



# Mokoia School Newsletter

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## Well done!

Congratulations Ezra, Kotaana, Dulcibella, Jamie and Marliea for earning teacher awards for manaakitanga and for working hard. Well done to Bobbie and Tevita who were pulled out of the tumuaki kete for general good work in the classroom.



## Athletics

On Monday we will be leaving for athletics at 9am. Children will need to be in school for 8:50am. Races will start at 9:45 ish and track events will start at 1:15pm .

Children will need a packed lunch, water bottle and a warm jacket if the weather is looking chilly. We will take school hats. We aim on being back for 2:45pm. We would appreciate 1-2 adults helping. Please let us know if your child will be absent that day so that we can plan ahead.

## Hangi

It has come to that time of year again, when we invite the annual hangi to the school. This has always been a successful event, and will help us to raise money for camp. In order to get tickets, please see Monica in the office. We will issue tickets with payment. (\$20 per a ticket). Please promote the event to friends and family.

We also ask you to support the school by either donating some time to set up the hangi (or clean up afterwards) or by donating some vegetables— either potatoes, kumara or pumpkin. Donations of meat are also gratefully received.

Friday will be prep day, so drop into the school to help peel and cut vegetables, or prepare the hangi fire (for you budding pyromaniacs).

Finally, children will be performing at 6:30. They will need to be at school by 6:15 to put on costumes. **Girls** will need to wear **black t-shirts and black shorts/leggings**. We will provide skirts. **Boys** will need to wear **black shorts**. Boys will need to send in **black t-shirts by Wednesday** so that we can sew feathers onto them.

## Dates for Your Diary

### Term 1

**31 March** (postponement date 1 April) Cluster Athletics– Patea Area School (2-3 parents needed)

**1 April**

Senior trip to croquet club, Hawera 10am –12pm

**4 April**

Hangi Preparation

**4 April**

Hangi 6:30pm– cultural performance and hangi

**7 April**

Announce technology Competition

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Croquet competition– 4 senior children asked to represent our school.

**11 April**

End of Term 1

**28 April**

Start of Term 2

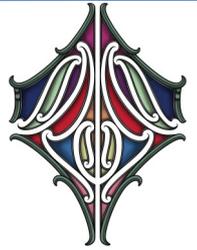
Please note that the croquet event is now on Monday, to avoid bad weather.



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## Learning This Week

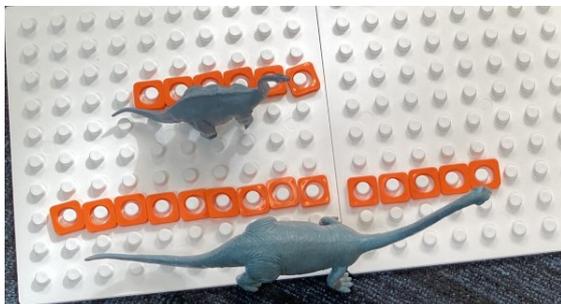


This week the Junior class were focusing on the letters d and c. We have been reading dinosaur facts and learning how to read and write dinosaur names by using syllables. We



<b>Junior Spellings WB 31/3/25</b>	
Mum	
Dad	
Me	
Come	
Don't	
Away	

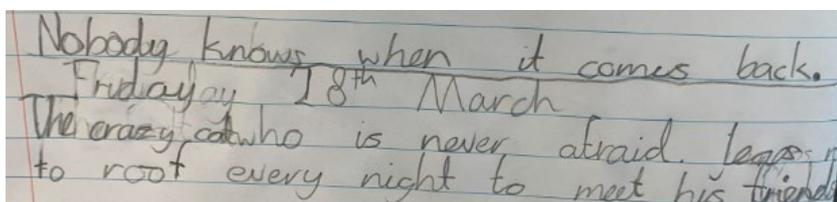
have been learning how to extend our sentences to make them more interesting. In maths we have been measuring dinosaurs and stones using non-standard and standard units (using a ruler to measure using cm). In art we were learning how to draw eyes. In PE we are learning to throw and catch large bouncy balls. As we have only been in class for three days, we are keeping our spellings that same this week.



This week Seniors have been working on what happens to -y- in

words like "fry" when "ed" is added to the end. They have also been working on distinguishing between a fragment and a sentence, and how to build or extend a sentence. They have been learning about fossils and how palaeontologists can use these to give us a good idea about "prehistory".

<b>Spellings WB 31/3/25</b>	
<b>Main Class</b>	<b>Group 2</b>
Die	Half
Died	Holiday
Lie	Idea
Lied	Knige
Tie	Letter
Tied	Making
Finished	Mouth
Felt	Nurse



Nobody knows when it comes back.  
 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March  
 The crazy cat who is never afraid. jumps  
 to roof every night to meet his friends.



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## Fossil Hunting

We had a fantastic time at Waihi beach, finding fossils. As we walked down the slope towards the beach, we looked at the different layers in the cliffs which tell us about what was alive at different periods of time, and has preserved many fossils.

At the beach we couldn't stop the children from finding fossils. They found all sorts of fossils— preserved in different ways. The top finds went



to the Bull family who found a couple of different spectacular fossils, including one that looks like it contains about 3 large teeth. More research to follow!

Besides fossil hunting, children also created a dam, made some art and swam/paddled in the large rock pool. The pool was teeming with crabs— in fact I even got bitten on my toe (much to my surprise!). The children enjoyed looking at rock pool creatures. We had a fantastic time. Thank you to the parents who came— it really wouldn't have been possible to



give our children this kind of experience without you.

Feel free to come and look at the fossils we collected.

If you are missing any uniform— please check out our



lost property box— there seems to be quite a bit since then!

