



# MOKAU SCHOOL

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## Welcome back

Welcome back to our amazing tamariki and staff. We are looking forward to a big term of learning and fun!

## Stationery accounts

Some accounts are still waiting to be paid, if you are not sure if you have an outstanding account please ring the office.

## Home Learning

Please continue to support your child's home learning. The learning is carefully structured to support the literacy and numeracy learning that takes place in the classroom. Ensuring children bring home learning back when required is very helpful. (Daily for juniors and on Friday for seniors.) Reading stories with students at home is also an extremely valuable support. It increases their love of literacy and vocabulary while providing quality time for families.

## Thank You Andrew McInnes

Andrew is our multitalented bus driver. He has been quietly completing lots of little jobs around the kura lately from wasp hunting to swing repair. Thanks Andrew!

## Seasonal change

With the colder, wetter weather here please send a change of clothes in your child's bag for wet slide and slip over moments.

## Board Tri annual elections

### Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 2022

Elections for Parent Representatives take place later this year. This is an important role and a great way to contribute to our kura. If you would like to know more about this role you can look at

<https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/becoming-a-board-member> or contact Maree Jones 067529765

## Reports

Term 1 student reports were sent out last Friday. These reports have some important learner voice. Students were supported to identify what their next learning steps in Literacy and Numeracy were and how they were going with key competencies that support learning. Our teachers are always happy to have a chat about your child's learning, please feel free to contact the

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office to arrange for a teacher to get in touch. We welcome any feedback you may have around reports.

## Attendance

A new feature of reports was a graph showing the students' attendance and an information sheet highlighting the effect of learner absence on learning. Below is the school policy relating to attendance.

### Student Attendance

The Education and Training Act 2020 requires that all children six years old and over must attend school. Once enrolled, it is compulsory for children to attend school regularly.

Mokau School encourages students to participate fully in school life. Students are expected to attend school when required, and to be on time for classes. This policy applies for off-site activities as well, such as EOTC activities.

We monitor the daily attendance of students to:

- ensure their safety both in getting to school, and in accounting for them in an emergency
- identify students with achievement, engagement, or other issues
- meet our legal responsibilities.

Parents and guardians also have legal obligations to ensure their children attend school. The school expects parents to:

- notify the school if their child is going to be absent by phone, text, or email by 9 am
- try to arrange appointments etc. outside school hours or in holidays
- work with the school to manage any attendance issues.

Absences are usually unjustified unless the student is too sick to attend school, or has suffered a bereavement. Sometimes a student might be out of class but should still be marked present, such as when attending a medical appointment. Holidays should only be taken during school holidays.

## Rapid Antigen Tests

If you require any tests please phone the school to arrange contactless pick up. We are happy to provide an additional point of access for tests for our community in a contactless way to make access easier.

### **Covid information and support**

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. It is recommended to get tested. If you need support because you have Covid or are a household contact please contact the kura. We can arrange food parcels and RAT for you. Alternatively you can phone Maxine Lovell on 027 8964252 or 06 7525814 or Maree Jones on 067529765.

### **Dates to remember**

#### **May**

18<sup>th</sup> BOT Meeting

#### **June**

6<sup>th</sup> Queens Birthday

24<sup>th</sup> Matariki

