.10 Brain Break)  
11.00-11.20 Interval  
11.20-12.50 Literacy/Numeracy  
12.50-1.40 Lunch  
1.40-3.00 Integrated Theme

**Manual 2013:** We have been fortunate to be able to combine our two manual sessions in 2013. Manual will begin on February 13<sup>th</sup> and students will travel on the Waitara School bus to Waitara and return with Len by 1.30 to restart the afternoon at school. As we have combined these sessions students will only need to travel through to manual every second week. Ben will be contacting parents with information regarding times and locations for the Waitara Bus.

**Trail Bike Ride:** Time is racing along now and we are approaching our major fundraiser for the year our Mighty Mokau School Trail Bike Ride. We would appreciate everyones help with this and will be setting up on February 23<sup>rd</sup> for the ride on the 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be opportunity for families to ride the track and a bbq on Saturday. Please contact Wendy Smyth or Megs if you have any questions about what you can do to help.

**Home & School Meeting:** We will be meeting at school on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Please feel free to come along and join in.

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### **Cream Boat Centenary Celebration:**

Taranaki Anniversary weekend will see Mokau hosting celebrations for the Cream Boats (Cygnets) 100 year anniversary. There will be a boat load of activities and enteratinment with all proceeds going to Mokau School and St John. There will be a meeting held at school on Febrauary 4<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm. If you would like to know more and can help over the weekend then please come along. We really appreciate this opportunity to raise funds for our school and promote Mokau and it's great leasure activities.

### **Wheels Day:**

We will be having Wheels Days every Friday starting next week. Children can bring bikes, skateboards, scooters, rollerblades etc, but must ensure they have a helmet.

No helmet = No Wheels

They will be able to ride them during interval and lunchtime.

### **Newsletter:**

Newsletters will now be going out on Friday afternoons. This has been changed so that award winners can be included in the newsletter. If you have any notices or advertisements to go in please contact the office by Wednesday afternoon.

### **For Sale:**

Epsom Stylus NX125 colour printer with printer ink. Printer is near new and has had very little use. Cost \$50. Phone Emma on 7525988.

### **What's coming up:**

**2013**

**Jan**  
**29<sup>th</sup>** Start of term 1 Tuesday

**Feb**  
**4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>** Harold Life Education with Whareorino

**6<sup>th</sup>** Waitangi Day NO School  
**22<sup>nd</sup>** Beach Education Tainui cluster @ Mokau

**March**  
**1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>** Tainui Swimming sports @ Waitara  
**8<sup>th</sup>** Waitomo Swimming Sports @Te Kuiti  
**22<sup>nd</sup>** Golf @11am  
**25<sup>th</sup>** ERO will be visiting Mokau

**April**  
**5<sup>th</sup>** Tabloid Sports @ Uruti  
**10<sup>th</sup>** Weetbix Tryathon

### **FROM THE MIGHTY MOKAU TEAM**

**Jackie, Jo, Julie, Len, Margaret,  
Merepaea, Rae, Trevor, BOT, H&S and  
Ben**



**Francis is on her way!**



**What an amazing view!**