



MOKAU SCHOOL

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Class news

Kia Ora and welcome to Ruma Teina's news! We are working together in our class today to write this news. We are going to tell you what has been happening at school lately. We have created some hand animals. We had to use pencil to plan our drawing first, then we had to colour it in with colouring in pencils. After that, we painted it and put coloured-dye around the outside. Mrs Black glued some eyes onto them for us using the hot glue guns and then we hung them up in our class. They are pretty cool!

We have been learning about how life was 100-150 years ago and what it was like at school then too. When you had a bath back then, you had to put a pot on the fire and heat up the water, then tip it into the bath which was outside. The oldest person in your family would go first and then the youngest person in your family would have to go last. When the last person had their bath the water was brown and cold and dirty! Yuck! Lots of times you couldn't see the baby in the bath water. In those days, the toilet was outside too! Most of the time it was a long drop and some people used chamber pots in their bedroom at nighttime which they kept under their beds. Jo was kind enough to bring her Grandmother's chamber pot to school for us to see. Thanks Jo!

The builders have been here this week rebuilding the whole entire school. They are putting a brand-new roof on the library and making some new toilets. There will be another classroom where the girls toilets are now. Did you know the temporary toilets flooded!

Tomorrow is Cross Country and we are excited! We have been doing lots of training.

Thank you for listening to Ruma Teina's news 😊

Hello everyone, your presenters for this week's newsletter are Carley and K'sharn!

On Monday the 12th of August, Ruma Tuakana went to the **Careers Expo** at TSB Stadium in New Plymouth. There were so many different careers to look at. My favourites were the art stands and Carley's favourites were art and forestry. Chalet and Xavier from Rangatahi Pathways came along with us.

The Lines Company came to our school from Te Kuiti to give a presentation about electricity safety. We learnt so much about safety at our homes and outdoors. One thing we learnt - if you come across a power line that has fallen down, you need to stay 10 or more meters away.

Cross Country is tomorrow and I'm so nervous because I have to run 2 kms. I have never run that far before for Cross Country. Carley has to run 800m, and some of the other kids in our class have to run 1.5 kms.

The past few weeks of manual Year 7's have been in the cooking class, some of the things we have made are macaroni and cheese, and popcorn chicken and those were both delicious. The Year 8's class are doing wood work. Zeva is making a shelf, and the others are making different things.

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Cross Country

The school will travel to this event by bus. If you are attending please let the teachers know if you are leaving and taking your child/ren with you.

Vision and hearing

Vision and hearing screening is completed by Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand Vision and Hearing Technicians at our school. The technician will be visiting our school on **Thursday 5th September 2024** to test eligible children for vision and/or hearing. Eligible children include:

New Entrant

Routine screening is completed for children who are new to school, and/or have not completed their B4 School Check and/or require further testing post B4 School Check.

Year 7

Routine vision screening is completed for all Year 7 students and Year 8 students who have not completed the Year 7 screening and/or students that require further testing.

If you have any queries or concerns, or do not wish for your child to have this screening done, please contact the school office.

ECO-FX

There is a local predator control programme underway in our district. Please be aware in the areas of- WHAREORINO, NUKUHAKARI HUTIWAI, MOHAKATINO & WAITAANGA.

Art & Pet Day

We are having this on the first week back in term 4 on the 18th October. We will have more information on this closer to the time but please mark this date in your Calendar.

Building Project

Construction has begun. Please be aware that trade vehicles will be entering and exiting the site at times. Every effort is being made to minimize disruption to learning and the finished result will be well worth some inconvenience. The kura is getting a new roof, windows and doors, toilet upgrade and fresh paint!

Dates to remember

August

23rd Tainui Cluster Schools Cross country at Mimitangiatua School.

Sept

5th Vision & hearing

23rd BoT Meeting @ School 7.30pm



**Expo
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