



Mokoia School Newsletter

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Congratulations

Well done to Kotaana, Cirilla, Liddy and Poppy who earned teacher awards. Well done to Tiaho and Cerys who won the principal's award.



Changes This Year

With the return to school, we have had a few changes. You will notice that at the top of this letter is our new school logo, designed by T. Aperahama, with input from his lovely wife, M Aperahama, who are parents at our school. Later this term we will send out the whakapapa of the new logo. It was designed to reflect our community and the values of the school.

You will also see the logo on your children's new school uniform. The children are taking great pride in their uniform and have been enjoying the sense of belonging that it is engendering.

Finally, we have re-organized the classrooms. We now have Ruma Ruru, Ruma Kea and Ruma Karearea.

Welcome

We are sad to say goodbye to Judy, who has now retired and is spending time with her lovely husband and assortment of animals. We will miss her very much.

Filling her shoes is Sharni Cooke. We are very lucky to have Sharni as she is a qualified teacher, and has spent time working with special needs children. She also has a fine arts degree.

Dates for Your Diary

Term 1

19-20 February	Camp– Whole School
21 February	Duvet Day
22 February	Junior Swimming sports Whenuakura school (23 Feb postponement date) 2 adults needed and 1-2 cars
27 February	Water skills for life instruction (at school)
29 February	Senior Swimming sports Waverly Pools 2 adults needed and 1-2 cars
29 February	BOT meeting 7pm All welcome
6 March	Mokoia Swimming Sports 1pm
8 March	Teacher Only Day– school closed for instruction
13 March	Taranaki Anniversary Day– school closed for instruction
15 March	Cultural performance and hangi 6pm
15 March	closed.
21 March	Year 5-6 Cricket Waverly School 2 adults needed (will use minibus)
25-29 March	Senior Camp
29 March-2 April	Easter public holidays– no school



Please check your child's bags– there are paper permission forms you will need to fill out.

Stationary, Senior Camp Fees etc.

Just to remind you, if you haven't already bought all your stationary, please could you do so. This year we are sharing pencils etc so please make sure that your child has made their contribution.

We have also asked for \$10 per a child to contribute towards felt tip pens and pencils, which are more economical for us to buy as we can get a school discount from our supplier.

For Senior children, we also ask for \$6.40 per a child to cover their spelling workbooks. This are specially ordered in from overseas, so can't be bought at the local shops.

Senior children going on camp will be issued with a reminder letter today about camp payment. Please fill it in and return it, unless you have paid in full. If you had previously told us that your child is not attending Senior camp, but you have changed your mind, please let us know by the Wednesday as we are confirming flights and accommodation this week.

Patea Dam Camp

This year we are running a whole school camp at Patea Dam. We need forms returned soon, so that we can plan groups, car shares etc. I'm sending home additional medical forms as there was only one in your packs, and you will need one per a child.

If you are a parent helper, please meet with Evon after school on Friday 16 at 2:50pm to go through the risk assessment and expectations. If you are unable to meet then, please contact Evon directly to find a time to meet, as it is now our school policy to brief parents pre-camp.

With our previous principal, we traditionally had a "duvet day" the day after camp. This meant that if your child was very tired and you felt that they would benefit from staying home that day, we support you to do so. School is still on for that day, although it will be less structured.

We have just been informed that **no cooking equipment** will be supplied, so we are on the look out for the following:

- Gas hobs
- Large water container
- Chilly bin
- Metal kettle
- Fold up tables
- Gazebo
- A Ute that we can put all this in!

If you have any of the above, please could you let Evon know.

Ta in advance.