



# MOKAU SCHOOL

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

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## Ruma Tuakana News

Kia ora koutou,

It's been a busy couple of weeks! We've had so many exciting events and activities happening, with the busiest week being last week!

First of all we had our school swimming sports, which was a great success! Well done to all the tamariki that participated! And a big thank you to our whānau for coming along to watch, and competing against our tamariki in dodgeball!

Next, as a whole kura got stuck into tie-dyeing. It was fantastic to see our tamariki experimenting with different colours and designs and seeing their own unique tie-dye masterpieces!

To end off the busy week, we all travelled to Waitara for our Cluster Swimming Sports. It is always lovely getting together with the other cluster schools! Congratulations to all our swimmers, all of your hard work practicing daily paid off! We are so very proud of you all!

Lastly, I'm pleased to report that our students have been making great progress with their speeches. Each and every one has been working extremely hard perfecting their speeches!

## Ruma Teina News

A huge thankyou to Heather Griffin who finished her month relieving full time for our kura on Wednesday. We are so grateful for the work you do and the special experiences you provide for our ākonga. During this last week in Ruma Teina there were monsters from "Where the Wild Things Are" seen running around and homemade pizzas being eaten. Ruma Teina were very excited to welcome back their teacher yesterday. During her time away Kimberley has become Mrs Black. Congratulations Mr and Mrs Black. Welcome back Kimberley.

## Parent Interviews

The dates for interviews are the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of March. You should have received an interview time for your tamariki. If the time slots do not suit, please ring the office to make changes. If the office does not hear from you, we look forward to seeing you then to plan together to support your child's learning.

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## Stationery Accounts

Please find attached your stationery account for your child/rens 2024 stationery. Payments can be made either online or cash at the office.

## Welcome

A huge warm welcome to Hudson and his family to our Kura. Hudson turned 5 and has joined us from Curious Keas in Piopio. Ruma Teina can't wait for him to start.

## Thank You

Our Year 5 Students are very grateful for the new dictionaries that were donated to them from the Rotary Club of Waitara, Bell Block and Districts.

## House Swimming Sports and Whanau Lunch

A fabulous day was had by all that came along and watched their children participate in the Swimming sports held here last Wednesday. After the swimming the students played a game or two of dodge ball against parents, not sure who enjoyed it the most. Then we enjoyed a sausage sizzle lunch together. Thanks for helping make a special day. This was our first house competition of the year. The results were close with just 10 points separating the houses. Maniapoto 96 points and Tainui 86 points.

## Duffy Role Model

### 22<sup>nd</sup> March @ 9.30am

Diana Queenin is our role model. Diana has travelled the world. She has lived for extended periods of time in Melbourne, New York and Los Angeles (as well as Auckland and Wellington). While in New York she worked as a guide in the Museum of Natural History specialising in Dinosaurs and Ocean Life. A highlight of her career was attending the opening of Te Maori at the Metropolitan Museum of Art when the exhibition went to New York. In Los Angeles she attended UCLA University and studied Bio Geography (the effect of nature on the land) and spent time in the American deserts among the cactus and snakes. Diana is a certified Scuba Diver and has dived in the Caribbean, the Red Sea, and Thailand and learned much about the underwater world. She joined Project Jonah on her return to New Zealand and is very interested in

Whales and Dolphins (as well as monarch butterflies, plants, fishing, insects, birds, and reading lots of books!). Diana will have lots of amazing things to show you.

**Tie Dye T-Shirts**

The school had a morning together taking part in a very exciting art exercise, where they tie dyed a t shirt for themselves. The shirts all look amazing! There are some photos of their creations on the back of the newsletter.



**Basketball Hoop**

Wow, the new basketball hoop is up and is looking fantastic. Thank you to David Easton for the work that you have done for our tamariki & kura.

**Tainui Cluster Swimming Sports**

Thank you to the parents that transported children to this event.

Trophies were won by

**Boys**

- 8YR
- 9YR Dontez
- 10YR Ryan
- 11YR Pedro
- 12YR Pj

**Girls**

Carley-Jayne

K'sharn

Congratulations!

Well done to all of our swimmers, we were well represented in all races. Mokau School won the cup for Points Overall.



**Duffy Sponsor**

Duffy books is a fantastic initiative that's vision is to inspire a love of books in Duffy children so they become adults who inspire a love of reading. Our ākonga are able to choose and keep beautiful brand new books several times a year. We are looking for a sponsor or sponsors for our Duffy books in homes to help continue this good work. We have been lucky to have had Prue & Den Olde's sponsorship for the last couple of years.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please ring the office.



**Dates to remember**

**Mar**

- 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Parent Interviews
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Duffy Role Model @9.30am
- 25<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting 7pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> Mokau School Speeches
- 29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday **No School**

**April**

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

