



Mokoia Intermediate

Matua Rawiri's Shout Out



Tena Koutou Parents and Caregivers

The end of year analysis of student progress was presented to the Board of Trustees on Monday.

In Reading -

82% of all students made sufficient* or accelerated** progress in Reading.

52% of all students made more than 1 year's progress in Reading.

50% of all Māori students made more than 1 year's progress in Reading.

65% of our below and well below students, made more than 1 year's progress in Reading.

In Writing -

80% of all students made sufficient or accelerated progress in Writing.

50% of all students made more than 1 year's progress in Writing.

47% of all Māori students made more than 1 year's progress in Writing.

62% of our below and well below students, made more than 1 year's progress in Writing.

In Mathematics -

78% of all students made sufficient or accelerated progress in Mathematics.

49% of all students made more than 1 year's progress in Mathematics.

56% of all Māori students made more than 1 year's progress in Mathematics.

58% of our below and well below students, made more than 1 year's progress in Mathematics.

**Sufficient - one year's expected progress*

***Accelerated - over and above expected progress.*

All schools set targets. While some schools are happy with 80% progress in literacy and numeracy, we set the benchmark higher. Our aspirational target for 2019 was:

“All students below and well below the expected curriculum level will make more than 1 year's progress in Literacy and Numeracy.”

We knew this was difficult to achieve. We have children with severe learning difficulties, or social and emotional issues that take precedence over academic learning.

There is a saying: “No child is unteachable; we just haven't found the way to teach them yet.”

We can do better. We are happy to announce that we have won funding to allow three teachers (two in Literacy, one in Mathematics) to inquire into focussed methods to help raise achievement for our struggling students.

Our extension Mathematics classes and Passion Pathways will continue to extend achievement for more able students.

2020 brings this challenge. We are well prepared to meet it.

“The needs of ākongā are at the heart of all that we do at Mokoia Intermediate.”

Arohanui

Matua Rawiri and the Mokoia 'A' Team

We are Limitless! We are Passionate! We are Mokoia!

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 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>

Reminders

- Alternative education runs from Monday to Wednesday next week.
- Have you paid for your school leased laptop? A reminder that this fee is overdue.

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- A reminder to year 8 whānau to return the dental notice as soon as possible so their student continues to receive free dental treatment in Year 9. See our school office if you need another sheet.
- Noel Leeming as an education partner, has put together information and deals on devices for next year. Our office has copies of these flyers for you to collect.
- Students who use the RLHS charter bus need to be aware that the last day for this service in 2019 will be Friday 6 December 2019. It will recommence on Wednesday 29 January 2020.

Passion Pathways

This message has gone out on Seesaw for students attending Mokoia in 2020:

What are your passion subjects for 2020?

We want to get a head start on putting together our 'Passion Pathways' for Term 1 2020, timetabled for a block each on Thursday and Friday.

'Passion Pathways' are intended to meet the needs of the particular strengths or passions of all our students.

You are expected to follow two different pathways a term; you may decide to stay in a 'Passion Pathway' for the whole year, or change each term. Students in these groups will be encouraged to enter any relevant competitions pertinent to the area e.g. Mathematics - ICAS, Rotomaths.

Type in this link: <http://bit.ly/passionpaths>

Parent Survey

Now it's the turn for parents and whanau to express your thoughts. Please spend some time completing our survey. Every return goes into a draw for a gift voucher.

Type in this link: <http://bit.ly/Mokoiawhanau2019>

Food & Fun Fair earnings - Top Class

We can finally tell you which classes earned the most through their student activities at the Food and Fun Fair.

1st place - P3 - \$560

2nd place - K4 - \$514

3rd place - P2 - \$343

The top class will be rewarded with a pizza lunch from the Home and School committee.

In total the student activities earned \$2819 for the school. This is a fantastic effort for two hours earning time!

School Prom

We are holding our school prom on **Tuesday 10 December**, in the school hall. 6:30pm-9.30pm

- Students need to be collected between 9:15pm and 9:30pm.
- Tickets cost \$5. Permission slips need to be filled in and brought back to the office with your money.
- There are NO door sales. You need to pay for your ticket by **Tuesday 10 December, 3pm**.
- Semi-formal/formal dress - tidy dresses, trousers and shirts.
- Each student brings a small plate of supper food to share.



The prom is always regarded as the formal leavers' event and students practise prom dancing in the weeks leading up to the evening.

Mokoia students **only**. Permission slip needed. Tickets on sale **from Friday**.

Parents and caregivers only to collect students from the hall. Please be prompt!

Fill the Bus!

We have alternative education programmes next week so this is an URGENT request for cans for the Salvation Army.

<https://www.thehits.co.nz/whats-on/rotorua/fill-the-bus-for-the-rotorua-salvation-army/>

The bus will be at Mokoia Intermediate on Wednesday 4 December.



Celebrations

👍 Cover photo - Matua Rawiri and helpers preparing the sausage sizzle for our Year 6 visitors at the Whakawhanaungatanga day at Mokoia intermediate yesterday.

👍 Great results from our student survey: Tony Pope, Rawiri's appraiser said: "A comprehensive survey completed by 85% of Mokoia students has shown that a strong majority feel safe, cared for, valued and supported in their learning. (It must be noted that this is one of the highest survey response rate of any

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school that I have worked with over the past five years).” Tony’s summary of the results are at the end of the newsletter.

👍 We had an amazing Whakawhanaungatanga day on Wednesday, organised by Mrs Jones. Students from year 6 across our cluster and other rotorua schools, met their new 2020 teachers. We had 179 students attend, year 7's enrolled for next year. The most Year 7 intake in 2 years. They enjoyed performances from our band, auraki ahurei group and a performance of “The Princess Pirate.” We heard a lot of positive and excited comments from the students when it was time to go back to their own schools.

Congratulations to Mr Law and the cast and crew of “The Princess Pirate.” The actors’ have an amazing sense of comic timing and skill; the sets are out of this world (thanks again Whaea Marianne) and the costumes are great. Thanks to staff who helped with makeup and organisation.

Congratulations Mokoia Passionate for taking out the Geyser Challenge Cup. It was a tight final of Mokoia Vs Mokoia but all the students played their hardest and showed great team spirit, pointing out that it didn’t matter who won, because Mokoia won on the day.

Thanks to Mrs Leanne Stewart for all your amazing organisation of the games and Geyser Cricket Club for hosting the competition. It’s been such a great opportunity for both current and new plays to play cricket. We certainly have some budding talent.

Thank you to Miss Robinson and Matua Rawiri for driving players to and from the games each week.

Thank you to Central Cricket Club for supplying your players to help with scoring, umpiring and helping the new players. Your support is much appreciated.

Thank you to all the parents who came along and supported our players each week. It is so neat to have you all on the sideline cheering our kids on.

And finally thank you to all the Mokoia students who got out there and gave it a go. It was wonderful to watch you supporting and encouraging each other, as well as having fun!

Ahurei 2019 - From Whaea Liana: “One of the biggest rewards of teaching is seeing tamariki try something for the first time, giving it 100%, enjoying the moment and having fun. Congratulations to an awesome group of kids who were committed and motivated, who can sing and haka with passion. Be proud of yourselves because you did it and you are awesome! Thanks Ian Crimp and Tawa Ashby for your leadership on and off the stage. You are so neat!

Thank you Whaea Marianne, Whaea Tarnz, Matua Taimona, Matua Rhys and Matua Hori for your tautoko.”

Kaiako from RLHS and Mokoia Intermediate joined other Rotorua digital leaders at a digital technologies hui held by the team at Kia Takatū ā Matihiko. <http://www.kiatakatu.ac.nz/>

Great opportunity to network! A code club for students from both of our schools was mooted.

Our Kohiko Mai programme students presented to Helen Hingston Year 9 dean and Jon Ward, principal of Rotorua Lakes High, this morning. The programme is driven by the Ministry of Education and is a research study to gather ideas about ensuring that student voice is gathered about ensuring success at school. This initiative will help the transition from intermediate to high school.

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

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Merit Awards

K1	Hayden Martin - For consistently working hard in class and being considerate of those around you. You are kind, thoughtful and helpful. K1 appreciates you.
Rūmaki	Cameron Kingi-Wilson - Mō ngā mahinga kua tūtuki i a koe ki runga i te whārangi kūkara.
K4	Holly Andrews - For persevering to solve the area of a rectangle and circle. You were able to respond to feedback and use your squares of numbers and halving knowledge to solve the problem. Tino pai
P2	Allye Paringatai - For your consistent willingness to present the Puarenga weekly whakatauki every morning without being asked. You have proven to be a very brave and resilient young man. <i>Tūwhitia te hopo, mairangatia te angitū!</i>
P3	Amaro Gonzales Diaz - For the amazing talent, enthusiasm, pride and mana you displayed when performing with the Ahurei group. We are super proud of you!
W1	Gabriel Wright - For staying focused and achieving well during a time of routine disruption. You constantly show Upoko Pakuru. Thank you.
W2	Yulia Corson - You are a real treasure to have in W1. I really appreciate how you quietly work away to complete your tasks to a high standard. Your confidence has grown, and I want you to know I see you. Keep it up Yulia!
W3	Mere Ngatai - For giving everything ago and for being focused on your own learning. Your confidence to engage with others has certainly grown. Kia Kaha e hine!
W4	Caitlin Palmer - For brightening up our room with your gorgeous smile every day and for your calm and focused approach to all tasks. You consistently demonstrate Te Tihi o Mana.

Our School Values

He waka eke noa

A canoe which we are all in with no exception

We are all in this together. An example of when this can be used perhaps with all of our staff when we talk about our school vision. We work together with the aim that “The needs of our ākonga are at the heart of all that we do at Mokoia Intermediate.”



These children receive values bands for outstanding and ongoing displays of our school values:

Value	Student Name
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Komāitanga	Liddy Zuidmeer W1 Jasmine Hulton - W4 Josh Avery - W4 Isaac Field - K1
Whakaiti	Kaiya Greenfield Kade Slade - K1 Keagan Baddiley - K1 Hayden Martin - K1 Kobe Smith - K1 Jaz McMillan - K1
Ūpoko Pakaru	Luca Batenburg P2

MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL STUDENT SURVEY

Here are the results of our student survey. There are some great affirmations; there are also some things for us to work on.

Date of Survey: November 2019

Respondents: 266 out of 312 students (85% response rate)

Section One:

266 Respondents.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am happy at school.	15%	60%	21%	4%
I feel safe at my school.	14%	55%	28%	4%
I have friends.	61%	35%	2%	2%
The teachers care for me.	25%	59%	13%	4%
My principal cares for me.	19%	57%	21%	3%
If I had a major problem, there is an adult at school I could go to for help.	26%	51%	18%	4%
The teachers care about my learning.	33%	56%	9%	2%
My principal cares about my learning.	21%	57%	19%	3%
The teachers encourage me to do well.	38%	51%	10%	1%
My principal encourages me to do well.	25%	55%	17%	3%
I enjoy the learning in my class.	23%	47%	24%	6%
School is interesting.	13%	50%	28%	8%

My school is a good place to be.	14%	58%	23%	6%
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My classwork is just right most of the time	74.8%
My classwork is too hard most of the time.	10.5%
My classwork is too easy most of the time	14.7%

Section Two

WHAT ARE THE GOOD THINGS ABOUT MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL?

Top 4 results

Friends (81)
Teachers (65)
Sport (44)
Learning opportunities (26)
Affirming comments:
<i>The good things about my school are that you have lots of opportunity, you learn new things and the teachers get you ready for high school.</i>
<i>The good things in the school are that there are lots of friendly people and students in the school, the exciting things happening and more.</i>
<i>That we are safe here, my friends are awesome, there is good sport here.</i>
<i>School sport, my friends and the encouragement by the principal.</i>
<i>The teachers care about me and I can always go to them if I am sad or need help.</i>
<i>Go there and find out.</i>
<i>It's all good and I'm happy.</i>
<i>The amazing values they help me reach my goals.</i>
<i>The teachers actually care about us.</i>
<i>Having a lot of friends that care and knowing I'm safe.</i>
<i>I have a teacher that cares a lot about me and my Friends at school are very nice to me most of the time.</i>
<i>That I have a lot of great friends in my class. I love my teacher because she is so lovely and supports me a lot with my work. I also think that this school is fun because of the tech classes.</i>
<i>If you need help or having trouble, you can go to someone for help or something! Another thing is that the teachers care about you and for your learning! They make sure your in a good place and they make sure your happy and possibly safe!</i>
<i>The teachers are protective there are always duty teachers on field to watch over us.</i>
<i>The teachers are a great influence and that we have a big field.</i>
<i>At the start of the year, it was cool how at the drop off at the end of the week the principal would give us hi-fives and ask us about our weeks, my parents loved to see this.</i>

Section Three

HOW COULD WE IMPROVE MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL?

Number of Student Comments 5 and Above

ADMINISTRATION
Assemblies - make them shorter (7)
Longer lunch and morning tea breaks (5)
Learning time - more of it (9)
Sports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• More of it (13)
Tech time <ul style="list-style-type: none">• more of it (6)
RESOURCES
Adventure Playground upgrade (10)
Canteen (7)
Gym (18)
Swimming pool (15)
WELLBEING
Bullying <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Less of it (5)