

MOKAU SCHOOL

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

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Covid-19 Safety Level 1

We are continuing to encourage good hygiene practices at school - regular washing and drying of hands and good cough and sneeze etiquette remain. If you enter the school grounds you are required to sian in.

Parents are able to come into the school but must sign in at the office.

<u>Matariki</u>

We have been learning about Matariki here is some facts.

Although there are actually 1000's of stars that make up the Pleaides cluster, and there are technically 9 stars that make up the constellation, there's just 7 stars you can really make out with the naked eye. It's these 7 stars that have traditionally been known as the 7 sisters, or the Matariki.

The disappearance of Matariki in Autumn (April) signals the time to gather and preserve crops. They reappear again in late May/early June. So this was an important marker in the harvest calendar.

The Maori New Year is the first new moon after Matariki.

Stationery Accounts

We still have some overdue accounts from last year's stationery. Payment on these would be appreciated.

Winter season

In the winter months we have Toastie Tuesday.

If you want your child to have a toasties prepare it and send it to school for toasting at lunch time.

Soup Thursdays

Thursday we have soup that is kindly sponsored. You may want to send some bread with you child. Thanks to our community members who donated some ingredients.

Coughs & colds

If your child is not feeling well please keep them home. Warm clothing, shoes and a change of clothes in their bag in case of slipping over or a wet slide is a great idea.

Winterfest

This year's Winterfest has now been cancelled.

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School Library

The school library is now able to issue books. Mrs Symonds will let the children pick two books that they like. These books are on a two week borrowing system so if the books are not returned then the child cannot get another out until the first books are returned.

Mokau School Board of Trustees

-Thanks to Jo Cooney for agreeing to selection to the board of trustees. We are grateful that you have given up your time to help the school in this way. Jo takes the position as a parent rep as a result of Tash Harris moving from the district. We thank Tash for her time on the board.

School Decile Review

You have received a survey questionnaire to fill out, this is to help the school get more funding. The last review was in 2017 when we had more students. Please fill it in and return to the school in the envelope that is provided.

Parent Interviews

This will be in the third week of Term 3. Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th August if you would like to have an interview please get in contact with the office.

Last day of term

We are having a Hangi, Mokau School style. Mrs Symonds will have the children start the preparation on Thursday afternoon, peeling vegies. Mrs Symonds has the cooking/steaming all organised. This will be a lunch time feast. After the tidy up you are more than welcome to take your children home. Enjoy the holidays.

Dates to Note

<u>July</u>

Hangi Lunch 3rd Term 2 finishes 20th Term 3 starts

August

3rd&4th Parent Interviews

Matariki Art

