



# MOKAU SCHOOL

**Together we can do it – ka taea e tatou – together we are able**

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### Certificates

#### **Caught being good**

**Jacob-** Great handwriting 1<sup>st</sup> day back!

**Conna-** Excellent work in Mathematics last term.

**Ryan-** Excellent working out in Mathematics last term

**Daisy-** You are a great friend to everyone and are always helpful.

### Welcome

A warm welcome to our new student George. He and his family have recently moved to the area and George has fitted in fabulously to our junior room.

### Staffing for 2022

We are very excited to announce that we have appointed 2 new permanent teachers for next year. These appointments have just become official on Monday. Miss Kimberley Sharp will take up the role of fulltime teacher in the junior room and Mrs Kim Easton will take up a 0.5 permanent position in the senior class that will be shared with Mrs Symonds. Matua Steve will finish his fixed term position with us at the end of the year and he has decided to undertake relief teaching next year. Lucky for us he is keen to come back when we need a relief teacher! Miss Sharp is currently completing the final placement of her qualification in the junior room and did a wonderful job of entertaining our wider school community during Level 3 by reading the daily story on our face book page.

Mrs Easton is currently teaching at Tauhara Primary School. She is our much loved Auntie Rae's daughter and attended Mōkau School as a child. It's wonderful to have these two fantastic women joining us with local connections.

### Covid health and safety.

Our safety procedures for level 2 are attached to this newsletter. These are based on the Ministry of Health guidelines and applied to our kura. We are doing our very best to comply with requirements and keep our school community safe. If anyone comes into the school grounds during operational hours (8.45am – 3.10pm) could you please sign in or scan the code. We would really appreciate it, if when you are asked to comply with any of the procedures by staff that you are polite. They are trying their best to do their job well. If you have any concerns regarding any of these procedures please speak to Mrs Symonds.

### Term 4 hats and sunscreen

With the summer just around the corner we have a policy that students wear sun hats in

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terms 4 & 1. If your child/ren do not have a hat they are required to stay in a shaded area at morning tea and lunch. We also have sunscreen at school for your child to apply or have applied by staff. Please notify the school with any concerns.

### Swimming

We will be having swimming lessons this term. Swimming is compulsory part of the school learning. We are fortunate to be able to provide all students with small group swimming lessons every day.

### Thank you for your support

Thanks Rae Tissott and all her helpers for the great job they did in the garden. Filling the gardens up with compost that **Chris Wise Contracting** picked up and delivered to the school. Thanks Chris and Sally for your kind contribution transporting the compost free of charge. Rae has been busy planting some plants the junior room had grown from seed and some from her own in our garden.

### School Garden

We are getting the garden planted with summer vegies. Please respect the garden as we use the products for the free school lunches. Excess produce and plants will be available in the pataka by the hall please do not help yourself from the garden. We would like to thank Rae Tissott for offering her time to come and help us and our tamariki get the garden flourishing.

### Unwell

If your child is feeling unwell or has a cough, runny nose, sore throat or is sneezing **please keep them at home** until they are well enough to come to school. This will stop the spread of germs.

### School pick up and drop off.

Please do not drop your child at school before 8.45am. When dropping off or picking up children please park in the car park. The grass out the front of the school is very wet and parking cars there is making it muddy.

### Mōkau School Pet & Art Day

Sadly this was cancelled this year. But we are planning to complete our artworks and have these on display in coming weeks.



**Den & Prue Olde**

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Some photos of our X-country which we held in Term 3

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Swimming this term