



Mokoia School Newsletter

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Awards

Well done to Lola, Cirilla, Akanisa and Cael for amazing work done throughout the last week. Kindness award went to Ezra this week and tumeke award to Edward and the entire Team Tui!



WinterFest

Thank you to all those who supported us by coming along or baking goods.

Well Done, Edward

Well done to Edward, who represented our region in the recent Brazilian Jijitsu competition. It was his first competition, and he did really well.



Dates for Your Diary

3 August	Teacher Only Day—school closed for instruction
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 11am-1pm
24 September	Last Day of Term (25 Sept day off in lieu for Sat 19 Sept– Pet Day)

Pet Day

This year the Board of Trustees have opted to have Pet Day on a Saturday, in hopes to attract more support from the local community. We will be inviting in stall holders and companies who are associated with our local farming industry.

As usual, we will have calves, lambs and small animal showing. We would LOVE it if you were to bring an animal to show off. This year we will also be inviting a limited number of other primary school children to enter.

Families are expected to provide some home baking for us to sell and to sell raffle tickets. Even though it is a Saturday, we are expecting children to attend, as they will have the following Friday off in lieu. They will be supervised by a school adult when running a stall but will need to be supervised by a parent or carer at other times.

Please put out the word to friends and family, as we would like our tamariki to feel the support of their local community.



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Spellings

Junior Class Year 1
Am
The
Cat
Little
like
Some

Junior Class
Upon Once
Time
One Two
three
boy
good
There that they

Senior Class– Mrs. Hodge's group
scene
Scissors
Muscle
Science fascinate
Mother Father
Brother Sister

Senior Class– Level 6
attached
conscious
convenience
foreign
calculating
exercise
medicine
naughty
peculiar
possession

Junior Learning

The first week has been a busy week and the juniors have settled quickly. Welcome to Axel who has started this term. We have started the term learning about Ancient Egypt, focusing particularly on the Nile. We have also started The Six Bricks programme two days a week in place of Discovery. This programme is designed to strengthen listening skills, language skills and manipulation skills. It has been interesting observing the children responding to instructions when building a model they can't see. For maths we have been learning about graphs, how to read different graphs and how to make pictographs and bar graphs.

For reading, we have been focusing on vowels and syllables and how to use syllables to sound out harder words. Reading books are being sent home each night and parents are asked to listen to your child read and to sign the book mark. The younger children will also have word cards to practice each night and the older children will have spelling words to learn. The children have been writing about the parts of the holidays they really enjoyed. This week – Akanisa wrote a good first draft and with support completed a final draft which has been included in the newsletter. Great work Akanisa.

School Holiday Fun

In the school holidays, Tevita and I celebrated his birthday. My dad brought Tevita's present. It was a bike. My birthday present was roller skates. They had Moana on them and were sparkly. I like my skates very much. Tevita wanted to try my skates. He kept slipping but he kept trying. Sometimes he was able to skate. On his next birthday, he wants a pair of roller skates.

By Akanisa



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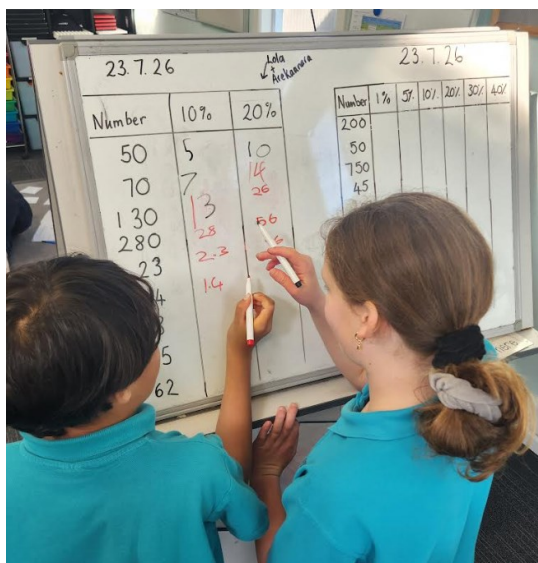
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Senior Learning

What a great start to Term 3! In maths, we've been exploring the relationship between percentages, fractions, and decimals. We are getting really good at finding common percentages of a number, like 10%, 25%, and 50%, and some of us are even figuring out how to find more complicated percentages, such as 34%. We are also getting good at converting a decimal number into a fraction and vice versa. We will continue to develop our mastery throughout next week.



In literacy, we've started learning about persuasion. We've read several persuasive texts in class and discussed what makes a good persuasive argument. We will continue looking at examples next week, then begin to craft our own persuasive essays.

We finished up our lino projects this week, and ended the week by exploring electrical circuits. We



will do a bit more electricity next week before moving onto states of matter and the water cycle later in Term 3.