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MOKAU SCHOOL

"Together We Can Do It!"

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Talofa Lava

It's Samoan Language Week in NZ

Although we won't be adding Samoan to our languages day we will use some Samoan language this week at school. Last week we had Languages Day on Tuesday with Merepaea and Te Waitiehu. The kapa haka is impressive. Kia kaha tamariki.

My thanks go out to Gaelyn Gibbs for relieving in the junior room. It was good to know the class was in safe hands ☺. On that note – I ask for your patience in the junior room with the changes. On a normal week the class will have **two teachers** and this is a normal and successful practice in many schools around New Zealand. I will also try to minimise my office time and days off for courses so that a third teacher is not added in a week. This will not always be avoidable BUT I want to reassure you that we are working tightly as a teaching team to ensure that your children are happy, learning and making progress – with each teacher.

Tanya Bunny
PRINCIPAL

Brain of the Week: Connell Hagenson is our brain box of the week. Connell is writing his stories by using all the sounds he can hear and adding in capital letters and full stops. Great progress Connell.

Duffy Award: Tessa Smyth is going to get a lovely book from Duffy this week. Tessa is reading at an 8-9 year old level and she isn't even eight yet! Well done Tess ☺

Best Feet Forward: Francis has been such a great role model in the junior room and Claude has been asking the best questions! Eliza has been managing herself really well and Dianne has been putting herself out there and getting involved! Great work people ☺

Winterfest: On the last day of this term we will be joining the rest of the Tainui Cluster at the Mokau Hall for a day of drama/dance and music. Make sure you note this on your calendar so that you don't miss out!

Home and School: MEETING ON TONIGHT AT **7PM AT SCHOOL**. AGM. Everyone is welcome. The AGM will follow with a regular meeting about marae stay-over etc.

Junior Room:

I have recently reviewed the progress the junior room students have made since the start of this term in reading and writing and the results are amazing. There has been an average increase of 2.6 levels in reading and half level increases in writing – this kind of progress is the product of great teaching from the team and superb support from home. WELL DONE EVERYONE – Let's keep this up!!

With the school roll sitting under the number the government want, to allow us to employ two teachers – we are going to keep the current arrangement (Miss Burrows in the senior room and Miss Bunny/Merepaea in the junior room) for the next year. This will be just like the old days when Mrs. Pratt was the Principal and the junior room teacher!

Skipping: We have begun learning our skipping skills for our annual jump off. We will have a display at 2.00pm on the 22nd of June here at school. Book this is on your calendar and come along a see what super skippers we have.

Stationery Accounts: Payment by the end of term would be appreciated.

Book Club: Issue 4 has been sent out. If you would like to order from this please send order & payment along to the school by the 26th of June. **Cheques to be made out to Mokau School B.O.T. please.**

Marae Stayover:

On the 14th of June we will have a marae stay-over at Maniaroa. Can we please have a tin of baking from every family and a bag of fruit (you choose). A Home and School team member will be in contact with you soon to ask for other grocery items to donate towards the menu. Whareorino School will join us and we will be looking at science based activities this year.

Please fill in the permission slip and parent helper form with this newsletter.

Scooters/Ripsticks & things with wheels:

Over the last couple of weeks the number of 'wheels' have been slowly increasing here at school. We ask that you leave your 'wheels' at home until we have a wheels day so that people can come prepared and a designated area can be set up to avoid accidents.



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SPORTS REPORTS

Hi! I am Tessa and this is Eve. Our sport is netball and our team is Piopio. This week we didn't play.

Hello, everyone, I'm Gemma. My sport is hockey and my team draw 1 all. We played well I got the only goal for my team, I got player of the day and received a primo

Hello, everyone, I'm Claude. My sport is soccer and my team is Clifton. We never played.

Hello, everyone, I'm Josh. My sport is rugby and my team is Clifton. We played Opunake and had a good win again the score was 57-5.

We are Eliza, Tessa, Eve and Sophia and our sport is dance. We are learning jazz in Piopio. Our dances are fun but really hard. We learnt a new dance this week.

~~Hello, everyone, I'm Sophia and this is Connell. Our sport is Rippa Rugby and our team is Piopio. We had the weekend off.~~

Hello, everyone, I'm Bryn. My sport is rugby and my team is Clifton. We played Tukapa and the result was a win to them. We didn't use the entire field and forgot to pass it out to the players that were free. It gives us something to work on next week.

Hi my name is Karnia and my sport is Soccer. I play for Waitara. On Saturday we played and we won. The name of my team is the Baddies. I had heaps of fun.

Hi! My name is Troy and sport is ripper rugby. My team is Clifton. I got a rip. We played Bell Block.