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# MOKAU SCHOOL

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

**WEEK 10 TERM 1, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

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## **Kia Ora Everyone**

I hope everyone had a lovely Easter and it was great to see the kids coming back excited about their long weekends. Our thoughts have been with Miss Burrows and her family this week and we thank Merepaea for teaching the seniors in her absence. Thank you to the Walters for all the hard work you have put into cleaning up the gardens by the driveway. I am looking forward to the Half Marathon tomorrow and I look forward to seeing those of you who are attending. Good luck to our runners and have a great day.

**PRINCIPAL  
Ben Single**

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

The seniors have been busy this week preparing to reconnect with someone very special who has been away. We look forward to a familiar face returning to Mokau on Monday. Even though we have had a bit of rain the juniors have been looking around the school at how water is used and can be saved. They have also been creating some neat portraits in Pastel which are well worth a look.

## **Awards:**

**Duffy:** Josh for enjoying maths and risking his life.

**Brain:** Seth for hero worship of Logan, a great depiction of his hero and how he was made to feel welcome.

**Best Foot Forward:** Lily for being helpful and considerate in the playground-especially when our 'teina' are playing.

## **Home and School Meeting:**

We will be meeting on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm to discuss the Bike Ride with the venue to be confirmed. If you have any feedback and will not be attending then please forward it to H&S or the office. Our next Home and School meeting will be on 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm at school. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Pool Closure:** The pool is closed now. Can key holders please return their keys for your refund.

**Parent Interviews:** We will be having parent interviews on the 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> April. Interview timetables are now out. We will try hard to fix you in the time that you have selected if unable you will be notified and a time to suit you will be slotted in.

**The Great NZ Muster:** If you are going to this great day (6<sup>th</sup> 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 tomorrow. Lisa Tamati will also be running a kids 1.5km run. Mokau students will have free entry into this event. Entries can be made at school between 8.30 and 10.30. Races will start at 11.00 and prize giving will be back at school at 2pm. Many thanks to all those who have helped organise the sausage sizzle and are helping on the day. If you are available and haven't been contacted you can call Ben or Tash.

## **Dianne's Riddle of the Week:**

The more you take, the more you leave behind. What is it?

**Girls Brigade Camp:** Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> 3pm till Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> 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 have been sent home.

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

## **MOKAU SCHOOL BOT ELECTIONS**

The BOT elections are to be held 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> April.**

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

**April**  
6<sup>th</sup> Mokau Half Marathon  
10<sup>th</sup> Weetbix Tryathlon  
16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Parent Interviews  
18<sup>th</sup> Grass Hopper Tennis @ Mokau 9.30am  
18<sup>th</sup> Duffy Role Model Assembly @ 1.30pm  
19<sup>th</sup> End of Term 1  
25<sup>th</sup> ANZAC Day  
**May**  
6<sup>th</sup> Term 2 starts  
20<sup>th</sup> National Young Leaders

## **FROM THE MIGHTY MOKAU TEAM**

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

## **A: Footprints**

