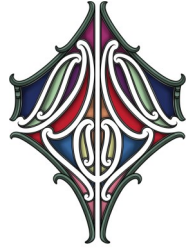




Mokoia School Newsletter

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Congratulations to Violet, Haamiora, Bobbie and Jayden from the senior class who all earned certificates, and from Cirillia, Rocco and Arekaanara from the junior class.



Dance Workshop

On Monday we are attending a dance performance and workshop on Monday, at Auroa Hall. We will be leaving school at 9am, so children need to be here for 8:45am. We will be going by bus. We will be back by early afternoon; school will finish at normal time. The school bus will run as normal.

Dates for Your Diary

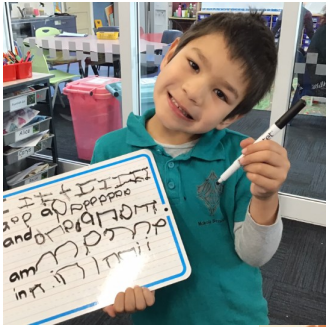
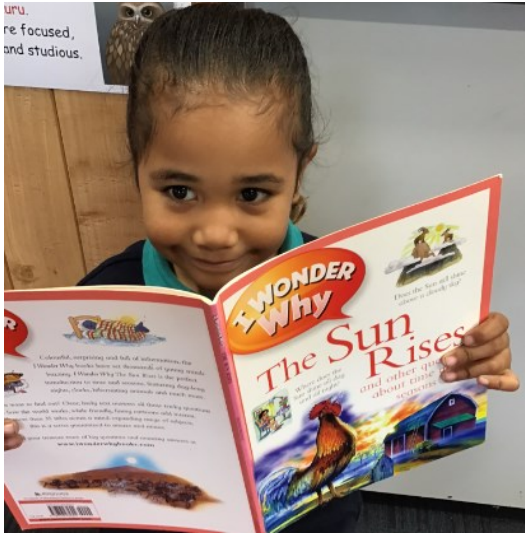
Term 1

10 June	Dance workshop– leave 9am on bus
14 June	Bhana cup practise
15 June	Sip and Paint– Ladies fundraiser –see flier
21 June	Winter Disco
26 June	Bhana Cup (pp 3 July)
27 June	Winter festival in Hawera 5-8pm
28 June	Matariki (school closed)
5 July	Teacher only day– school closed for instruction. Last day of school.

New Senior Teacher

We are pleased to announce that Ngahuia Hana (Koka) is the new principal release teacher. Up until now, Ngahuia has worked with us as a teacher aide, however she is a qualified teacher. Before working with us, Ngahuia worked as a teacher, and then with the Ministry of Education and with ERO. Most recently, Ngahuia worked with older students who struggled in education and then in the kohanga at Taiporohenui Marae.

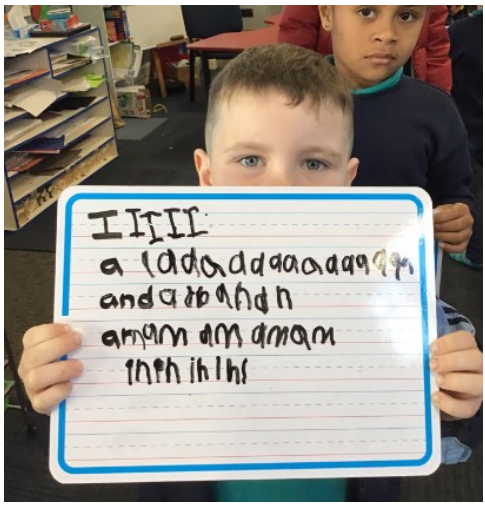
Ngahuia will take the senior class on alternate weeks, starting the week after next.



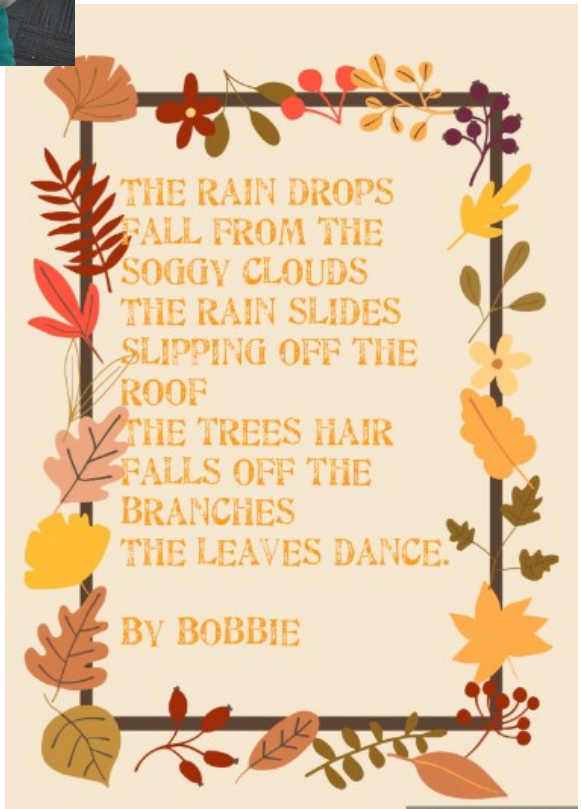
Literacy

One of our focuses this year is literacy. For the last two weeks the senior class have been focusing on figurative lan-

guage, and writing poems using onomatopoeia, alliteration and personification.



The junior class are practicing their spelling words and learning about the different parts of a sentence and sentence construction.



Rippa

The Senior class had a great time on Wednesday, playing rippa rugby at the interschool contest. We played in the social games and had a lot of fun. Every senior child that attended played.



Between our first and second game, we had an hour and ten minutes, so we snuck off to the library for a change of scenery. The children loved exploring all sorts of books, and we came away with quite a lot for the school.

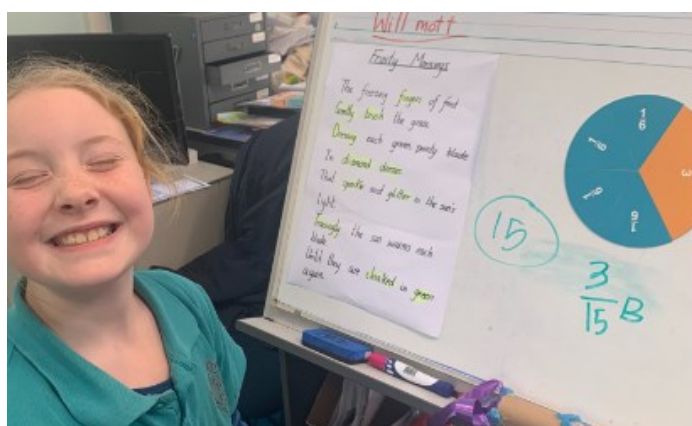
We returned for rippa, and played in the rest of the matches. Afterwards, we had a sneaky ice-cream.





Fractions

Over the last two weeks we have been focusing on fractions in the senior class. We have been looking at what fractions represent, how to create a fraction of an amount and equivalent fractions.



End of the Day

If your kids are anything like mine, they are likely to be tired at the end of the day. Just as we come home from work tired, children come back from school in various states of tiredness. School is a busy time, where children are working hard. When children get home, they know that they can relax, and often that is when we, as parents, see undesirable behaviour.

Don't worry! This is normal- in fact it shows that they know that they are unconditionally loved and accepted, to be able to misbehave and know that you will still love them.

So, how do we deal with it? Each family has their own routines, values and priorities and so each family has their own way of dealing with these emotions and behaviours. But here are a few tips...

- (1) **Understand**- what happened today? Was some of the work tricky, did they fall out with someone, is your child tired or hungry? Or is it that it's just hard to deal with emotions when you are little.
- (2) **Routine**- Routines help children to know what to do, and are familiar and easy to slip into, once taught. Routines could include what to do with their belongings, a small snack, a bit of relaxation time and a way to connect with you.
- (3) **Relaxation**- Work in some down time- this could be reading together, a puzzle, playing together, or watching some TV. Something that is easy, familiar and calming.
- (4) **Sleep time**- get into a good sleep time and keep sleep time as precious- your tomorrow self will thank you!