

# Mokoia School Newsletter

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#### **Congratulations**

Well done to Tiaho Aperahama, who won the Girls' Swimming Cup for 2024. Liddy and Poppy were close runner ups. All three girls had to swim two lengths of the pool in freestyle, breast stroke and in back-stroke, and demonstrate that they could do it competently.



Well done to all those who participated in the swimming sports.

We had a great afternoon, with lots of merriment afterwards.

We will be handing out certificates next week.

The pool will remain open another week for lessons.

Thank you to Mel and Matthew who have kept it spotless.

# Uniforms

A couple of parents have recently asked me for clarification about school uniform. School uniform is school tops and navy bottoms (shorts, pants, leggings, culottes, skorts, lavalavas, kilts....). Jerseys/cardigans/hoodies etc are also navy. At this stage, coats, shoes, socks etc do not have a uniform.

On school trips we can provide school jackets for those who don't have navy tops (e.g. jerseys etc).

We are in the process of having the sunhats embroidered (we have had some issues with this, which we think we have sorted). Next year we are considering hoodies/jerseys with school logo on, but haven't yet come to a decision. Hope this helps!

# **Dates for Your Diary**

Term 1

11 March Taranaki Anniversary Day-

school closed for instruction

13 March Last day to bring food dona-

tions for hangi

14 March Vege peeling day! (in prep-

aration for the hangi)

Learn how to build a hangi

Cultural performance and

hangi 6pm—Plates \$20

18/19 March Parents Evening

25-29 March Senior Camp

29 March-2 Easter public holidays- no

April school

4 April BOT meeting 7pm all wel-

come

**9 April** Whole School Athletics–

Patera Area School 3 adults needs and cars (10 April Postponement date)

**10 April** PTA Evening Meeting 7pm all

welcome

12 April Last day of Term

## Staff -Parent Interactions

Further to the code of conduct, I would like to remind parents that all staff have the right to be spoken to in a civil manner. Please keep communication positive and polite. Staff also have the right to a work-life balance. For that reason, we will not be answering emails, see-saw messages, text etc outside our hours of work. For teachers this is 8:00-4:00 and 9:00-1:00, Monday –Thursday, for the office. Teachers are unlikely to reply to messages until after 3pm, as their priority is their class. If you need to get an urgent message to staff re: pick up, please call the school number.

## This Week...

We had a fantastic time at the Pioneer Village. Thanks to all those who made it possible.











# **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.

## Hangi

We will be having our hangi on Friday 15 March.

## **Cultural Performance**

Children will need to be at school for 5:45pm to get into their costumes for the performance. They will need black tops and shorts or leggings. We would like boys to bring the t-shirt to school by Thursday, so that we can attach feathers. Girls can wear their t-shirt on the day (we don't need them at school) and both boys and girls can come in their black shorts or leggings on the night. We will attach skirts when they arrive.

#### **Donations**

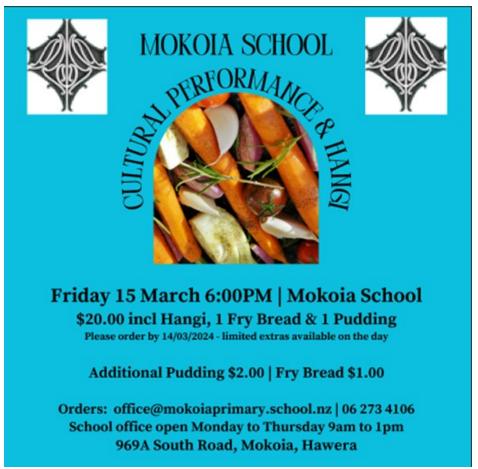
As this is our school fundraiser, we would appreciate donations of food. Last year people donated pumpkins and potatoes from their gardens and someone even donated some mutton! We don't expect an entire sheep, but if you have something you are able to donate, like something from your garden, a hunk of 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.

#### **Time Donations**

We will be peeling veges on Thursday morning. If you are able to help us peel or help the children to peel, we would very much appreciate it. Come along from 9am. 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.

If you are available on Friday (any time) we will also be preparing steam pudding, the meat, stuffing etc. Any help would be appreciated.

If there is a pyromaniac lurking beneath your skin (or you just want to learn how to lay down a hangi, or help us laydown the hangi), we will be fire building from about 8:30am on Friday. Feel free to drop by if you can't make it that early.



# **Community Notices**





