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MOKAU SCHOOL

"Together We Can Do It!"

WEEK 9TERM1, 28th March 2013

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Kia Ora Everyone

Wow what a week it has been. The children all preformed beautifully at our powhiri to welcome ERO on Monday so much so that they blew them away. They said it looks like our school is doing well but would like to come back later in the year or next year as they thought the timing of the visit wasn't right. Miss Burrows travelled to be with her brother on Monday who was very unwell and we are sad to say that he passed away last night. Our thoughts are with Miss Burrow and she knows that we are all thinking of her and sending our love at this difficult time. She will be away next week. Our thoughts are also with Paul and the Jones family as Paul's father passed away recently.

A big thank you to everyone who has helped out at school over the past week in the gardens and the men who helped replace the playground equipment. The grounds are definitely looking better because of everyone's efforts. We think you all deserve a break so we hope you have a lovely and chocolatey weekend with your families and we look forward to seeing you next Wednesday.

PRINCIPAL Ben Single

Learning Focus: READY TO CONNECT

Both classes have been looking at 'what is a hero?' We have discussed who our heroes are and looked at ways we can be heroes by stepping up and making a difference.

Easter Break: Good Friday 29th March - Tuesday 2nd April. Please note that school will be back on the Wednesday the 3rd April. Make sure you brush your teeth well after eating all the Easter eggs.

Awards:

Duffy: Karnia Robertson for her lovely reading. We are really enjoying the expression you are using to make it sound more exciting.

Brain: Olli Single for the fantastic effort he has been putting into his writing. You are really painting a picture with your words.

Best Foot Forward: Logan Adam for coming to the rescue of Seth after he fell off his bike. Tessa Smyth for always being so helpful around the class and seeing a need and doing something about it.

Birthdays: Happy birthday to Dylan King who turned 11 on Wednesday. Also Bryn Raine is the big 10 on the 2nd April so we have decided to let him have that day off school. Happy birthday to you both.

ERO: The Education Review Office visited us on Monday, after a short meeting with the board decided to postpone the review due to the Miss Burrows absence and the fact that Mr Single had only recently been appointed into his position and felt that it would be difficult to give an accurate review under these circumstances. They thanked the staff and community and looked forward to the opportunity to visit in the future.

Home and School Meeting: We are having a meeting this afternoon 3.30pm to talk about the Half Marathon on Saturday 6th April with Lisa Tamati. We need more parents to help on this day with the sausage sizzle. This is fundraising for our children so that they can experience trips, camps, new sport equipment and learning resource, so please come and lend a helping hand.

Pool Closure: The pool will be closing on the 3rd of April following Easter. Can key holders please return their keys after this date.

Parent Interviews: We will be having parent interviews in the last week of term. We have had to change dates as Miss Burrows has been absent. Interview timetable will be sent out next week.

Community Survey: Please take the time to complete our online survey which is linked on our website. This will help 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.

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.

Mokau Half Marathon: As you will be aware Mokau are hosting a half marathon on 6th April. Lisa Tamati will also be running a kids 1.5km run. Mokau students will have free entry into this event and we will be inviting the rest of the Tainui Cluster to join in. Entries can be made on the day at school between 8.30 and 10.30. We have been asked to host the registration and prize giving at school and will be running a sausage sizzle throughout the day. It is sure to be a great day and will kick off what we hope to be an annual event.

Dianne's Riddle of the Week: What's black & white and red all over?

Girls Brigade Camp: Saturday April 20th 3pm till Sunday April 21st 3pm. All ages welcome, at Mt Duthie Station (Mrs Lowry's home). Could parents please phone Mrs Lowry on 7529123 if your child is attending. Permission slips will be sent home next week.

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.

Book Club:

Due back 15th April



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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

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

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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

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

6 Term 2 starts

FROM THE MIGHTY MOKAU TEAM

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

A: The Newspaper

