



SCHOOL TALK

March 2016

THE MIGHTY MOKAU TRAIL RIDE

Once again the Mighty Mokau Bike Ride was an outstanding success. The months of planning paid good dividends for the school with another record breaking field of 641 riders.

School families, staff, relatives and numerous community members enliven the school's moto "Together We Can Do It". The Home and School Committee worked tirelessly leading up to, during and after the event supported by a large number of parents, teachers and community members to man the all-day barbeque and marshal the course.

Riders enjoyed riding the tracks in the opposite direction to last year with new loop sections. There were a few new challenging aspects to the tracks with deeper fords to cross and some tight down-hill turns but riders enjoyed testing their skills on a variety of terrains on a very well-marked course.

The total rider count did not include young riders who enjoyed riding circuits of the free pee-wee track.

More experienced young riders tackled the novice track while experienced riders rode the challenging routes through the hill country.

Money raised from the ride will be used to fund a variety of school events and experiences for students and learning resources such as reading books, ICT equipment, e-learning opportunities and other classroom resources.

The Home and School are sincerely grateful to a large number of sponsors that made the day possible. Please support these people as they have supported this wonderful community event.



Mighty Mokau Trail Bike Ride Sponsors

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SWIMMING SPORTS SUCCESS

The sun was shining for the annual Tainui Schools' Swimming Sports at the Waitara Town Pools.

Swimmers from the Tainui Cluster of Mokau, Whareorino, Ahititi, Uruti and Mimi competed in a range of events catering for all abilities.

Events for competent swimmers ranged from flutter board races and an underwater swim through to a 3 length medley for students 12 years and older.

Younger swimmers enjoyed water confidence activities having fun gliding, kicking, floating as starfish, diving for rings and making the biggest splashes ever!

Students earned points towards individual age group trophies as well as the overall 'Top School' crown which was won by Mokau School for the third consecutive year.

The interschool relay is also a furiously fought competition that Mimi School have won for several consecutive years. Each school entered a 6 person squad whose combined ages added to 56 or less. Mimi took the title again this year.

Mokau results were as follows:

7 Year Old Boys:	1 st	Billy Smyth
	3 rd	Jackson Telfer
7 Year Old Girls:	2 nd	Martha Hagenson
	3 rd	Brylee Robertson
8 Year Old Boys:	2 nd	Rico Pryor
9 Year Old Boys:	1 st	Connell Hagenson
9 Year Old Girls:	3 rd	Sophia Smyth
11 Year Old Girls:	1 st	Eve Hagenson
	2 nd	Ocean Kete
12+ Year Old Girls:	1 st	Francis O'Sullivan-Lobb

MOKAU SCHOOL POOL USAGE

Many community members have enjoyed the use of the school pool this summer and the school appreciates this income to offset the costs of running this community asset but please respect the rules when using the pool. Of late there have been several incidents where the gate has been left unlocked - please ensure the pool area is secure when you leave. A reminder that the school grounds are smoke free, alcohol & drug free and dog free.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY GARDENS

Our raised vegetable garden beds have been in operation for over a year now and thanks to the hard work of Rob Scott the summer crops are now plentiful.

The initial idea was to establish a community garden within the school grounds to enable a continuous supply of fresh produce for our community but there has been little 'buy in' from community members. If you are interested in contributing or helping with this venture please call in to the school - 'many hands make light work' and we would welcome more contribution from the community

Feel free to pick some tomatoes - there are acid free, super toms and small salad tomatoes ripening on a daily basis and school students will be enjoying sweet corn for lunches over the next few weeks.

The community are also welcome to put household vegetable scraps such as potato peelings in our worm farm over the holidays - but please do not add citrus, meat and bread products.

