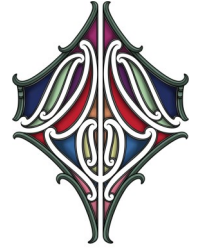




Mokoia School Newsletter

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Congratulations!

This week Dulcibella, Bobbie, Ezra and Harley were awarded by their class teachers. Ezra and Fern earned principal prizes. Well done!



Raffle Winners!

This afternoon we pulled the raffle tickets, during celebration assembly. Congratulations to the following families won:

1st prize: Chittenden family

2nd prize: Davies family

3rd prize: Bradshaw family

Bucket: Clark-Rouse family

Food Raffle: Tuicokoti family

Please come into school to pick up your prize.

Junior Teacher

We are very blessed this term to have Mrs. Brown work in the Junior class. She is an extremely experienced teacher, who specialized for 18 years in Special Needs. She was a syndicate leader and Assistant Principal in Auckland before she came to Taranaki. We were lucky enough to snatch her up to work with some of our special needs children in 2022 and 2023. Mrs. Brown will work with us until Ms. Batten returns or until the end of the year, whichever comes first.

Dates for Your Diary

Term 4

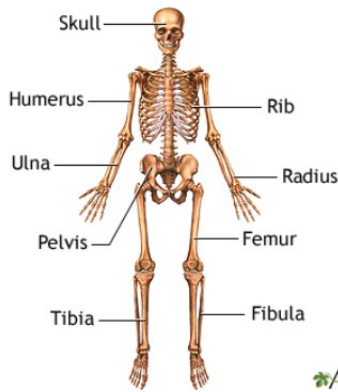
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| 18 October | BOT Meeting 7pm |
| 28 October | Labour Day—school closed |
| 29 October | Seniors—Whanganui museum

(1-2 adults, with space in car for 5 children— please let us know by Tuesday 22/10/24) |
| 4 November | Speeches— 1:45pm |
| 8 November | Teacher Only Day—school closed. |
| 15 November | Mountain Trip— Wilkies Pools

(postponement Date 26 Nov) (3 parents needed— please let us know by 7/11/24) |
| 29 November | BOT meeting |
| 2 December | Pool opens (weather dependent)- Start bringing togs to school |
| 6 December | Concert—6pm |
| 10 December | Swim Taranaki—water safety |
| 11 December | Wheels Day—bring your bike, scooter, skateboard or roller skates to school, with a helmet. |
| 13 December | Beach Day— Waihi Beach (tide and weather dependent) All parents invited.

Last day of School |
| 30/31 January | Home visits/working from home |
| 3 February | Beach safety day—Opunake beach (2-4 adults needed— please let us know before 13 December) |

Health Curriculum



This term each class is focusing on elements of the health curriculum. The Juniors are looking at how we keep our bodies safe and about appropriate touch. The Seniors are learning about the skeleton, changes that our bodies go through during puberty, and keeping our bodies safe. Both classes will be learning the scientific names for our bodies.

I include a fact sheet for the learning each class with cover. I encourage you if you have questions to come and see teachers, and talk through their planning. I would also encourage you to talk to your child about their body and being safe around both strangers and “tricky” situations.

Here are some links that will help you understand what we are learning, and to pre-view. Each class will be doing the book, “The Underpants Rule” so it’s worth watching that video. The puberty video is excellent– we will do it in small sections and talk with the Seniors, at a level that they can understand.

 **We may not watch all these videos– they are for your reference.**

All Children

The Underpants Rule: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q90Ak3FBJa4&t=1s>

Tricky People: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qBRjEGWqOHo>

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Seniors only

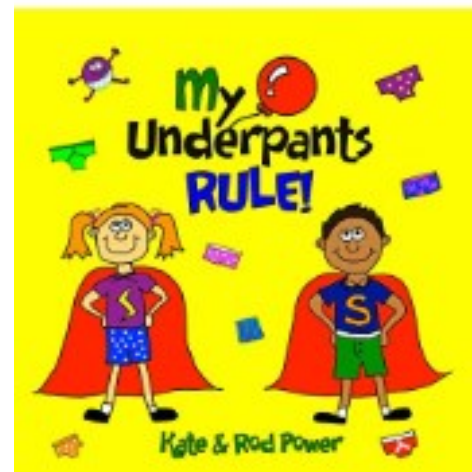
Don’t panic about Puberty: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5oHwS3MivGs&t=1390s>

Inside out 2– anxiety: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZWVvYzB8zLc>

Positive Body image: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c96SNJihPjQ>

Positive Social Media usage: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YHsxXMed_AE

Periods: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vXrQ_FhZmos



School Trips—A Reminder

In order to increase the safety of our school trips, we ask that if you would like to help out, please let us know a week in advance.

Parents who come will be expected to be part of the safety talk before the trip, and to adhere to the risk assessment and teacher instructions.

Some trips have limits on the adults allowed to come (primarily because of space and funding). If a trip is over subscribed, then it will be a first come, first served basis, with no exceptions.

If we don’t have enough support, we will cancel or limit the children going on the trip, 6 days before it is due to go ahead, in order to give you notice.



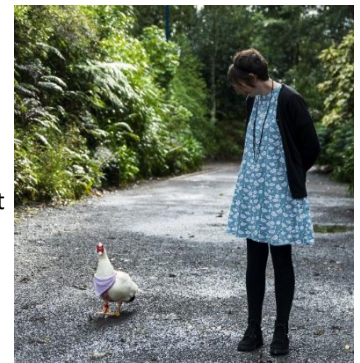
Ms. Batten

A few parents have been asking about Ms. Batten. Whilst she is getting better, she is still not well enough to come to school. During the holidays we dropped off cards from the kiddies and a few treats.

A few parents have suggested that they get a care package together for her. If you would like to make a contribution, please do so by

Friday 1 November, and we will arrange to have it delivered.

Ms Batten is gluten free.



This term's Kaupapa (study area) is “Famous New Zealanders”. We will be learning about how the values we use at school have helped them to succeed.