

# Wednesday, 20 May 2015

## Ko te Wenerei, 20 o Mei 2015

*Tēnā koutou katoa*

*Term 2, Week 5 of 10*

### Farewell for the Griffin Family

Our school has been invited to attend the farewell for the Griffin family (Griff and Tracy) on Friday, 22 May at Mokai Kainga. Whaea Karen will be working with the children on a couple of waiata to perform there. We will need help with transport and our school will be providing salads. If you are able to help with transport or preparing the salads, please let us know.

**Because of our limited staffing on Friday, our official school day will be at Mokai Kainga Marae. There will be no alternative classes provided at school.**

### Ultrafast Broadband Update

We are all very excited as we approach closer to the day that we finally get consistently fast internet. Sometimes our internet works slower than dialup and even comes to a standstill.

All the fibre cables have been laid and we will be signing our contract next week, all going well. Once that is completed, we should be connected very soon after that.

There has been one little hiccup. The installers created a hole in our photocopy room, allowing rats to chew through the fibre cable and help themselves to some of the food. Fortunately, this will be fixed this week.

### Noel Leeming Mobile Learning Centre

The Mobile Learning Centre is a completely free initiative that is visiting communities across New Zealand. The centre is a fun, interactive space filled with the latest education based technology.

They give students and teachers the opportunity to engage with new technology in a hands on learning environment where they can ask questions about devices or programs. Using active learning, students will

have the chance to explore creativity and collaboration.

Their lessons allow students to interact with a variety of operating systems and classroom devices such as chromebooks, laptops and tablets. They will also look at new and emerging technology such as 3D Printing and Virtual Reality.

They also offer an opportunity for teachers and parents to come and learn more about devices that they may already have or suggest new ways to get the most out of technology in their daily lives.

So please come along this Monday, from 10.30am to be part of this wonderful, free opportunity.

More information can be found on <https://www.noelleeming.co.nz/mobilelearningcentre>

### Change Team

Our school has engaged Robyn Roa, a Student Achievement Function Practitioner, to facilitate a change team to help our school

### COMING EVENTS

Wed, 20 May	Change Team Meeting after school with Robyn Roa
Thu, 21 May	Rhonda Kerr (Social Worker in Schools) at Kawhia School
Fri, 22 May	Farewell for Tracy, Griff and whanau at Mokai Kainga marae
Fri, 22 May	Whaea Roimata away—Manu tuhituhi
Mon, 25 May	Noel Leeming Mobile Learning Centre at Kawhia School
Tue, 26 May	Hearing Tester at School
Mon, 18 May	Funraising Meeting, 3.15pm in the staffroom

accelerate student achievement and meet the diverse needs of our learners.

Our change team consists of myself, teaching staff, board members and parents.

Whaea Robyn's job is to support our kura to inquire into our own capability in five areas of school or kura operations: cultural and linguistic inclusiveness and responsiveness; powerful connections with parents, family and whānau based on learning; instructional; organisational; and evaluative capability.

*Kia pai to koutou wiki*

*Leanne Apiti*

*Tumuaki-Principal*

Experiences outside the classroom are also important learning opportunities for our tamariki. Last week some were entertained and educated by Indian hoop dancer, Bernard Mangakahi—every hoop represents a challenge, have courage and believe in yourself. This week, members of the ngahau kapa haka group were privileged to watch the Tainui Kapa Haka Festival in Hamilton and managed to perform on stage to tautoko Otorohanga College.



Photo: Maori Television

## Duffy Books in Homes



*Congratulations to the following CAUGHT BEING GOOD students (all receive a free Duffy Book)*

*Te Kowhatu—Kaha ia ki te tiaki i nga poro o te kura*

*Mihi Turner - excellent presentation of ANZAC Biscuit Recipe!*

*Raymond Turner—showing good leadership and following instructions/recipe to produce amazing Anzac bikkies*

*Tyson Stafford—Achieving Human Calculator on Athletics!*

*Aotea Taylor and Taniora—excellent effort in maths!*

*Hikaia—tino kaha tona mahi pangarau!*

*Our sponsors who are putting more books into your homes:*

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Q: What happens if you eat yeast and shoe polish?

A: Every morning you'll rise and shine!

Q: Why can't you give Elsa a balloon? A: Because she will Let it go.

### Kawhia Foreshore—Seawall Construction

Over the next month or so, work on a new seawall situated in front of the playground on Jervois Street will be carried out.

This area has been fenced off for safety reasons. Can parents/caregivers please remind children to remain away from this area at all times.

Thank you for your co-operation. Kawhia Motors Ltd, Ross Dockery