



MOKAU SCHOOL

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Ruma Tuakana News

Kia ora koutou!

We're excited to share what has been happening in Ruma Tuakana over the past couple of weeks!

Speeches have taken centre stage in our classroom this week. We've kicked off our speechwriting journey with two topics: "**My Hero**" for our Year 7 and 8 tamariki and "**If I Had Three Wishes**" for our Year 5 and 6 tamariki. For our Year 4 tamariki, they've picked their own topics – so stay tuned! It has been very busy full of discussion around who their heroes may be and of all the possible wishes – they are endless!

Alongside our tamariki working hard around their speeches, we've been digging into our main subjects! Reading, writing, handwriting, and math are all going smoothly, with our group work in full swing.

Homework has also returned this week. We encourage parents to support their children in completing their homework each week. Please reach out if any assistance is needed.

We've also been talking a lot about "Growth Mindset." Changing the way, we think when we are faced with challenges. Instead of getting discouraged, we're learning to see them as chances to learn and get better. It's all about believing in ourselves and knowing that we can improve if we keep trying. Ask your tamariki about the "Power of Yet"

Looking forward to Swimming Sports both here at our kura and with all of our Cluster schools next week!

Parent Interviews

The dates for interviews are 18th & 19th of March. We have made an interview time for each student which is attached to the newsletter. If the time slots do not suit, please ring the office to make changes. If the office does not hear from you, we will see you for the interview.

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Ruma Teina News

Ruma Teina have been very busy learning about cicadas and building marvellous constructions. We are sure they will be coming home with lots of facts to share with whanau about cicadas. There has also been some very exciting games of T-ball with our new T-ball set that we earnt with our Yummy stickers.

All of our tamariki have selected their poems for the school speech and poem competition. They will have a copy in their book bags to practise at home. We would appreciate it if you helped them practise so that they feel confident on the day.

Police vetting

Over the next few weeks you will be sent a police vetting form. The information the school receives is confidential and we carry out the police vetting for all staff and volunteers who wish to attend overnight trips and help on school trips.

Mighty Mokau Trail Bike Ride

Thank you to the Bike Committee, parent helpers, land owners and community for running another very successful bike ride.

House Swimming Sports and Whanau lunch

We have postponed the Mokau School swimming sports to Wednesday 6th March at 11am.

After the sports we would love to host some whanau versus student sports. This will be followed by lunch together at 1pm. We would love you all to join us for this fun day. Please RSVP to the office by Monday 4th March for catering and organisation purposes.

Mokau School Values

We are focussing on 2 of our school values this term.

Mana motuhake- We make good choices
Outstanding- We use a growth mindset.
Next week we begin awarding ākonga our values tokens when we see these values in action throughout the kura. Students then write their name on the token and the reason they were awarded it. Classroom kaiako will keep a tally of the tokens. When 20 tokens of the same value are collected a values wrist band is earnt. If all 5 bands are collected a special band is awarded.

Dates to remember

Mar

- 6th School Swimming Sports
- 8th Tainui Cluster School Swimming Sports @ Waitara
- 11th Taranaki Ann **No School**
- 18th and 19th Parent Interviews
- 27th Mokau School Speeches
- 29th Good Friday **No School**

April

- 1st Easter Monday **No School**
- 2nd Easter Tuesday **No School**
- 5th Tainui Schools Speeches
- 12th Last Day of Term 1

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