



Mokoia School Newsletter

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Haamiora, Brianna, Ezra and Alice, who were awarded teacher certificates. Arlo and Cael won Tumeke awards.



End of Year Concert

This year's theme is "Pasifika!" We are looking for songs and dances from around the Pacific, and stories about the Pacific. If you are able to teach our children a song/dance, share stories with us or share a skill, please let Evon or Koka know.

TOD Monday is Teacher Only Day, so we are closed for instruction. As a school, we are passionate about creating classes where all children can thrive. This training is to help us develop our practice around better provision for autistic children. There has been so much progress in research over the last 10 years, that I felt it was important to get our staff up to date.

Strike Day

Thursday 23rd October, the primary school union is running a strike, along with nurses, midwives and other healthcare professionals. Only one member of staff is a union member, meaning that the Senior class will run, but the junior class won't be open.



Dates for Your Diary

Term 3

13th October	Teacher Only Day– School closed
17th October	BOT Meeting 7pm
20th October	Gymnastics
23rd October	Strike Day—no Junior class, Senior class open as usual.
27th October	Labour Day—school Closed.
3rd Nov	Gymnastics
4th Nov	Te Paepae o Aotea visit (those going to Te Paepae next year, only)
10th Nov	Gymnastics
14 Nov	BOT Meeting 7pm
17th Nov	Gymnastics
21st Nov	Gymnastics
24th Nov	Gymnastics
1-5 thDec	School Camp
8 Dec	Gymnastics
11 Dec	Practise at hall
12 Dec	Practise at hall, End of year concert and prize giving.
15 Dec	Beach Safety Day—Opunake Beach
18 Dec	Last Day of School—Tidy up Day

Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the Harland Family, James Davies and the Willmott-Bradshaw family, who all won the raffles.



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Garden

Thank you to Ali, James, Matt, Charles and Ngahuaia, who all helped get the community garden weeded and planted up on Friday.



Camp

We still do not have a definitive list of parents who are planning to come to camp. Please can you email in to the school office by Tuesday. We will then invite you in to come and get a police check (we police check all our parents on camp). Our school policy is that police checks must be completed and satisfactory before parents can come on camp.

Trips

This week we started gymnastics. It was a great success. Children rotated around different activities, including using beams, bars and wall ladders. On Tuesday we attended a



show about skiffle music. Our own little superstar was called up and played the "bass" beautifully!



Discovery and Community Garden

Discovery time this week was especially focused this week. We looked at kapa cloth designs, books about Pasifika, and 2D shapes challenges. We

also went into the community garden to start the weeding and digging. Please send in egg shells, to help us deter slugs.

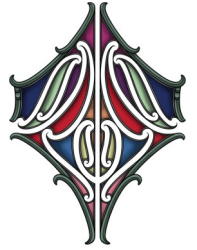




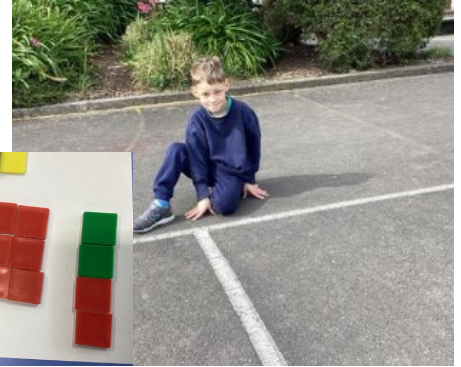
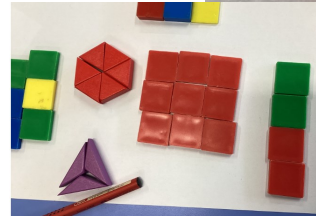
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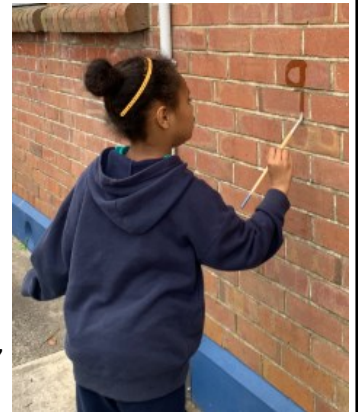
This week has been a very chilled out, exploratory style learning week. In maths we have been exploring polygons. We learned that the suffix “-gon” is Greek for “angle”. Lots of our shapes are based on this naming– for example a hexagon means “six angles” (although the word for how many actually comes from Latin... what a crazy language we have!). We learned that an angle is a measure of turn and that there are special angles called “right angles”. In fact, one of our Year 3 children explained to the class that this was actually 90degrees and showed us lots of them. We found lots in the playground. We experimented with making all sorts of different irregular polygons. We also practised skip counting in 2’s and introduced skip counting in 3’s.



In literacy we have been reading “The Rainbow Fish”. We have been practising chorus reading different pages. We learned that adjectives (describing words) can come before nouns. In one of the photographs you can see children thinking



of adjectives to describe the animals (nouns) on the whiteboards. Later in the week we noticed adverbs (or “ly”) words, such as “suddenly”, “quietly” and “grumpily”. Children are beginning to change adjectives into adverbs, naturally (e.g. “gentle” into “gently”). In handwriting we have been learning about “descenders” - letter that go under the line like “g” and “q”. We have been learning that the bottom of the “o” sits on the line.



In topic, we have learned that an island must be completely surrounded by water to be an island and that some islands, particularly those in the Pacific Ocean, are formed by volcanoes. We learned about what it might have looked like in a Pacific island, 1,000 years ago. We also learned about “hukilau” fishing, from Hawai’i.

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Senior Class

This week we have been learning the difference between an proper and improper fractions. In improper fraction has a larger number on the top (like $5/2$). We have been looking at what that actually means, and how to convert improper fractions into mixed numbers (e.g. $5/2 = 2 \frac{1}{2}$). We have continued to work on committing our times tables to memory.

In literacy we have been looking at the difference between fact and opinion. We have especially been looking at words that indicate an opinion. In writing we have been learning how to group our ideas together, into paragraphs.

During this week we were introduced to our topic this term– the Pacific Islands. We learnt some facts about the Pacific Ocean and explored where and how the islands were populated.

In art we are beginning to look at repeating patterns in tapa cloth.

Finally, in PE we did gymnastics, and practised throwing and catching a small ball.

This week we would like to thank these sponsors for their donations of either products, prizes, money or time. We couldn't have done it without you!





TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

Kia eke atu ki Taupaeui o te tangata

Uniform Fitting

TERM 4

Monday-Friday - 3.00-4.00pm.

A full fitting size is held
at the School Office.

All uniforms need to be
purchased through

NZ UNIFORMS

tepaepaeoaotea.nzuniforms.com

Enrol Online



The enrolment form is on the school website
www.tepaepaeoaotea.school.nz

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