



MOKAU SCHOOL

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

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9th May 2024 Certificates

Zeva	Welcome to Mōkau School
Tukua	For his amazing writing about Anzac, especially about his Grandads plane
Rocky	For an amazing first few days at Mokau School!
Awa	Caught Being Good: for having a fantastic attitude towards learning!

Ruma Teina News

Hi, this is our show and I am Kobi! Hi, my name is Catherine! We are going to share some news with you from Ruma Teina. Last week, we were learning about the war and the special day we remember, ANZAC Day. We read lots of books, learnt about the animals that helped during the wars and we did some ANZAC art. We even made ANZAC biscuits. They were a little bit sweet, and soft and chewy, and yummy!

This week, the rugby people came and taught us all about rugby. We got to play games and we got to take a picture with the big trophy! They even gave us some rugby balls to keep at the end. More people came yesterday and they taught us more games like Ki O Rahi. That was fun! Tomorrow we have athletics and we are really excited! Thanks for reading our news and have a great day!
From Kobi and Catherine.

Kia ora and welcome to Ruma

Tukanas news! Kia ora koutou! K'sharn and Pedro here to update you with what has been happening in Ruma Tuakana! We all had a great break, and have been busy over the last two weeks. We have been learning all about ANZAC! We learnt about Flanders Field and how Poppies grew there. We all made a Poppy and we did some Anzac writing too. On Tuesday 7th of May, Dan from King Country Rugby came along with Rhodes from TCRT and taught our school a few different rugby skills. We also played a game of ripper. It was lots of fun but we tried our best to win. On Wednesday 8th May we had Matua Nano from Te Kuiti come and teach us more skills on Ki o rahi! We are looking forward to him coming back again one day soon. We are very lucky to have had

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them come all this way to teach us lots of new skills! This Friday we have Athletics at Ahititi School and we have been practicing for this too. We are ready to represent our school!

Ki o Rahi

Thank you to Nano Te Whare and Flynn for coming to our kura and coaching our students in the sport of Ki o Rahi. A big thankyou also to Te Kuiti High School for allowing Nano to share his skills with us.



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King Country and Taranaki Rugby

Thanks to Dan Tasker (King Country Rugby Development Officer) and Rhodes Featherstone (Taranaki Rugby Development) for sharing your knowledge and equipment with our students. We really appreciate you making the trip to us and look forward to seeing you again.



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Attendance

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school. As we enter 2024, every day of school matters.

You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent for a day or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.



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If you're struggling at home with getting your child to school, talk to us! Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school and building a culture that fosters excellent attendance by having:

- School staff who have strong relationships with students and whānau.
- A school culture that recognises your child and your family for who they are, where they come from and who they want to be.
- A school community that does everything to make sure students



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are at school, and they are participating, and progressing in their education. Attached to the caregiver's newsletter is the updated guidance from the Ministry of Education on students attendance.

Community Survey

Thankyou to our community for responding to our consultation about our school vision. 16 people in our community shared their thoughts. Great work! The winner of the voucher was Ken and Catherine Taiapa.

Tainui Cluster Schools Athletics @Ahititi School 10th May

Athletics will start at 9.30am. We will take sandwiches and fruit for lunch and there are drinks and sausages available to purchase for \$2 each. If you are taking your child home from athletics please let Mrs Black or Mrs Symonds know. School uniform t-shirts will be issued and collected on the day. If your child has a school jacket, we ask that these are worn.

Duffy Theatre 15th May @Mokau Hall

Whareorino & Ahititi Schools will join us for this performance. This will be held at the Mokau Hall starting at 11am, the performance goes for about 50 minutes.

Pink Shirt Day

Get ready for Pink Shirt Day on May 16th! Our school is excited to take part in this special day dedicated to promoting kindness, diversity, and inclusion.

Pink Shirt Day is all about standing up to bullying and celebrating what makes each of us unique. We encourage everyone to wear pink on May 16th to show their support for this important cause.

In class, we'll be participating in various activities that highlight the importance of kindness and acceptance. Together, let's speak up, stand together, and stop bullying!

Thank you for joining us in making our school a place where everyone feels safe and valued.

**Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū,
Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand
Together, Stop Bullying!**

School Values

The focus for last term was been Mana motuhake-We make good choices And Outstanding- We use a growth mindset.

Our learners have done a wonderful job of displaying these and encouraging others to do so. This term the focus remains on these and we will also focus on our third value Kaitiakitanga-We are respectful and care for our environment.

Lunchtime activities

If you have a sport or skill that you would like to share with our tamariki at lunchtime we would love to hear from you. We have an offer of some lunchtime knitting already! Please contact the school office if you can help. Lunchtime play is from 12.30pm to 12.50 pm.

Relief teachers.

From time to time our normal classroom teachers are unable to be in their classrooms due to illness, professional development or they are completing other important work. We are very fortunate to have some experienced teachers that we can call upon to fill the gaps when needed.

Mrs Griffin is a very familiar face around the kura. She has worked part time in the kura during 2022 and 2023. She continues to come in and relief teach when required. The tamariki love the days Mrs Griffin comes and provides special days that include drama, cooking and art.

More recently Ms Mitchell has also been available when required. She too is a very experienced teacher who also ensures learners experience a day of rich learning.

Cluster Matariki

This term we will host our cluster schools for Matariki. This is a wonderful event that requires a lot of organisation and work. Thanks to those who have volunteered to help. It's not too late to volunteer. We are meeting next week. Contact the school office by Monday afternoon to let us know you are keen to help.

Dates to remember

May

- 10th Tainui Cluster Athletics @ Ahititi School
- 15th Duffy Theatre 11am @Mokau Hall
- 16th Pink Shirt Day
- 20th Board Meeting 7pm, Mōkau School.

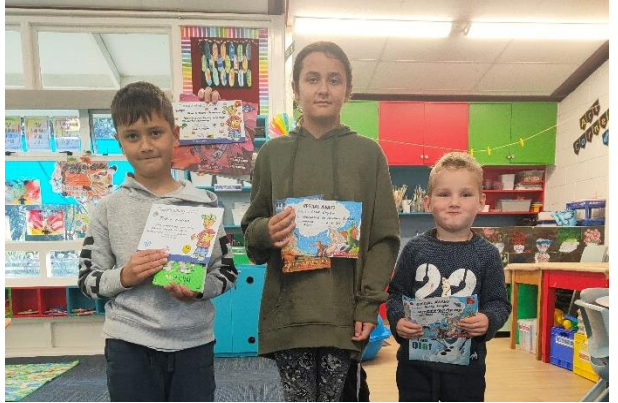
27th **Teacher Only Day Structured Literacy Professional Development No School**
 28th Taranaki Airs Basketball visit
 12.30pm approx..



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Wanted

If you have some spare strawberry runners, we would like some to put into the garden.



Rugby



Ki o Rahi

