



Mokoia School Newsletter

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Congratulations!

Well done this week to Arekaanara, Edward, Harley, Hayley and Tevita. Well done last week to Ivy, Axel, Kotaana, Cirilla, Cerys and Addie.

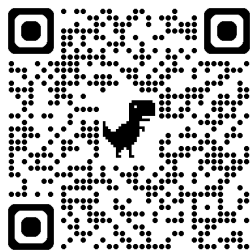


Sickness

It seems that since the beginning of term, our school (along with most of South Taranaki) have been struck with a variety of illnesses. No sooner than a child recovers, they seem to be struck down with another illness. We have also had many members of staff who have been off ill and many who have struggled in, even when they too have been under the weather.

We just want you to know that we are thinking of your children and hope that everybody gets better soon.

If your child is feeling somewhat better (but not well enough to return to school), please feel free to use the QR codes on this page to access online platforms for learning.

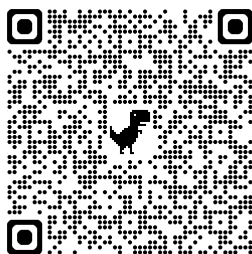


EPIC (during school hours)

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Dates for Your Diary

31 August (pp 1 Sept)	Cross Country (Kakaramaea School)
9 Sept	Parent-Teacher Consultation
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 Please see the next page for how you can help. Please return any cups or trophies.

Cross Country at Kakaramaea

This year our team for competing at Kakaramaea will be ten children strong. We have contacted the parents of children who expressed a desire to race, and who came first or second place.

Those going will leave school just before 11am and we will show them around the course, ready for racing at midday.

We will return about 2:30pm, meaning that children should arrive back at school in time to catch the school buses home.

We are in need of one adult to be a marshal on the day to help direct children along the course. If you are able to do this, please let Evon know.



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PET DAY

We are so excited to be preparing for **Pet Day**, and we can't wait to celebrate this special occasion with our school community!



This year, Pet Day will be held on a **Saturday**, giving us a wonderful opportunity to welcome not only our school families, but also the wider community.

Opening our school to the public is an important step for us. It allows us to build stronger relationships within our community, create greater awareness and support for our school, and showcase our **amazing educational environment** as a place where families actively choose to send their tamariki.

A huge amount of preparation is already underway, and now **we need your support to make the day a success!**

How You Can Help

There are lots of ways you can get involved:

- **Attend Pet Day** and help us create a fantastic atmosphere.
- **Spread the word!** Excitedly promote Pet Day to your family, friends and on social media.
- **Provide home baking** for our baking stall.
- **Come along to the Working Bee** the week before to help us get everything ready.
- **Bring an animal!** We have calf, lamb, small pet, dog and cat categories, and we would love to have strong representation across every category.
- **Supervise your child** throughout the day.
- **Sell raffle tickets** and encourage others to get involved.
- **Donate 2–3 items** for our food raffle by next Friday.
- **Volunteer your time on the day** — whether that's helping with set-up, tidying up, supervising a stall or game, or simply lending a hand wherever needed.

Every Helping Hand Makes a Difference

Pet Day is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community, showcase our school, and make connections with the wider community. **Please contact us this week to let us know how you can help on the day.** This will allow us to coordinate adult support and make sure everything runs smoothly.

Thank you so much for your enthusiasm, generosity and support. **We truly couldn't do it without you!** We're looking forward to an amazing Pet Day!



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Spellings

Junior Class
Year 1
there
was
no
for
you
My

Junior Class
could
should
would
couldn't
wouldn't
shouldn't

Senior Class--
illegible
imperfect
incorrect
irresistible
misspell
knit
knew
new
last
left

Senior Class-- Level 6
acquire
broccoli
Caribbean
cemetery
committed
curiosity
equipment
guarantee
nuisance
psychology

Visitors and Whole School Learning

Olympic Champion: We've been very privileged the last two weeks to have some pretty impressive visitors to our kura. Last week we had an Olympic Swimmer, Zac Reid, who swam during the 2020 Olympics, in Japan. He comes from New Plymouth and was able to talk to the Seniors about his journey, dedication and hard work. He was able to encourage and inspire them to develop resilience in their endeavours.

Renewable Energy: This week, we had the Enviro School teachers, Claire and Gwenda, come visit us and bring the renewable energy roadshow to our school. Children got to try out different sources of energy, such as solar, geothermal and wind technology. This comes on the back of the announcement that **Mokoia School** has been chosen as one of the 500 schools in the country to receive **Solar panels as part of a government initiative.**



Cross Country : Well done to all those who participated in Cross Country. We had lots of winners and we are sending a team of 10 children to Kakarama on Monday

Daffodil Day : We had a great day, altogether as a school. We had an extended discovery time, and some den building in the afternoon.

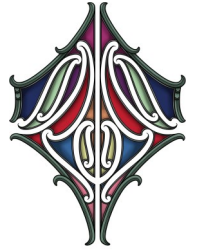




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Senior Learning

This week has been assessment week, so we've been working hard at showing our knowledge in reading, writing, and maths. We also have been continuing our research on Ancient Egypt for our passion projects. Students have been working very hard to get ready for Pet Day! We also loved our special science presentation from Enviroschools Taranaki this week, and our cross country race! Lots of fun things going on so far this term; we will get back to a more regular schedule next week!



Junior Learning

We have had a fabulous time this week. We started by writing persuasive letters— Whaea Evon told that she was thinking of getting rid of the swimming pool as it's expensive and we only use it for few weeks a year. The outrage was audible and the letters fabulous (just so you know, Whaea Evon wasn't really going to do that—she just

wanted to provoke a passionate response!). Most children tried to persuade her to keep the pool by telling her how important it was to them and their whanau, and suggesting that she either doesn't heat it or charges parents to use it (so that it's not too expensive). Two children decided to take the opposite view, with drowning of cats (accidental) or broken limbs (from jumping in the shallow end) being part of their arguments. Summed up by one child with "I just hate it!" However, due to the overwhelming positive responses, I don't think the pool will be going anywhere soon!

Maths has been about measuring and the beginnings of decimals (for the year 3-4). We have been measuring our heights and the distance that toy cars travel down a ramp. We have also been looking at patterns in both shapes/colours and number.

In science we have been focusing on rockpool habitats, and learning why an exoskeleton might be an advantage in this habitat.

