



Mokoia Intermediate

Matua Rawiri's Shout Out



Tena Koutou Parents and Caregivers

We have been made aware of some significant concerns within our community. These suggest that there are some issues around academic development at Mokoia Intermediate. While I understand that some parents have voiced these concerns, I am keen to develop a positive pathway forward for all our akonga. It would be wrong of me to ignore parents' concerns and so I would like to initiate feedback from our community. We believe that Mokoia offers a strong, holistic educational environment for our students focussing on all of their needs. It seems to me that some of our parents do not hold this view and I welcome their input to identify how we can address their concerns.

We are strongly focusing on academic excellence and this has been a major topic of discussion within our staff, board and the wider Kahui Ako through 2019. We have several initiatives underway to ensure we continue to develop the strongest academic outcomes. These include developing clear coherent educational pathways from Primary to Intermediate to Secondary and beyond. We have in place the accelerant Maths programme to support our most academically able students; we have worked with our staff to develop differentiated learning programmes that focus on ensuring our academically able students are fully engaged. In 2020 we are looking to instigate extension programmes across all learning areas.

We believe that working closely with our feeder schools and Lakes High is crucial in developing robust and challenging educational pathways for all students. In discussions with Lakes High's principal we continually

reflect on academic pathways and ensure that our students are provided with every opportunity to excel. In a recent conversation I was having with Jon Ward he was telling me about the 29 scholarships that his students received in 2018, all competitive and some worth as much as \$30,000. I am proud to say that many of those receiving these scholarships were ex-Mokoia students.

While those discussing these concerns in our community may be well meaning, trying, in their view to develop improved outcomes for our students, unless they engage with us as a school to korero about these concerns we have little way of addressing them. I am happy to discuss any matter with our parents and wish to ensure that the Eastside has a strong academic pathway for all our students.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Arohanui

Matua Rawiri and the Mokoia 'A' Team

We are Limitless! We are Passionate! We are Mokoia No.1

Key dates for Term 4

- Tuesday and Thursdays this term - Rotovegas Boxing Leadership programme Session 1 - 10.00am-11.00am; Session 2 - 11.00-12.00pm. Timetable and learning objectives below.
- Monday 28 October - Labour Day.
- Sunday 3 November - Ride the Runway
- Wednesday 6 November 5-7pm, preparation evening for the family Food and Fun Fair, School Staffroom
- Thursday 7 November - Family Food and Fun Fair, 5.30-7.30pm
- Friday 8 November - School Athletics Day
- Monday 11 November - Friday 29 November - Client schools in for Technology
- Friday 15 November - Have A Go Sailing programme
- Tuesday 19 November - CBOP Interschool Athletics
- Wednesday 20 November - RBHS and RGHS orientation days
- Tuesday 26 November 5.30pm - Ahurei
- Wednesday 27 November 11am - School Production matinee
- Thursday 28 November 11am - Production matinee; 6pm Production evening performance
- Monday 2 December - Wednesday 4 December - Alternative education days
- Wednesday 4 December - Fill the Bus
- Thursday 5 December - School Picnic
- Friday 6 December 5.30pm - NZEI Teacher Graduation ceremony
- Tuesday 10 December - School Prom
- Wednesday 11 December 1.30pm - Final Assembly rehearsal and 100% attendance awards
- Thursday 12 December 10am - School Prizegiving
- Friday 13 December teacher only day; end of Term 4.

Want to see our full school calendar? Follow this link: <http://bit.ly/MokCal>

Help Please! Food and Fun Fair

Brent Road, Rotorua, NEW ZEALAND Phone: 07 3459071 Email: office@mokoia.school.nz

👉 **Cake and sweet stall** - We need as many families to contribute as possible. A recipe list went home this week and is still available in our facebook group.

Quick Fire Bucket Raffle - We need donations of cans, packet food, health and beauty items, small toys, to fill our buckets for the quick-fire raffles. This is a successful activity at our Food and Fun Fair.

Helpers to run the food stalls needed - Please contact **Tania on 0273459024**, or fill in the roster at this link: <http://bit.ly/Mokoia roster>

Celebrations

👉 Cover photo - Clarence High School Band performing for our students last Friday afternoon.

We presented certificates to those students who achieved in the University of Canterbury, Kiwi Competitions. These competitions, were offered to students who wished to sit them at the start of Term 3:

Mathematics

Achieved - Emma Ramage, Sofia Holster-Haidzir

Science

Achieved - Nathan Graham, Sofia Holster-Haidzir, Finn Knight, Siwan Lloyd-Jones, Dean Richardson, Eirwen Robinson, Charlotte Rose,

English

Achieved - Nathan Graham, Sofia Holster-Haidzir, Francesca Marr, Eirwen Robinson, Charlotte Rose
Merit - Siwan Lloyd-Jones, Robert Rewi, Dean Richardson

Spelling

Achieved - Attiya Alderton, Motiana Alefosio-Tuck, Nico Dunn, Francesca Marr, Eirwen Robinson
Merit - Joshua Belt, Dean Richardson

More information about these competitions can be found at
<https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam/kiwi-competitions/>

👉 We presented certificates to those students who achieved in the ICAS Assessments (Australian curriculum). These competitions were offered to students who wished to sit them:

Digital Technologies

Principal's Award (Merit) - Joshua Belt, Dean Richardson

Science

Credit - Fergus Compton
Merit - Siwan Lloyd-Jones, Shai Dyson, Olivia Garood

Spelling Bee

Principal's Award (Credit) - Joshua Belt
Merit - Robert Rewi

👍 Congratulations to the students who have stepped up to be part of the Ahurei team. Last year we decided that the group who performed at the Ahurei (local primary and intermediate school kapa haka performance) would be students who are not in rumaki. We want students in our mainstream classes to be able to access the opportunity to perform in kapa haka too, and our numbers usually mean that many miss out.

Well done to staff and students going the extra mile for our production. There is no production rehearsal this weekend.

Thank you so much to people in our school community and wider Rotorua, who are stepping up to support our food and Fun Fair. We will ensure that you get recognition. New World has donated vegetables for the hangi (thank you Sharon Dyson) and the Mad Butcher, Te Ngae,

The students were introduced to our local Community Constable, Viv Sutton this week. She came with Whaea Ness (left) from iSPORT. As part of the iSPORT Pass It Forward programme, we received a generous donation of sports gear.

Well done to the twelve students who listened to notices and attended the initial meeting for the BOP Lit Quiz. We are entering three teams on November 13th.

👍 For more go to our Facebook group page, Mokoia intermediate 2019 - <http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

Merit Awards

K1	Nakita Salter-Holmes - you approach everything with a positive attitude and are willing to persevere through any challenges you face. You are doing a fantastic job of balancing your classwork and extra commitments. Keep it up!
Rūmaki	Whetū Paul - Kua eke rāno koe i tēnei o ngā wiki! Mihi atu!
K3	Ella Thompson - You have had a great start to the term. Be proud of your achievements this week and keep up the good work! You will reach your goals before the end of the term with the positive attitude you've got this term! Well done Ella!
K4	Holly Andrews - for your organisation towards preparing your group for the Food and Fun Fair. You have taken the initiative to discuss this with Mrs Stewart and keeping me informed of your plans.
P1	Eliqua Te Rupe - Well done for settling back into class life. You are working well with your peers, engaged in your mahi and making some beautiful harakeke flowers for Family Food Fun Fair.
P2	Isaac Sullings - You have had a positive beginning to term 4, and have become a very much valued member of the P2 whanau. Your confidence has developed, as has your empathetic approach to your classmates. Koia kei a koe!
P3	Ezra Richards - For your wonderful listening skills in class. You have a unique sense of humour and have worked hard with your creative writing. You have also made excellent progress with your reading. Way to go Ezra!

W1	Clarissa Rihari - You consistently have a wonderfully positive attitude, no task is too big or too small. You are always the first to help out and constantly on task with your work. Thank you for being such a cheerful and positive part of W1.
W2	Jackie McCarthy - you are very focused on set task and complete your mahi at a high standard. Awesome effort with Maths Whizz. Keep up the positive attitude towards your learning. Ka rawe e hine.
W3	Angus Crimp - For being an absolutely awesome leader in morning hui. You are a humble and supportive student who will thrive in year 8. Ka Pai Tama.
W4	Riley Muggleton - You have shown great leadership and respect to your classmates and adults around the school in the way you have approached your self directed group project for Family Food Fun Fair.
Multi	Isaac Field (K1) - You are an organised worker who makes your ideas come to life. Great mahi this week at Tech. Tino pai e hoa ma.
Music	Poppy Croucher (P3) - Your enthusiasm and dedication to devising your busking performance has been excellent! I can't wait to see your final performance.
Biotech	Olly Garrod (P3) - For showing a high level of enthusiasm, interest and initiative in biotech. You always have positivity plus and ask excellent questions to help further your own understanding. He whetu koe!

Our School Values

Kia kaha, Kia māia, Kia manawanui!
Be strong, be brave, be steadfast.



Value	Student Name
Komaitanga	
Whakaiti	
Upoko Pakaru	Clarissa Rihari, Te Hingawaka Shipgood, James Walker