



MOKAU SCHOOL

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Certificates

Pj	For showing excellence in all areas, and stepping up and being a great leader!
Summer	Caught being good: for her amazing recall of the spelling rules that have been previously taught! Very impressive!
Hudson	In recognition of his dedication to achieving his classroom goals and making positive choices
Mekayla	In recognition of her dedication to improving her listening skills in class
Carley-Jayne	Caught being good: for outstanding work in math, and having a positive attitude!
Hunter	Being a great tuakana both in class, and in the playground!
George	For demonstrating leadership skills and acting as a mentor to his younger classmates.
Luke	For working hard during literacy.

Ruma Teina News

Hi, my name is Mekayla. Hi! I'm Hudson Charlie Claude Smith. Hello, my name is Rocky. We are going to tell you about what has been happening in our class. Last week, we had the Taranaki Airs come and visit us. They play basketball! They taught us how to play basketball and they came into our class and talked to us, too. They were so tall they had to bend down to fit into our classroom and go through the door! Did you know some of their favourite foods were spaghetti, nachos, pizza and steak! Thank you for coming and thank you for teaching us basketball, Taranaki Airs.

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We've been doing so much Kapa Haka practice and are getting pretty good now. Whaea Rawina even gave us a lolly pop. Lolly pops are our favourite. Thanks Whaea Rawina!

In the weekend we had an extra day off because it was the King's birthday in England. He lives in a castle. Mekayla asked Mum to go there but she said it was too far. Hudson spent his weekend building a hut in the bush and Rocky played with his toys. When we came back to school, we went to Ahititi for our Enviroschools day. We did so much there. We had to listen to the music of some birds and then guess which bird made that noise. The birds were only from New Zealand. We got to play on this big spinning game and guess the names of some New Zealand trees from the bush, too. We even saw a possum, a stoat, a ferret and a weasel. They are predators. The nursery rhyme we have been learning this week is Hey diddle, diddle. It's about a cat and a fiddle and a cow that jumps over the moon! From Rocky, Hudson and Mekayla.

Kia ora and welcome to Ruma Tuakana's news!

Kia ora everyone!

We had the Taranaki Airs Basketball team visit us. They taught us lots of skills and we played lots of fun games! We learnt lots about each player as well and one day hope to go to one of their games in New Plymouth.

On Wednesday this week we had Xavier and Challet from Rangatahi pathways, and Jess from Taranaki Offshore Partnership. Jess came to teach us about her job and the Offshore Wind Turbines.

Fun fact: Did you know that one spin of an offshore wind turbine can power 100,000 fan heaters for one hour? Wow!

We travelled to Ahititi for Enviro Schools. We learnt about predators, the endangered birds, how to identify trees (became tree experts), and how to design and make things better in our environment. It was a fun day and ended with fun games!

Thank you, Tukua and Summer - your hosts for the newsletter this week!

Lunchtime activities

If you have a sport or skill that you would like to share with our tamariki at lunchtime we would love to hear from you. We have an offer of some lunchtime knitting and gymnastics already! Please contact the school office if you can help. Lunchtime play is from 12.30pm to 12.50 pm.

Pool Keys

We still have some keys to be returned, if you still have a key could you please return it to the school as soon as possible. Thankyou to those who have returned their keys.

Enviro Day

We had a wonderful day hosted by Ahititi School. Our learners participated in a variety of workshops including identifying native trees, learning about our native birds and identifying predators that endanger our bush and native birds. Thanks to Ahititi School for hosting this fantastic event and to the facilitators for providing such engaging, educational workshops.



Stationery Accounts

We have only a few stationery account still to be paid. If you are unsure if you have paid please ring the office.

Cluster Matariki 27th June

This term we will host our cluster schools for Matariki. This is a wonderful event that requires a lot of organisation and work. Thanks to those who have volunteered to help. We still require some help in the kitchen on the day. Please contact the office if you can help.

Sickness

Winter bugs have started the rounds. We have had children and staff away from school with a variety of colds and tummy bugs. If your child is sick, please keep them home until they are well. If your child has vomiting or diarrhoea, please keep them home until they have had 48 hours free of symptoms. Please help us keep our students and staff well by keeping children,

with any illness likely to be contagious, at home.

Also don't forget to ring the office and let us know your child is absent because they are unwell so we can record their absence correctly.

Mokau Museum Art Exhibition

Our students have been hard at work creating some beautiful pieces for the Matariki Art Exhibition at the Museum. Details below.

- **Exhibition Title:** New Beginnings
- **Date:** 30 May - 25 July
- **Location:** Mokau Museum Art Gallery
- **Theme:** Matariki/Puanga

Please go and view their masterpieces because they really are fantastic.

Taranaki Airs Basketball team

The students had a great time when the team visited our kura. The Airs chatted with the students and then set up some drills and showed them some very skilled moves and shots. The team then made time to sign some autographs before leaving.



Board meeting minutes

Board meeting minutes are available on our school website once they are confirmed.

Dates to remember

June

24th Bot Meeting 7pm @ School

27th Matariki Clusters Schools

28th **Matariki Public Holiday No school**

July

5th **Last day term 2**



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