



MOKAU SCHOOL

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Caught Being Good

Luke- for outstanding progress in reading
Lillian-For all round diligence
Pedro- For excellent leadership

Awards were also presented for Ruma Teina Swimming progress by Whaea Adrienne. They have all made fantastic progress.

Ryan received \$20 for having the highest attendance rate for Term 1. Ka mau te wehi Ryan!

The following students received a voucher from Whaea Rawina for being able to recite the longest place name in the world, Taumata whakatangi hangakoauau o tamatea turi pukakapiki maunga horo nuku pokai whenua kitanatahu, located in New Zealand. It translates to "the place where Tamatea, the man with the big knees, played his flute to his loved one"

Whaea Nicky Hobman.

We are very pleased to confirm that Whaea Nicky will remain as the Ruma Teina teacher, 4 days a week, for the duration of Mrs Black's parental leave.

School Speeches

Congratulation to the students for performing their poems and speeches. A huge amount of time and effort by students, kaiako and parents working together supported an amazing morning of celebration. Thank you to our judges Ken & Catherine Taiapa for doing such an incredible job, and to the parents and community that came along and supported them.

Tainui Cluster School Speeches

Well done to our students that represented our kura and themselves so fanatically at this event. Thank you to the parents that transported their child to Ahititi School.

Thanks to the Mighty Mōkau Bike Ride Committee.

Thanks to the organising committee , volunteers and attendees for all your hard work.Our kura received \$8000 from this event. We appreciate our community!

Centennial Park School Visit

We had a lovely visit from the whole of Te Kura Rautau, last Friday. The kura had been staying at Maniaroa Marae for the week. We had a shared morning tea and lunch and enjoyed learning some new games. Thanks for a fun visit!

School pool

The school pool is now closed for the season. Please return your pool key if you haven't already.

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Teachers Only Day

12th May

On the 12th of May all Tainui Cluster schools staff will attend a Mathematics curriculum refresh professional development day. There is no school for students this day.

Term 2 and 3 Finish Time.

Term 2 & 3 finish time will be 3pm.

Teaching staff have worked together to create a new daily timetable that allows 1 hour of reading, writing and maths to be delivered before lunch and we will have the afternoon slot dedicated to other curriculum areas.

Yummy Stickers

We collect the stickers off the yummy fruit and label off the bagged fruit, so that at the end of term 3 we can get so sports gear. If you would like a sticker or label collection sheet please let the office know.

Ruma Tuakana Department of Conservation Visit.

On Tuesday we had a fantastic opportunity to learn about what DOC do and what career opportunities are available. Students were able to view some traps and preserved birds. Thanks to Julie form DOC and Xavier and Chalet from Rangitahi Pathways for this interesting opportunity.

On the first day of next term we have Angus Lyver, current New Zealand Open Mens Decathlon Champion, and Cherry Symonds, a trainee intern doctor, coming to talk to Ruma Tuakana about their chosen career paths.

Security Cameras.

The school security cameras will become operational during the first week of the school holidays.

Whaea Adrienne

Thanks for your hard work this Term Whaea Adrienne. Whaea Adrienne is employed during the swimming terms to provide expert tuition to the junior school. We look forward to seeing you back in Term 4.

Dates to remember

April

11th Last day term 1
18th Good Friday
21st Easter Monday
25th Anzac Day
28th Start of Term 2

May

12th Teachers Only Day MoE
15th Duffy Theatre
16th Tainui School Athletic@Ahititi

Absentees

Thank you to caregivers for notifying the school of student absence and the reason. We now have set up an automated text that will be sent to caregivers when we have not been notified of an absence and reason. We look forward to working closely with our school whanau to lift attendance rates. One of the ways we will do this is to meet with whanau of students who have had more than 5 days unjustified or unexplained absence in a term.



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Anzac Day

The yearly ANZAC service is held at the Awakino Hall at 11am on Anzac Day.

On behalf of Mōkau School students and staff we wish you all a safe, wonderful Term 1 holiday break.

