



MOKAU SCHOOL

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

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Certificates

Week One	
Luke	<i>Welcome to Ruma Tuakana!</i>
Catherine	<i>Welcome to Ruma Tuakana!</i>
Rocky	<i>For kicking off 2026 organised and ready to learn</i>
Week Two	
Alestra	<i>For working hard during writing time, and writing a great story about her holiday.</i>
Daisy	<i>For an amazing story about her new kitten, and remembering to use her phoneme fingers when she gets stuck on a word.</i>
Mekayla	<i>For outstanding progress in her freestyle swimming and seated diving.</i>
Week Three	
Daisy	<i>For exceptional swimming! You have shown excellent swimming skills, strong kicking, great breathing and smooth arm movements! Ka pai Daisy!</i>
Ryan	<i>For taking pride in his work, paying close attention to detail and always striving for high standards!</i>
Aubree	<i>For her consistent effort in Math, and always trying even when it is challenging. Ka pai Aubree!</i>
Adam	<i>For upholding all of the school values and demonstrating leadership skills in Teina. Ka Rawe Adam!</i>
Week Four	
Jacob	<i>For demonstrating strong subtraction skills and confidently working with bigger numbers!</i>
Tukua	<i>For showing strong skills in narrative writing and using creative ideas to write an engaging story.</i>

Tatsuno Student Visit

On Wednesday the 25th of March we will be hosting a group of 8 students and 2 chaperones from Tatsuno, Japan.

We will show them our beautiful part of New Zealand and provide them with some distinctly New Zealand and Mōkau experiences, including introducing them to black sand (weather permitting).

Further details and permission forms for a short beach visit will follow later this week.

Tainui Swimming Sports

We will be travelling by bus to the Waitara Pool. The bus will leave at 8.50am so please ensure your students are either at kura before this or catch the bus 10 minutes earlier than the usual pickup time. We will provide each child with their drink bottles, hat, sunscreen, a sausage, fruit and snacks. Please make sure your student has the following.

- a couple of towels
- School jacket or something warm to wear between and after events.

Food is available for purchase on the day.

- Hamburgers \$5.00
- Sausages \$3.00
- Drinks \$2.00
- Iceblocks \$2.00

Events will start at 10.30am.

All students need to remain with the school group during the event. The small pool is only open to students during their event and at free swim time. No swimmers are to be in this pool outside of these times.

Please let the school office know if you are transporting your own children. Please also let the teachers know if you are taking your children home from the event so we are aware of this.

Girls Brigade & Boys Brigade

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Enquiries to: **Shane Lowry 7529124**

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Mighty Mōkau Bike Ride

A huge thankyou to the landowners, organizing committee and many volunteers that work to make this such a successful event for our community. We appreciate the hours of dedication and work you all do to provide valuable funds for our kura and community.

Mōkau School Attendance Management Plan

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of our school attendance management plan.

As part of our combined home and school efforts to support our learners attending school and receiving the best learning opportunities, any absence that has not been explained by caregivers will be followed up with a text at 9.15am each day. Further information and support are in the attached Attendance Management Plan.

Thank You

David Easton for managing the cattle the school cattle.

Progress transport for the support that they give to the school.

Andrew MacInnes for keeping the school pool and grounds looking great over the break.

Whaea Kim, Whaea Nicky and Lynette for some outstanding swimming coaching. Ka mau te wehi koutou!

Mrs Griffin, for doing exciting things with our learners on the days she is in both classrooms. Ruma Teina loved making pizza with you!

Ruma Tuakana Learning

Whaea Kim and our senior class have been straight back into mahi. Literacy and numeracy are again a large portion of the day and there has been many writing, reading and maths goals achieved in 4 short weeks! These learners are also newly qualified Chromebook users, having passed their license requirements. Well done everybody.

Ruma Teina Learning

There has been lots of exciting things happening in Ruma Teina. Learners have been doing some fantastic writing about the newest members in their class that include a large number of tadpoles and Monarch caterpillars. They too have been working hard with maths, particularly focused on number and the days of the week and months of the year. Fantastic work koutou.

What's happening in Term 1:

March

- 6th** Cluster Swimming Sports Waitara Pools
- 9th** Taranaki Anniversary Day (Public Holiday)
- 25th** Mokau School hosts Tatsuno Students

April

- 2nd** End of Term 1 (**Thursday**)
- 3rd** Good Friday

