



Mokoia School Newsletter

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Congratulations

Well done to Oli, Finn, Akanisa and Xyonliah-Lei, who earned teacher awards. Well done to Dulcibella and Arlo, who won the principal's award.



Pioneer Village

This Thursday we are going to the Pioneer Village. Apologies for the late notice. The Village uses volunteers to support their education programme, and they have been waiting for confirmation of staffing. We will leave at 9:15am and return by 2:40pm. Children will need a lunch, snack, water, hat and a jersey if the weather is cold. They are expected to be in uniform.

Your children have a letter in their bags tonight about the trip. If you would like to attend, we have about 5 adult places free.



Mokoia Swimming Sports

Wednesday afternoon is swimming sports. Come along and cheer on the kiddies. The older children will be competing for the Mokoia Swimming Cups, and the younger children will be racing in lengths or widths. The little ones will be demonstrating some of the skills that they have learned. Kick off is at 1pm, and will finish with a free swim and some ice-lollies. You are welcome to take your children home early if you wish. The bus will be operating as usual.

Dates for Your Diary

Term 1

6 March	Mokoia Swimming Sports 1pm
7 March	Pioneer Village Trip
8 March	Teacher Only Day– school closed for instruction
11 March	Taranaki Anniversary Day– school closed for instruction
15 March	Cultural performance and hangi 6pm—Plates \$20
18/19 March	Parents Evening
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
4 April	BOT meeting 7pm all welcome
9 April	Whole School Athletics– Patera Area School 3 adults needs and cars <small>(10 April Postponement date)</small>
10 April	PTA Evening Meeting 7pm all welcome
12 April	Last day of Term

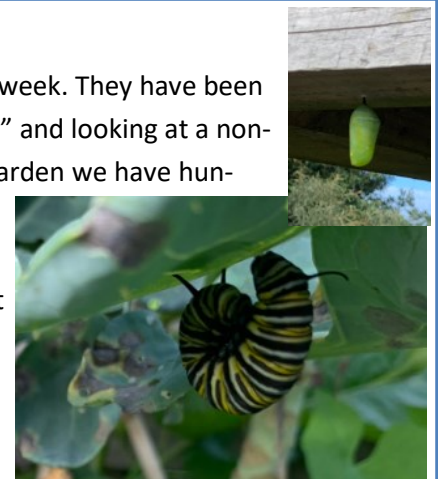
This Week...

The Seniors took part in Cluster Swimming Sports this week. It was a bit chilly, and the water was FREEZING, but our kids did us proud. I don't think we got any firsts, but that's not what it's all about. The children had the opportunity to swim in a pool that was about three times the length they normally swim in, compete against kids whose abilities ranged from less to the same to much better, and do this in front of a bunch of strangers. Our children showed resilience in attempting a hard task, with all of their heart. They put forth their best effort, and I'm sure were better skilled for it. They supported one another, and friends from other schools. I didn't hear a bad word about other schools or any put downs. The children were positive towards those who won. I was really proud of their attitude.



Growing Creatures

The Junior Class has been studying caterpillars this week. They have been looking at the story of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and looking at a non-fiction book about the life-cycle of a moth. In our garden we have hundreds of caterpillars, and the kids have loved watching their life cycle. Of late, many of the monarch butterflies have landed on the children and sat quite contentedly as the children have carefully moved around and studied them. Thanks to Mel, we also have a HUGE caterpillar and a chrysalis in our Ruma Ruru.



Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening is on 18 and 19 March. We will be offering one late evening on Monday, as in the past we have had very little up take of evenings. Monday appointments will be 3pm-7pm, and Tuesday will be 3pm-5pm. Please let us know what times suit you via the sign up sheets at the office (in the morning), by the pool (after school) or via email/text/call if your kids are on the bus.

Community Notices




Offshore Wind Whakamātau Summer Beach Demo Days 2024




Waiinu Beach
 Saturday 2nd March
Pātea campground
 Sunday 3rd March
Ōpunake Beach
 Saturday 9th March
Kaūpokonui Beach
 Sunday 10th March

Are you interested in **learning** about **offshore wind technology**?
 Are you interested in potentially being part of the **workforce** necessary to **operate offshore wind farms** in the future?
 If so, we'd love to invite **tamariki, rangatahi and whānau** to join us for a **fun, hands-on** day building and testing different types of model offshore wind turbines on the beach this summer.

We will put on a **BBQ** and run a number of **45 minute sessions** throughout the day from **10am to 4pm**.
 Places are limited so we encourage anyone interested to **register now** using the link below.
www.offshorewind4kids.com/demo-days
 For more info contact Tania on tania.roach@parkwind.eu
 T: 022 682 8465



SEAWEEK

CELEBRATING TARANAKI MARINE LIFE

3 MARCH
SEASIDE MARINE FAMILY EXPO
NGĀMOTU BEACH 10am - 12pm

6 MARCH
SPEAKERS EVENING
PUKE ARIKI FOYER 6pm - 7.30pm

9 MARCH
POOLSIDE MARINE FAIR
HĀWERA AQUATIC CENTRE 10am - 12pm

10 MARCH
KORORĀ/BLUE PENGUIN THEMED FAMILY ART
GOVETT BREWSTER ART GALLERY 10.30am - 12.30pm

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Chess Club

at Hāwera LibraryPlus



ALL AGES WELCOME
Thursdays 3:45-4:45
During School Term



Save the Date

We will be having our hangi on Friday 15 March. We will be laying down the hangi at school that day. For those who would like to help or come and learn how to do that, please come along in the morning.

We will also need help preparing the vegetables on the day, and collecting hangi stones from the beach, earlier in the week.

Donations

As this is our school fundraiser, we would appreciate donations of food. Last year people donated pumpkins and potatoes from their gardens and someone even donated some mutton! We don't expect an entire sheep, but if you have something you are able to donate, like something from your garden, a hunk of meat from your home kill, or a bag or veggies, it would mean that we could raise more funds for the school to use on camps.

We plan on using the cherry wood that was chopped down last year, but if you have pallets (without paint on), then we would appreciate those.