



Mokoia School Newsletter

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Awards

Well done to Arekaanara, Haamiora, Hayley and Delilah for amazing work done throughout the last week. Tu-meke award to Edward and Alice



Change of Classes

Please see the attached letter about the change in classes.

Winter Fest Thursday 9th July

If you're able to help out at Winterfest or contribute to our bake sale, please let Evon know. We'd really appreciate your support!

We'll be at school throughout the day, so it's easy to arrange a time to drop off baking either at school or directly at the festival.

Puberty

Puberty is a natural part of growing up, and every child experiences it at their own pace. Some girls begin puberty during their primary school years and may need support as they learn to manage menstruation while at school.

If your daughter has started her periods, or you think she may soon, we encourage you to talk with us about how you would like us to support her. Our aim is to ensure she feels comfortable, confident, and well supported throughout the school day.

In the past, some students have chosen a trusted adult at school who can show them where period products are kept, answer any questions they may have, and reassure them that they are welcome to use the staff toilets if they need extra privacy, for example when changing clothes. Letting your child's class teacher know also helps us understand if she needs to visit the toilet more frequently or requires additional support during the day.

Working together helps us provide a caring, respectful environment where every child can feel safe and supported.

Dates for Your Diary

3 July	Last day of Term 2
20 July	First day of Term 3
31 August (pp 1 Sept)	Cross Country (Kakaramaea School) Selection only basis— details to follow
14 Sept	Teacher Only Day— school closed for instruction
Saturday 19th September	Pet Day
	Last Day of Term
24 September	(25 Sept day off in lieu for Sat 19 Sept— Pet Day)

TV ADS

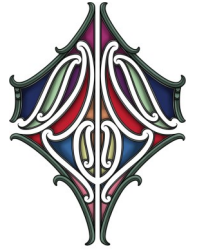
We are going to be advertising our school in local businesses, through the TV adverts (e.g. at the doctors, cafes etc). Please sign and return the release form that was sent home and emailed to you, as soon as possible so that we can get this live promptly. Please be aware that no names or child quotes will be used in the adverts— photo and video shots only.



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Cluster Events

Bhana Cup

This week our Year 5-6 (and some stand in Year 4's) competed in the Bhana Cup, winter sports tournament. It was a great day, enjoyed by all. The results are attached to the email today, but suffice to say, our team, The Southern Cluster, came 3rd in hockey, joint 5th in football and 6th in football/soccer. Well done to everyone who participated with such wonderful sportsman-ship qualities. We would like to thank staff and Matthew Bradshaw for organising training and transport for the event.



Kapa Haka

On Thursday we attended Patea Area School, with five other schools, to meet up, share kapa haka experiences and celebrate Matariki. Children went to four rotations– mau rakau, tītītōrea (short rakau), haka and waiata. We would like to thank Patea Area School for hosting and organising the event.



Matariki Breakfast

We had a lovely shared kai this morning. It was lovely to see parents and siblings sharing the meal with us.

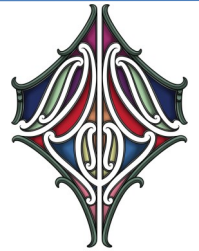




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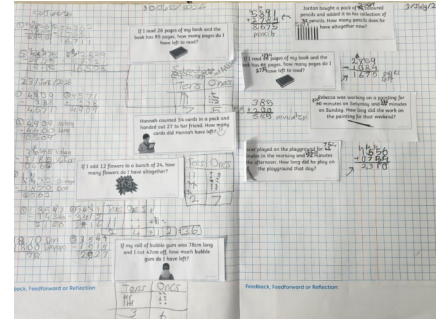


Learning This Week

This week in maths, we worked on sharpening up our addition and subtraction skills, and ended the week by working on interpreting word problems. We practiced drawing models of the problem, checking our work, and including a label that matched the situation.

In literacy, we finished up our work with *Love That Dog* by finding examples of figurative language from the book, like onomatopoeia, similes, alliteration, and repetition. We also made connections to the book in a variety of ways, like to other books and to events in our own lives.

We also had many fun events this week! We had a great time at Bhana Cup on Wednesday and Cluster Kapa Haka on Thursday. Thanks everyone for your hard work this term, and have an amazing break!



The juniors have been learning to read time on a clock. Most children understand o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. We have been reviewing bonds of 10 and twenty and our 2x, 5x and 10x tables. Phonics has been learning the digraph igh and spelling words with this sound in them and reviewing the letters w x and z. We have focused on Matariki this week for theme. This is the Maori New Year and symbolises the end of harvesting and a reminder to start preparing the ground for planting. We have heard a variety of Matariki stories and have completed different art work based on stars. Our children enjoyed the Matariki kapa haka event at Patea Area School on Thursday and we had a wonderful start to the last day of school by sharing breakfast together.



A huge thank you to those parents who have supported their children with reading daily at home. This has fostered a love of reading in our children and has made a huge difference with the exposure to words and using the skills they are learning at school.

Have a wonderful time with your children over the holiday break and we look forward to seeing what the children are able to achieve in the reading challenge. Please feel free to take photos of your children as they participate in the holiday reading challenge and send them to school.

