



# MOKAU SCHOOL

**Together we can do it – ka taea e tatou – together we are able**

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## **Covid-19 Safety Level 1**

We are continuing to encourage good hygiene practices at school – regular washing and drying of hands and good cough and sneeze etiquette remain. There is a contact register and a QR code at the reception to assist with contact tracing. If children are unwell please keep them home. If a child has any cold like symptoms we will be phoning home and asking parents to collect their child.

## **Absences**

If your child is absent from school, please make sure you let the school office know before 9am.

## **Dental Bus**

The mobile dental bus will be here from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Teachers Only day**

We are having a teachers only day on the 13<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Lunches**

We are really excited to let you know that our school will be joining the free lunch programme in Term 1 next year. The lunches will be provided for all students. Lunches will cater for the dietary and health needs of growing children and we will work with Ministry to ensure they meet the nutrition guidelines. So far we have submitted a proposed menu that has been looked at by an MOE nutritionist and has been approved. We are now completing the food safety plan as we are planning to make the lunches at school. We will keep you posted on our progress.

## **School Photos**

We have the photographer here on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> first thing in the morning.

## **Sun Smart**

It is the school policy to wear sunhats in term 1 and 4. Sunscreen is available at school if your child.

## **Tainui Pet Day**

Well done to the children that participated in this event. The children all had a great day and did well. **Ryan** attended with his lamb named Fast Drinker, **Brylee** with her lamb Princess and **Harris** with his lamb Speedy. Ka pai koutou!

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## **Head Lice**

There have been isolated cases of head lice reported by families. Please be vigilant and check your child/ren's hair. If you have treated your children, remember to retreat a week later and make sure you thoroughly wash bedding also to guard against re-infestation. There is treatment and combs at school if you need them.

## **Senior Camp**

This year Yr 5-Yr8 is going on a camp to be held at Urenui. Whareorino & Mokau Schools will be attending. This is an overnight stay with activities that Mr Bennet will be running at the community hall and grounds. There will be more information sent out very soon. If you are interested in helping out with this and are able to stay overnight please let the school know as soon as possible so that planning and compliance can be completed. The rest of the school will be having 2 fun days with Mrs Martin at school.

## **Athletics@Ahititi School**

We will travel down to Ahititi School for the Tainui Cluster School Athletic on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup>. Attached is the permission and transport forms please fill this out and return as soon as possible. Students will need to take morning tea, Lunch and a drink bottle. There will be food available for sale there.

## **School pool**

The school pool will reopen during Term 4 when the weather is warm enough (End of November). Season keys for the pool will be available for \$70 with a refund of \$10 if the keys are returned on time. The keys are available from the school office only so please contact us towards the end of November if you would like a key. The locks are changed each season so the previous season key will not be usable this year. There are still quite a few keys not returned from last year so we would appreciate it if those could be returned.

## **Mōkau pataka /Community Sharing Cupboard**

The community cupboard is open and in front of the hall. Thanks to those who have found useful things in there or put things in for others to share. The children have been propagating more seed to share.

**Tainui Girls'and Boys'Brigade**

End of year prize-giving and concert

**Awakino Hall**  
**Tuesday 1st December 2020**  
**3.00pm**

All parents, grandparents, friends and community members are welcome. Pre-school children are also welcome to join the older children for a jelly and ice cream celebration at the conclusion of the program. Afternoon tea will be provided for all adults. Please support the children on this special afternoon.

*Dorothy Lowry*  
*Girls' Brigade Captain.*

**Dates to Note**

**November**

**6<sup>th</sup>** Fireworks @ 7pm school field

**9<sup>th</sup>** Dental Bus **Date Change**

**12<sup>th</sup>** School Photos

**13<sup>th</sup>** Teachers only day

**19-20<sup>th</sup>** Seniors Camp @ Urenui

**27<sup>th</sup>** Athletics@Ahititi

**December**

**11<sup>th</sup>** Last day Term 4

