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MOKAU SCHOOL

"Together We Can Do It!"

WEEK 8 TERM 1, 22nd March 2013

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Kia Ora Everyone

I hope you have been having a great week as the sun still continues to shine. It is looking good for our mucking in session tomorrow morning. If you are able to come along your help will be gratefully received. Thank you to Evan and Wendy Smyth for the time that you have put in this week around the school grounds. Next week we will be welcoming ERO to our school beginning with a powhiri at 10.30 on Monday which we would love you to attend if you are able to. Then we will be ending the week with a lovely long weekend for Easter.

PRINCIPAL
Ben Single

Learning Focus: READY TO CONNECT

Our Seniors have been researching the regions of New Zealand. I wonder if they have also been planning some family holidays at the same time?

Our Juniors have also been busy finding out more about the history of Mokau and its rich Maori heritage.

Lock up your golf clubs! Following our golf lessons today it looks like there are lots of aspiring Tiger Woods. It was awesome watching the children hitting the balls around even though Josh tried to smash our TV aerial from the other end of the field. Many thanks to Paul Martin for coming along to share his techniques and tips with us.

Easter Break: Good Friday 29th March - Tuesday 2nd April. Please note that school will be back on the Wednesday the 3rd April.

Awards:

Duffy: Francis O'Sullivan Lobb has been locating all the relevant information she needs to inform her chosen audiences in her writing.

Brain: Dianne Yan is doing a great job applying what she has already learnt in one situation to help her make informed decisions about others.

Best Foot Forward: Dylan King is always there when you need some help and no job is ever too big or too small.

ERO Visitors: Next week we have the Education Review Office visiting 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 on Monday and whanau are welcome to attend. **Could parents please supply a plate for morning tea on Monday after the Powhiri.**

Home and School Meeting: Next Thursday 28th March at 3.30 we will be meeting to discuss the Mokau Half Marathon which is on Saturday 6th April. Lisa Tamiti has asked us to run a sausage sizzle and they will be holding the prize giving here at school.

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 any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Tainui Triathlon: Last Friday Claude & Francis participated in this event. Claude finished 7th in the under 8s and Francis finished in the top 5 in the over 8s. Well done to you both.

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 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 always runs but never walks, often murmurs, never talks, has a bed but never sleeps, has a mouth but never eats?

Wanted: Tainui Playgroup are looking for Mokau's Margaret Mahy! If you know someone who has a great way with pre-school children and a knack for reading then you could be it! We would like someone or potentially more than one special person who would like to come to Tainui Playgroup at 11am on Wednesdays to read to our little ones. This could be a nice opportunity for someone who is interested in connecting with Mokau's youngest members. Please contact Wendy Smyth if you are interested 7529015.

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.

Two BikeWise events organised in the Waitomo District BikeWise 2013 in Te Kuiti

Tuesday 2nd April

Te Kuiti BMX Open Day and Obstacle Course on Centennial Park

At Club track in William Street, from 5.30pm

All ages - Come and Have a Go

Some bikes and helmets available - wear sports shoes and long pants.

Spot prizes

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Wednesday 10th April

Mayorall Community bike ride – around a 5km Te Kuiti town course.

For riders 8 and over. Under 10 yrs must be accompanied by an adult rider

Also – 1km Pavement Pedal for ages 7 and below.

Starts at 5,30pm from Te Kuiti domain – opposite Te Kuiti Primary

To follow – FREE Swim for all at Te Kuiti Heated Pools.

Spot Prizes

No need to register, just come on the day.

Dede Downs

Sport Waikato Coordinator for Waitomo District

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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.

Note: Nomination papers will be sent out to you by 30th April.

What's coming up:

March

22nd Golf @12pm

25th-27th ERO will be visiting Mokau

28th Project Energize

29th-2nd Easter Break

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

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Term 2 starts

FROM THE MIGHTY MOKAU TEAM

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

A: A River

