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MOKAU SCHOOL

"Together We Can Do It!"

WEEK 7 TERM 1, 15th March 2013

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Kia Ora Everyone

I hope that you have all had a great week and hopefully we will see the rain that is forecast for this weekend. Thank you to all those who turned out in the heat on Saturday to help with the Magical Mokau Festival. It was a lovely relaxing day with delicious food and great entertainment. A big thanks goes to Dawn and Neil for considering the school to partner in this event. It was very generous of them to contribute the profits of this event to Mokau School and St John. Tash has been pivotal in the organisation of this event and we would like to extend our appreciation for all her hard work. From the initial calculations it has been another great fundraiser for the school following on from our bike ride. Home and School have indicated that we raised nearly \$11000 from our Bike Ride and we are waiting for our final tally from the Magical Mokau Festival but it looks to be around \$3000 which is amazing.

PRINCIPAL
Ben Single

Learning Focus: READY TO CONNECT

Our Seniors have been exploring New Zealand this week and figuring out what icons best represent Aotearoa. They have also discovered that Algebra isn't actually as hard as they once thought.

Our Juniors have been busy observing our tadpoles Morgan brought to school and investigating the life cycle of frogs. They have also come up with their own questions that they would like to investigate. It has been interesting listening to our Juniors talking about how we can make our school better and coming up with neat ideas about how we could spend the money raised by Home and School.

Awards:

Duffy: Indi for great enthusiasm to reading. It is wonderful to see how you are always excited to read and talk about your stories to others.

Brain: Reece for his great writing. We are all very impressed with how you are including lots of interesting details and finding words for yourself on your word card.

Best Foot Forward: Morgan for her willingness to always lend a hand around the class and help her peers when they get stuck.

ERO Visitors: On 25th-27th March we will be having the Education Review Office visit us and we are looking forward to sharing the wonderful work that has been happening. We will have a Powhiri to welcome them at 10.30 and whanau are welcome to attend.

Community Survey: Our survey is now online and a link will have been emailed out to you. If you did not receive the link or require a paper copy please let us know. There is also a link on our website under School Surveys. Please take the time to fill in the survey and provide us with feedback to assist us with moving forward in providing the best educational opportunities for our children here at Mokau School. If you have and questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Waitomo Swimming Sports:

We had 3 pupils represent us last Friday at Te Kuiti.

Josh	1 st	2 lengths Backstroke
	1 st	1 length Backstroke
	1 st	2 lengths Free style
	3 rd	1 length Free style
	3 rd	100yard Freestyle
Lily	1 st	1 length Breaststroke
	1 st	2 lengths Free style
	1 st	1 length Backstroke
	3 rd	100yard Freestyle
Gemma	5 th	1 length Backstroke
	4 th	1 length Free style

Congratulations & well done to you all.

Magical Mokau Festival: What a wonderful day we had last Saturday with people coming near and far to see what was on show. Congratulations to Veronica on winning the best dressed costumer in the ladies division and Dylan and Lily for impressing the judges to win the boys and girls prize.

The Great NZ Muster: If you are going to this great day (6th April) could you please inform the school as we have a Blue Ewe running in the Running of the Sheep.

Duffy Role Model Assembly: 18th April at 1.30pm: **Grant Roa**

Grant was a member of our Duffy theatre in 2000 where he played Jason Akeake. Since then he has gone on to bigger things starring as Rawiri in the feature film 'Whale Rider'. He has appeared in several other films including Second Hand Wedding, Until Proven Innocent and Separation City. He spent a year on Shortland Street as Charlie Te Ngaru while also featuring in other NZ dramas. Grant was heavily involved in the filming of Avatar and is looking forward to being involved in the next Avatars. Grant produced his first feature film doco this year Beautiful Machine which has been described as the best NZ doco ever. He represented New Zealand at athletics in the Discus at a junior and senior level. He was a New Zealand rep in Martial Arts and was the South Pacific Middleweight Sumo Champion and also spent two seasons playing rugby in England.

Please come along and join us to meet Grant and listen to his inspiring journey.

Dianne's Riddle of the Week:

What is greater than God, More evil than the devil,
The poor have it, The rich don't need it, And if you eat it, you'll die?

House for Rent: 3 bedroom house for rent in Mokau, by school. \$160 per week available from 8th April. Enquiries to Dorothy Lowry phone (06) 7529123.

Sports: If your child/ren are going to play sports at Piopio please let the school know so that a registration and code of conduct form can be sent home.

Waitomo Caves Sports Day: If you are interested in the programme for this day please ring the school and one will get sent home to you.

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Clifton Rugby: The Ranfurly Shield will be at Clifton Rugby and Sports Club
Sunday 18th March 2pm-4.30pm
Bring your camera, take a photo, sign up for rugby.
Clifton Junior Rugby Registrations
Friday 16th March 3pm-5.30pm
Sunday 18th March 2pm-4.30pm
Subs \$30 per child to be paid with registration
Opening tournament March 31st.
First round robin game April 21st
Thanks
Amanda Dombroski
Junior convenor Clifton Rugby



MOKAU SCHOOL BOT ELECTIONS

The BOT elections are to be held 30th May 2013.
Being part of a team that is working solely for the children & seeing their progress along the way is very fulfilling.

We have had, through the different tenures, BOT's that have all worked very well together and this, along with our fantastic teachers and staff, are what makes Mokau such a great school.

The future is looking very bright for Mokau and we can supplement that by having an energetic & vibrant new BOT.

There are going to be vacancies so if you want to have a say in the governance of your school and would like to make a difference please stand to become a Trustee.

The more who stand for the BOT the better remembering that we do this for our children who always remain the focus. Don't think about it just do it.

David Black
Mokau School BOT Chairperson.

What's coming up:

March

15th Tainui Triathlon @ Urenui
15th Project Energize
22nd Golf @12pm
25th-27th ERO will be visiting Mokau
28th Project Energize
29th-1st EasterBreak

April

6th Mokau Half Marathon
10th Weetbix Tryathlon
18th Grass Hopper Tennis @ Mokau 9.30am
18th Duffy Role Model Assembly@ 1.30pm
19 End of Term 1
May
6 Term 2 starts

FROM THE MIGHTY MOKAU TEAM

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

A: Nothing

