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# MOKAU SCHOOL

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



**WEEK 2 TERM 1, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

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## **Kia Ora Everyone**

Well we sure are starting the year off at a rate of knots in terms of fundraising. Thank you to all the people who are so generously contributing to the Trail Bike Ride and the Cream Boat Centenary Celebrations. If you are wondering how you are able to contribute to the success of these events please contact the school and we will be happy to help you out with any information you need. The students had a great time seeing Harold and learning about food nutrition and the importance of a balanced diet in the Life Education Trust truck this week.

## **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?

**Swimming:** As we are swimming everyday can you please ensure that children bring their togs each day. Thanks to Tash who is assisting with swimming in preparation for Tainui and Te Kuiti Swimming Sports.

**Beach Education Day:** Mokau will be hosting our Tainui Cluster Beach Education Day on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is going to be a great day and if you are able to assist, please let us know as we require 1 adult to every 5 children. We will be starting at 9.30 and finishing about 2.30. We will also be selling sausages, drinks and ice blocks on the day.

**Manual 2013:** We had a lovely visit yesterday from some of our 2013 manual teachers from Manukorihi and it sounds like the students will have great year and will be able give their own input into some of the projects they will be working on. 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. Just a reminder that they will be travelling fortnightly. Mr Single has been in contact with Tranzit and will contact parents as to times and pick up points for the bus. If you have any queries then please contact the office.

## **Trail Bike Ride 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> February:**

We had a great Home & School meeting last night and it is wonderful how much time and energy people have been putting in behind the scenes. As it is a major fundraiser for the year we would appreciate

everyones help. The track will be marked out on Friday and Saturday. Following set up on Saturday families will be able to ride the track and it will hopefully be ready around 1pm. This will be followed by a BBQ for the helpers at 5pm. Sunday is our big day and we welcome any help you can give on the day. Please contact Wendy Smyth or Megs if you have any questions about what you can do to help.

**School Garden:** The Corrections Department has kindly donated a significant number of plants to the school so we are very keen to get our garden up and running so they can be planted. If you have time to assist with this process please contact the school. We are also requiring untreated timber as boarders for the gardens. If you have any unwanted, untreated timber that would be suitable please let us know. Once the gardens are formed some nice fertiliser will also be required if you have some animals that are able to assist.

## **Kill the Speed!**

As schools go back, Rural Women New Zealand would like to remind rural school communities of the 20km/h speed limit in both directions when passing a school bus that has stopped to let pupils on or off the bus. In the 23 years from 1987, 23 children were killed in NZ when crossing the road to or from school buses. 47 were seriously injured and 92 received minor injuries. If drivers observed the 20km/h speed limit, these lives would have been saved. Please slow down.

## **Junior Badminton**

Term One 2013

For players 8yrs and older - \$2 per person - includes racket hire.

Mondays from 3.30pm to 5pm @ Waitomo Sports Stadium, King Street, Te Kuiti. Starting Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February, then every Monday for the term.

*Skill sessions with KiwiSport Officer Tracey Hallam. Coach workshops with SportsForce Development Officer Phil Paterson will be offered to parents and club members.*

For more information, phone Michelle on 878 6805

Or Dede at Sport Waikato - 878 7867

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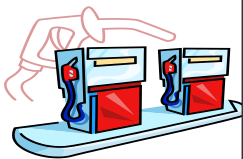


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### Cream Boat Centenary Celebration:

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. We will be sending out more information as it comes to hand and would love for families to be put Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March in their diaries. We will be looking for helpers who can donate a couple of hours of their time on the day. It is sure to be a great family event and we looking forward to seeing you there on the day.

### Wheels Day:

Today saw a very first Wheels Day and it was a wonderful success. We will be having Wheels Days every Friday and children can bring bikes, skateboards, scooters, rollerblades etc, but must ensure they have a helmet.

No helmet = No Wheels

Len is also happy to help with transportation.

### 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.

### Weekly Award Winners:

#### **Duffy Winner:**

Unity for locating lots of relevant information to answer her reading questions.

#### **Brain of the Week:**

Diane for finding different strategies to solve her Maths problems.

#### **Best Foot Forward:**

Seth for doing the liitle things that make our school such a great place to be.

### What's coming up:

#### **Jan**

22<sup>nd</sup> Beach Education Tainui cluster @ Mokau

#### **March**

1<sup>st</sup> Tainui Swimming sports @ Waitara

8<sup>th</sup> Waitomo Swimming Sports @Te Kuiti

11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Parent Interviews TBC

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**



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