



Mokoia Intermediate

Matua Rawiri's Shout Out



Tena Koutou Parents and Caregivers

We have had a hugely positive year. We emphasize development in the key competencies: thinking skills, relating with others, understanding symbols and text, managing self and participating and contributing.

OECD research tells us not to educate our children as their parents and grandparents were educated, but to expose them to “wicked problems”, create entrepreneurs and celebrate and develop a range of talents, which is important in our diverse school community. We are very proud that our student learning is rather based on localised and contextualised hands on learning, a successful move away from a dependence on textbooks, worksheets and exercise books. Because we are an intermediate, there is a greater emphasis on specialist technology subjects. We also ensure that our students have a lot of opportunities to do sport and physical education as they enter the years of pubertal change.

We cater for talents in a number of ways. We try to group students with curriculum strengths or weaknesses so that we can focus teaching to their specific needs. This year we ran an extension maths alongside normal maths programmes. Our science and biotechnology programme instigated this year, is well loved by students. Our makerspace development ensures we are looking at student creativity and skill in digital technologies. In addition, we have allowed the whole school to experience the New Zealand Opera, the Science Roadshow, a Centre Stage production and music items the Clarence High School's

orchestra. We have a school production this term to cater for gifted and talented students in the performing arts.

We have extended the multiple talents of our students in a large number of competitions:

- The Mokoia Intermediate EPro8 team, "Mokoia Master Minds", took out second place equal, at the grand final of the competition. There were 16 heats and 4 semifinals, so they did extremely well. They were the only Rotorua school in the finals, and they showed their strength against all the Waikato and Bay of Plenty year 7 and 8 teams.
- The six placegetters in our school science and technology fair entered their investigations in the Bay of Plenty NIWA Science and Technology Fair. One student came away with a highly commended prize and the Don Raynor Memorial Award for Judges' Choice; and another won the Statistics NZ Award for Statistical Data. Both won substantial monetary prizes as well.
- This was the first year we had entered the local interschool spelling bee, since its inception. One of our two teams came second.
- Our band performed at the annual Bandquest competition and one member took the prize for best bass guitarist.
- A team entered the aquabot competition, and while they came fifth, they competed against a full range of schools, including high schools.
- Our students performed at ShowQuest at Bayfair in Tauranga. The other teams, all secondary, took out the prizes but our people shone as sole representatives of Rotorua.
- Twelve students went to the Chinese Speech Competition, where a large number of students competed. One of our students was second equal in Year 7, and another third in year 8. This competition drew contestants from the wider Waikato and Bay of Plenty area.
- Three students competed at the Samoan Speech contest, and were placegetters.
- Our students competed at the recent Rotorua Year 7 and 8 Speech Competition, and were placed first and third place.
- Three students have competed at the Chess Nationals in Christchurch. One of these students took first place in a local regional competition.
- Twelve students are entered into the Bay of Plenty Lit Quiz in Tauranga in November.
- We entered four teams in Rotomaths this year.
- A number of students entered ICAS (international) and Kiwi (University of Canterbury) competitions and achieved with merit, credit or distinction.

We have achieved a large number of sports accolades:

- A competitor competed in the Halberg Games in Auckland - 1st in discus, 1st in 100m sprint, and rowed 3.8km. His team won the Best Region Cup
- Intermediate Water Polo Champions
- BOP Hockey Reps - U13 Bay of Plenty Rep players who competed at the boys National Hatch tournament in Palmerston North and the girls Collier tournament in Wellington during the holidays
- Both teams placed 7th in NZ. One student was awarded Most Valuable Player. A third student played in the U13 Development Team at a tournament in Rotorua
- Tai Mitchell and Roller Mills Reps
- Boxing Leadership Programme
- Intermediate Cricket Champions
- Club Rugby - Mokoia boys, who played in the rugby festival in Queenstown. The team representing Ngā pōtiki ō te Rotoiti (Rotoiti JAB), went through the tournament unbeaten, they won the final against Auckland Grammar
- BMX Aims Games - A silver medal in the time trial and bronze in the racing

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- A Blake New Zealand Emerging Leaders Award - only 12 are awarded this across New Zealand to young people who show leadership potential
- 6-a-side hockey team won the BOP/Poverty Bay tournament
- Ten Pin Bowling - 1st equal top score of 121
- Rock Climbing - 3rd in the male year 8 division.
- Rotorua Junior Top Chef
- Rotorua Mini Marathon - 1st year 8 boy and girl
- Aims Hockey Team - 9th overall out of 56
- Aims Rugby Boys - 20th overall out of 56
- Aims Netball Team - 38th overall out of 125
- Netball - 1st place championship B grade Komaitanga
- Netball - 1st place banner round Mana (our Aims team)

Our students have the option of learning using Te Marautanga o Aotearoa, Whanaketanga and Te Reo Matatini, in the rumaki unit. Students are encouraged to reach heights in manu korero and kapa haka, as well as academically.

We have a powerful charter, strategic and annual plan developed, changed and forward focussed from 2018 through to 2019. Our leadership team with new principal, Rawiri Wihapi, knew that building relationships (whakawhanaungatanga) and a culture of wellbeing and feeling safe was the first mandate from our Board and school community. Next was to engage powerful learning contexts. We are proud that we are on target, engaging with our community with tools like Facebook and Seesaw and immersing our students in a large range of opportunities to learn.

Our staff participate in a programme of continuous improvement in the Learning Progression Framework. This means focussed professional development for our teachers in Reading, Writing and Mathematics across the curriculum. We began this year with Mathematics.

We are pleased that our student survey (NZCER) from the beginning of this year highlighted happy students who liked their teachers and who felt that their teachers cared for them. We can also report that we have a huge reduction in behaviour issues across the school, because our students are engaged.

We believe in our Community of Learning which includes our five eastern suburb schools. We are working together to ensure that there is a coherent pathway of learning for a student from Year 0 to Year 13.

Mokoia Intermediate is growing a strong culture where we nurture, engage and promote the learning in a large number of areas for a diverse range of students from very different learning communities. Our vision statement is "The needs of akonga are at the heart of all that we do at Mokoia Intermediate School."

We are proudly Mokoia Intermediate.

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.
- 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 - Aquatic Pools
- 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 - end of Term 4. Early finish at 12.30pm
- Friday 13 December - Teachers Only Day

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

Help Please! Food and Fun Fair

👉 **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/Mokoiaroster>

Mokola Intermediate School
Family Food Fun Fair
Thursday 7th November 2018

**Hangi Ticket
Pre-sales**

\$10

Purchase from the
school office

Ready for pick up 5.30pm on the night
6.30pm

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Celebrations

👍 Cover photo - Whaea Arihi working through their algebra work on variables with a group of students in K4.

Excellent work from Sofia Holster-Haidzir and her teacher, Glen Law. Sofia Holster-Haidzir has had her piece of writing (about traveling in Malaysia) accepted for publication in "Toitoti - a Journal for Young Writers and Artists". Mokoia Intermediate will receive a copy of the journal in Jan 2020 - once she has moved on to High School. Her mother, Dianna writes that Sofia thinks Mr Law is a great writing teacher. "In my opinion it's an example of achievement of yet another Mokoia Intermediate student."

Whaea Shannon has also had a student's work published in the latest issue of Toitoti. She sent in Theo Bennett's work last term. Well done to our teachers for facilitating great writing programmes!

Whaea Lisa and a group of students took part in a seven Sharp filming session yesterday: "A fantastic day collaborating with some of our much loved fellow schools - Lynmore, Rotokawa, Kaharoa, Te Rangihakahaka and our ECE learning centres. Our shared Te Arawa Lakes trust Catfish kaupapa was showcased today to Seven Sharp. TVNZ reporter Tamati Rimene-Sproat took a special interest in how our connection to our local environment extended beyond our classroom and was not treated as a simple 'outing'. We take our responsibility seriously, by identifying all species, and recording our data for statistical analysis. The histories of the species are important, as introduced fish have impacted our lakes ecology, in turn impacting our economy. We were also lucky enough to be given a lesson on how a news item was constructed, and a special invitation by Tamati for a behind the scenes tour of TVNZ. Hopefully we can take him up on that offer. A great learning day for all of our students."

Excellent to see the work in the science rotation in Kaituna: "Whaea Arihi today observing chemical reactions when bicarbonate of soda is mixed with sugar when heated. The reaction is called thermal decomposition which means that the heat of the solution breaks the chemical bonds within the chemical compound. The bubbles from the carbon dioxide in the reaction caused the honeycomb mixture to rise. Whaea Jess had K4 where they observed the change of state of cream from a liquid to a solid and Miss French facilitated budding NASA scientists to explore gravity and trajectory."

Well done to rumaki and technology teachers working together to create items for the Food and Fun Fair. Similarly to our mainstream classes who are preparing for next week.

Thursday cricket has begun. "This afternoon was the first game of our short 5-week competition, the Geyser Challenge Cup. There was a huge amount of fun, laughs and encouragement on and off the field, as well as great inclusion shown. We had a few last minute pull-outs so were very grateful to Ian and Deontray for jumping in there to save our bacon! I hope they are keen to come back next week. Mokoia Limitless played Kaharoa and came away with a win by 29 runs. Top batting partnership there was Logan and Ian - great calls and running between the wickets too! Mokoia Passionate (with only 5 players) played JPC and also had a win - by 9 runs!! Top batting partnership from Isaac and Blake with 58 runs of 4 overs!! A big thank you to Whaea Codie and Mrs McMurdo for coming to help us. Can't wait for next week!"

👍 Happy Diwali to all of our Hindu students and their families. Avish Nair shared some of his culture with P1. He gave a brief explanation about the Diwali celebration. He brought a tray of sweets to share with his

classmates. W3 worked on Rangoli designs and an inquiry into Diwali in preparation for the assembly they are in charge of this week.

👍 To all our amazing staff for the great learning we are seeing around the school, reflected on Seesaw and our Facebook pages.

To our very supportive Board of Trustees.

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

Merit Awards

K1	Mason Sutherland - for being a proactive and engaged participant in this week's science lesson! Well done!
Rūmaki	Tio Waahu Houkamou-Te Pou - Nei anō ko koe me te ngākau hīkaka, pōnānā koia ko koe
K3	Liam Fraser - You have continued to work hard this term and have been putting 100% effort into your work. You deserve the results that you are gaining in recent assessments and you should be proud of your achievements. Keep up the good work!
K4	Chase Christie - for making an excellent start toward your comic. I enjoyed your character description so I look forward to the finished product when it is published and you are ready to share it with others.
P1	Dylan Guptill - for your resilience and perseverance to understand how fractions work, to a point where you are a tuakana to a classmate. Ka mau te wehi!
P2	Jayjay Paul - you were a great ambassador for Mokoia, and represented our school with style. Your gentle manner and focus on the task at hand is evident both inside and outside of the classroom. True leaders empower others to lead. Ka mau te wehi!
P3	Harlyn Reardon - for the way you have made a positive effort to settle into a new school. You are now joining in with our exciting activities. Welcome to P3 and Mokoia!
P4	Rhys Gillions - I am impressed with the effort and results you have achieved while working with fractions. You have shown real upoko pakaru with your determination to succeed.
W1	Seth Larsen - You have stepped up and bought your A game. You are motivated, on task and really showing how mature you are becoming. From reading novels to persevering with your math you have blown me away. Keep being awesome and showing your school values.
W2	Deontray Courtney - For your enthusiasm and leadership during kapa haka. I enjoy your sense of humor and your kindness towards others. Nga Mihinui kia koe!
W3	Lani Grace - For your enthusiasm and perseverance when tackling Inquiry tasks and problem solving equations in math. These are valuable qualities for independent learning,

	and you are an amazing young lady. Keep being you!
W4	Brooke Weir - For excellent effort in the classroom. You have demonstrated a positive approach to learning, ensuring you are using what you know to improve and further develop your skills as you solve make decisions solve problems while creating a product for Family Food Fun Fair. Ka mau te wehi!
Multi	Ben Green (Rumaki) - Perseverance and resilience shown throughout the creation of his "teck-deck" at Mixed Materials. Tino pai e hoa ma.
Music	Dante Andrews (Rumaki) - For your epic drumming skills and awesome focus during our Hangarau. Ka mahi!
Biotech	Savannah Warren (Rumaki) - You displayed a quiet confidence, great design ideas and fantastic work ethic while collaborating with your partner. I loved how much pride and effort you showed in your packaging too. Ka rawe!

Our School Values

*Haere taka mua, taka muri; kua e whai.
Be a leader not a follower.*



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