



# MOKAU SCHOOL

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

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**10th March 2023**

### Welcome

We now have a roll of 30. We welcome Pj, Pedro, Rimu and families to our kura.

### Community BBQ get together

Thankyou to our community who attended our get together last Friday. This was a wonderful event. Thankyou to our Board members for organizing and hosting the afternoon. It was great to be able to give you all a look at our new library and teaching space. Just need the plumbing work to be completed and this long awaited project will be finished. A special thankyou to Trevor Walshaw for his fantastic work to add special finishing touches.

### Mighty Mokau Trail Bike Ride Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Wow what a day! Thank you to the community for helping to organize and run a very successful bike ride.

### Tainui Cluster Swimming Sports

What a great day every though the weather was a bit chilly the children did us proud with their participation, doing their best. We are very proud of their performances and fantastic positive attitude and effort. Ka mau te wehi koutou.

### Tabloids

We will be travelling to Uruti School for a day of tabloids with our cluster schools on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of March. This is a fun Health and PE focussed day that gives our tamariki the opportunity to enjoy a variety of team activities with tamariki from our cluster schools. Transport is required for this please fill in the permission and transport form attached.

**We need these forms back as quickly as possible please (before 3pm Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup>). It is very difficult for us to organize the students when we do not receive replies.**

### Strike Action

You will be aware through the media and various other means that Primary school teachers and Principals have voted to take industrial action in relation to their current collective agreement.

### Why strike?

We need to attract and retain high quality educators by ensuring that teaching is a

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valued and attractive profession. Principals and teachers in primary and area schools (along with our secondary colleagues) have considered at length the offers from the government to settle the respective collective agreements.

The offers presented did not meet the expectations, nor make sufficient steps towards the changes we need for our children to succeed. Therefore the vote to take industrial action has been made. It was not made lightly, this is the loss of a days pay for teaching staff. Together with your support, building a case for better investment in our students is the priority. Our Board is awaiting formal notification of the industrial action. All that we can ask at this point is that our families are prepared for the possibility the school could be closed for instruction on Thursday 16th March.

The Board will inform you of their actions as soon as they have formal notification of the strike.

### Reminder Term 1

We have **swimming** every day, so students please bring your togs. **Sunscreen** and a **sun hat** must be worn if you are outside.

### Fund Raising

The following items are still available for purchase from the school office.

Bags \$25  
Tea towels \$15 each or 2 for \$25  
Picnic blanket \$30

If you would like to buy some, please ring the school number 067529733.

### Boys' and Girls' Brigade

During the summer this is held from 3pm-4.30pm on Tuesdays at Mōkau Hall (boys) and Awakino Hall (girls). Girls who would usually go on the school bus can either be dropped off at the Awakino Hall, otherwise they may travel there in a leaders car.

**Please let the school know if your children will be attending.**

We have lots of outdoor activities planned for the summer. We will commence on Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup>. There are no fees.

Contact

Dorothy Lowry (girls)

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Shane Lowry (boys)

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### **School Pool**

Please return your pool key by the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2023 for a refund. If you are still holding a key from previous years please return those too.



**Den & Prue Olde**

Thank you

### **Dates to remember**

#### **March**

10<sup>th</sup> Mokau School Swimming sports

13<sup>th</sup> Taranaki Anniversary Holiday  
Day NO SCHOOL

17<sup>th</sup> Tabloids @ Uruti School

#### **April**

6<sup>th</sup> Last day term 1 (Thursday)

7<sup>th</sup> Good Friday

10<sup>th</sup> Easter Monday

24<sup>th</sup> Teacher Only Day NO SCHOOL

25<sup>th</sup> ANZAC Day NO SCHOOL

26<sup>th</sup> First day of term 2

