



# MOKAU SCHOOL

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

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## Welcome back

Welcome back from a well deserved break, we hope everyone is refreshed and ready to go. It was great to see all the smiling faces as the tamariki arrived. Welcome to Mōkau School Dontez and Azaria-Jayde.

This term is Tainui Cluster Schools swimming sports which is held at the Waitara Pools. We swim every day so please make sure that your children have their togs.

## Teaching Staff

Miss Sharp teaches in Ruma Teina and there are currently 8 students. Whaea Kim will be teaching in Ruma Tuakana 4 days a week and Mrs Symonds will be teaching on Fridays. There are 16 students in Ruma Tuakana.

If you would like to make contact with your child's teacher feel free to contact them via email or phone the office to make an appointment or arrange for them to call you back.

We welcome back all the rest of our staff from last year also.

## Ka Ora, Ka Ako.

This term we have a new menu for the summer term. Talk to your child and find out what they like the most.

## Term 1

Sun screen and sun hats are to be worn if outside during the summer months. This is one of the school policies.

You will find the policies on school docs here is the login for all to go in and have a look at all of our school policies.

1. Visit the website <https://mokau.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (mokau) and password (mightymokau).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
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## Police vetting

Over the next few weeks you will be sent a police vetting form. The information the school receives is confidential and we carry out the police vetting for all staff and volunteers who wish to attend overnight trips and help on school trips.

## School Pool

The pool has been well used over the holidays by locals and holiday makers. Keys are to be returned to the school before the end of term 1 (12<sup>th</sup> April) to get your refund.

## Mighty Mokau Trail Bike Ride

This annual event provides a generous donation to our kura. We need volunteers to help out prior to and during the event. Please contact Maree Jones if you can help 067529765

## Thank You

We would like to thank Trevor for another great job of keeping the pool crystal clear & Emma-Gene for selling the keys. Thanks also to Andrew MacInnes for fixing the flying fox.

## Parent Interviews

The dates for interviews are 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of March. We will have more on this closer to the time.

## Speeches

This is now in Term 1. Mokau School speech and poem competition is on the 28<sup>th</sup> March, Tainui Schools Speeches is on the 5<sup>th</sup> April.

## School Photos

We had school, class and family photos taken in the last week of term 4. Thankyou Simon Brown for doing this for us. We will have these printed shortly and will be sending each family copies of the appropriate photos.

## Information updates

Attached form please fill in and return as soon as possible thank you.

## Dates to remember

### **Feb**

6<sup>th</sup> Waitangi Day no school

### **Mar**

8<sup>th</sup> Tainui Cluster School Swimming Sports @ Waitara

12<sup>th</sup> Supersmash Cricket Taster

18<sup>th</sup> Mighty Mokau Trail Bike Ride

28<sup>th</sup> Mokau School Speeches

29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday **No School**

### **April**

1<sup>st</sup> Easter Monday

2<sup>nd</sup> Easter Tuesday **No School**

5<sup>th</sup> Tainui Schools Speeches

## Boys & Girls Brigade

This is after school activity held on Tuesday afternoons. For more information please contact

Dorothy Lowry (Girls) 067529123 or Shane Lowry (Boys) 0675297124

## Thanks Mrs Griffin

Mrs Griffin has been the release teacher for Miss Sharp the past 2 years while she worked towards her full registration. This process is now complete. Congratulations Miss Sharp on becoming a fully registered teacher. Mrs Griffin will continue to relieve at our kura.

