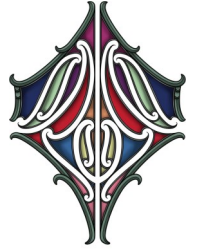




# Mokoia School Newsletter

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## Welcome Back! Nau mai, haere mai!

It's so wonderful to have the children back and to hear the sounds of learning happening in our kura (school). The first day started with Beach Education day. Despite a few little glitches, it went well and the children loved learning about what life guards do and how to be safe in water.

The classes have settled in well. We are spending a few weeks learning routines and getting back into the "groove" of things. Both classes seem very happy and very busy.

We have quite a few cluster sports events this term, so parental support will be essential in helping us to attend them. We really value joining with other schools and appreciate your time to help us.

### Community Meeting

Welcome back to a year of learning. As ever, we are endeavouring to create an exciting and creative education for your child/ren.

Due to the new curriculum and new approaches that all schools are following, we would like to spend some time with you giving you an overview of how the changes will affect your child/ren. Therefore, we are holding a community meeting on **Wednesday 19th February, at 6:30pm at school**. The meeting should last one hour, including time for questions.

We hope that at least one parent/caregiver from each household will be able to attend. We will provide a space for children to play, in the adjoining room, for those who are unable to arrange childcare for their children.

There will be a time for questions at the end. We ask you to send in questions by Tuesday 18th February, so that we have time to prepare adequately for them. It will only be appropriate to answer general questions at this time. If you wish to ask specific questions about how these changes apply to your child, please make an appointment with your class teacher.

*In the meantime, we will be sending home **spellings each Friday and reading materials (starting Monday)**.*

## Dates for Your Diary

### Term 1

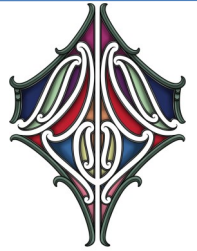
<b>13 February</b>	Senior non-competitive cluster swimming, Patea Pools  1-2 parents needed (with vehicles)
<b>13 February</b>	Eye and Hearing Tests (5 year olds)
<b>19 February</b>	Community meeting
<b>20 February</b>	Junior Swimming at Whenuakura School.  1-2 parents needed (with vehicles)
<b>17, 20, 21 February</b>	Ms Willmott at structured literacy training– Mrs Ruten teaching Junior Class.
<b>20, 21 February</b>	Koka at structure literacy training– Sharni teaching Senior Class.
<b>21 February</b>	BOT meeting (TBC)
<b>6 March</b> (postponement date 7 March)	Mokoia Swimming competition 1:15pm Whanau welcome.
<b>10 March</b>	Taranaki Anniversary Day– School Closed.
<b>21 March</b>	Hangi 6:30pm– cultural performance and hangi.
<b>24 March</b>	Teacher Only Day—maths— School Closed
<b>28 March</b>	BOT meeting 7pm
<b>31 March</b> (postponement date 1 April)	Cluster Athletics– Patea Area School



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## Changes

We appreciate that lots of changes are happening in our school. If you have not come up to the school yet, please do so. The playground has had a few changes, for health and safety reasons. We have a new tramp, have removed the old climbing net and some of the equipment has been freshened up with a lick of paint. The front of the school building has also had a spruce up, and it's all looking fresh and inviting.



Seniors now have hooks by the back of their classroom, making it easier for them to access their belongings. And you will have noticed two beautiful big school logos– one on the end of the PE shed and one at the end of the corridor.

Monica has done an amazing job of coordinating all the work these holidays, as well as working with her husband, Reon, and Mel, to keep the swimming pool running throughout the summer. It is down to these amazing people that our community can meet up, socialise and swim on the school grounds. If you have used the pool these holidays, and can afford a koha for using it, we would appreciate it. The chemicals and heating costs are quite high, and every little bit really helps.

The children look very smart in their uniforms. The children are really taking pride in how they look when they are in the classrooms. I know that not everybody is a fan of uniforms, or in prescribing the way in which they are worn, so we appreciate it all the more that you have backed us up. Staff have also expressed that this has also motivated them to consider what they wear, and ensure that they are looking professional too.

Sadly, we have to announce that the Ministry funded bus will no longer be going into town. This decision was made by Weir Bros. earlier this week and has nothing to do with the school. This means that children from town or who get dropped off in town, can no longer do so. The red Ministry bus will be permanently parked at the school. It is usual for the bus route to start and end at schools, and this is what will now happen.



# This Week's Learning

## Beach Education Day

We had a fantastic day at Opunake Beach, on Monday. The life guards showed us around the surf club and then taught us about being safe in the water. They taught us how to recognize a rip ("Rory Rip") and what to do if you get caught in one.

We would like to thank all those parents who helped us with transport and water safety. We would also like to thank Mrs and Mr Alvarez, from Manaia Kohunga, who helped us out last minute with transport.



## Spellings

Here are the spellings that we are working on in class. We do little tests on Fridays, to help us assess the needs of our classes. Strangely, the children LOVE these tests and look forward to them. The real gains are when they start using them in their writing, which comes from overlearning them until they are embedded. Please help your child to learn as many of the words as they can handle. It really does make them feel good when they master a spelling word that is really tricky for them— it's a big achievement that they know was because of their own efforts— they are in control of it. It seems such a small thing, but it does build self-esteem and resilience. If your child really struggles, (or if they are too easy), please talk to the class teacher.

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Spellings Senior Class Week Beginning 10-2-25
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1:15PM - 5:15PM  
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2:30PM ACCELERATION DISPLAY

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# OPEN DAY

**TRY BMX FOR FREE**  
**SUNDAY 16 FEB 2025**  
11.00am - 1.00pm

**TIMETABLE**  
Track Practice - 10.20am-10.50am  
Racing Starts - 11.00am  
Register online here <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/338256>

**WHAT TO BRING**  
A Bike: balance, mountain - they are all welcome  
Long pants, Long Top, Shoes, Gloves & Helmet  
**FREE** if you are **NEW** to BMX  
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