



Board of Trustees Newsletter

Mokoia Intermediate

Board Chair's Shout Out

Tena koutou katoa,

The Board of Trustees would like to welcome all students and whanau to Mokoia Intermediate for the 2020 year.

Board of Trustees

Board Chairman: Mr Bruce Davidson

I have been self employed for the last 20 years. My wife Chris and I have five children. We currently have one child in Year 8 at Mokoia Intermediate our three older children previously attended Mokoia Intermediate and have now moved onto Lakes High School. Our youngest is in year 4 at Otonga Road Primary and will be attending Mokoia in 2023. Since being elected last year, we have attended seminars put on by the Ministry of Education and New Zealand School Trustees Association, upskilling ourselves in the role of governance, so that we can effectively lead the school into the future. As board chairman I work closely with the senior leadership team and board members to ensure the school continues to grow so that the students can reach their full potential.



Trustee: Dr Aaron Randell

I have a daughter currently in Year 8 at Mokoia and another daughter in Year 6 at Lynmore, who will be attending Mokoia next year. I therefore have a vested interest in the long term success of our school and am very much enjoying the opportunity to contribute to the continued development of Mokoia.

I am the CEO at QE Health, and as part of a large staff of approximately 70 employees, I understand the importance of teamwork in a multi-disciplinary environment and ensuring everyone is working towards a common goal.



I appreciate the opportunity I have been given to bring my skills and learnings to Mokoia. We have a strong and cohesive group of dedicated parents on the Board and I look forward to doing my part to ensure the students, staff and the school continue to grow and develop to their full potential.

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Trustee:

Mr Chad Hoggard

Chad was elected as a Trustee of Mokoia Intermediate in 2019. Along with his wife Heidi he has 2 children, Ethan who is now in Year 10 at Rotorua Lakes High School after attending Mokoia for 2 years and Lachie who is currently in Year 8 at Mokoia.

Chad has a background in Finance and Accounting and comes from a Farming background, he is currently employed by Rabobank in Rotorua as an Agribusiness Manager where he manages a portfolio of the banks farming customers. Chad sits on the finance subcommittee for Mokoia which is well suited to his background and expertise.



An active member of the local community Chad has and remains involved with various junior sports clubs where he has had involvement as a coach and also in committee roles.

Trustee:

Mrs Tania Gillions

My name is Tania Gillions and I am married with 3 children. My son is in Year 9 at Lakes High after 2 years at Mokoia and my daughter is Year 7 at Mokoia. My eldest son (a former Mokoia student) is now studying for an Honours degree at Waikato University.

Originally from the South Island, growing up in Timaru then travelling around the country with my husband's work, our family settled in Rotorua 13 years ago. We enjoy Rotorua's relaxed lifestyle and great people; it's a truly special place. I work at the Rotorua Hospital in the orthopedic department and have previously worked in the aged care industry. We also have a family owned business, Nitro Technology, for which I am a Company Director. I've been an active member of the school community and am currently a member of the Mokoia Home and School committee. I've previously been involved with the Lynmore School PTA and Lynmore Playcentre committee. I've enjoyed helping out with the Mokoia Intermediate Food and Fun Fair and the quiz night and have invested significant amounts of time, along with the committee, to ensure the success of these events. I would like to help the school grow and develop. I'd like to see the school build on its current successes and look forward to the great opportunities that present themselves in the future. I believe in a positive and progressive school board which aims to support staff and students to achieve their true potential.



Trustee:

Mr Nick Davies

I've lived and breathed Rotorua for over 12 years since moving here in 2007. I'm married to Amanda and have two daughters, the elder being Harriette who is in her second year at Mokoia. For work I manage an engineering and surveying company in Rotorua and currently have a particular focus on the constraints to the sluggish housing development in Rotorua along with assisting a variety of local Māori trusts to develop papakainga for their hapu.

I was fortunate to attend the Puarenga Camp at Ohope in 2019 and thoroughly enjoyed seeing the camaraderie and enthusiasm that our Mokoia teachers have for our kids, along with the smiles when the kids succeeded at fishing and surfing. I'm also a regular at the hockey courts to cheer on the Mokoia teams.

I will work hard at building relationships with parents and driving outcomes so that our children can succeed to the best of their ability.



Iwi Representative:

Mr Ralph Mosen

Rangipaeroa and I married 40 years ago, have three children and now have four mokopuna. Our children and mokos have been brought up steeped in the knowledge that are part of the Te Roro o te Rangi and Uenukukopako whanau. For the last ten years I have worked in the education sphere, firstly assisting with the development of the Hapu Education Strategy and more recently working with schools and early learning centres delivering elements of that strategy. I have been a hapu appointed representative on the Owhata BOTs for five years and have recently been appointed by the hapu to be a representative on the Mokoia Intermediate Board.



I am passionate about all children achieving success in their educational journey and in student achievement and how that sets our children up for gainful employment in their future. I also ascribe to Māori achieving success as Māori and believe all programmes designed to benefit Māori students actually benefit all children enrolled in the school and therefore support all initiatives that deliver improved results for rangatahi. I am passionate about all the schools and early learning centres on the east side of Rotorua and look forward to the journey I am beginning with Mokoia Intermediate.

Principal

Matua Rawiri Wihapi

Staff Trustee

Mr Glen Law

Executive Officer/ BOT Secretary

Mrs Janet DuFall

Last year we opted into the Ministry of Education's donations scheme which means we will not be asking whānau for a school donation this year. We will be asking whānau to pay \$150 towards the cost of school camp. While this is a donation, without this we will not be able to run school camps so we would encourage all those able to contribute to do so. Technology fees will be \$70 for the take home component of materials.

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If you agree to your child taking home a completed item from technology then payment for the cost of materials can be enforced.

This year the Board has employed five extra Learning Support Assistants, which will give us a total of twelve; almost one for every class. We look forward to the contribution they make to our tamariki's learning. We would also like to welcome a new teacher to W2, Mr Regan Hawke and our new Bio Technology teacher, Krystal Stevenson.

We would like to remind all parents/caregivers that if they have any concerns with their tamariki's education or pastoral care, to contact their teachers in the first instance. The sooner they are made aware of your concerns, the sooner they can work with you to fix them. If the concern is not resolved after talking to the classroom teacher, the next port of call is the Learning Centre Leader: Mrs Low (Waiteti), Whaea Ariihi (Puarenga) or Whaea Liana (Kaituna). If they can not help resolve the concern, make an appointment to see one of the Deputy Principals (Mrs Hyde or Mrs Jones), or Principal (Matua Rawiri), who will endeavour to help. Finally, if your concerns are not resolved you can put a letter of complaint/concern to the Board of Trustees. A copy of the Complaints Policy and Procedures can be obtained from the school office.

Over the Christmas holidays the school had some remedial work done to its cladding. Over the course of this we found that we needed to replace a lot of the cladding because it is rotting or contains asbestos. For the safety of the staff and students, this will be done in sections during the school holidays. Once this is finished we will be repainting the school.

We will have the Education Review Office visiting doing our three yearly review in either Term 3 or 4 (to be confirmed). We look forward to sharing this with you all once completed.

A reminder that if you intend to help out at camp or on school trips this year, you will need to fill out a police vetting form which you can get from the school office. Those parents or caregivers who were police vetted last year do not need to be vetted again for this year.

"The needs of ākonga are at the heart of all that we do at Mokoia Intermediate."

Regards

Bruce Davidson

Board Chairman

Mokoia Intermediate

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

Key dates for Term 1

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- Waitangi Day - Thursday 6th February
- Teachers' Only Day - Friday 7th February
- Meet the Teacher - Wednesday 12th February
- BOT Hui - Tuesday 10th March
- COL - Teachers Only Day - Friday 3rd April
- School Camps - Monday 6th April to Thursday 9th April
- End of Term 1 - Thursday 9th April
- Easter/Good Friday - Friday 10th April

Community/Parent Survey

Feedback of Community Survey Term 4/2019

A total of 45 responses were received to the community and parent survey sent out via Google Forms last year. We appreciate the time taken to fill in the survey, moving forward we want to continue to seek feedback and will look at how we can obtain greater participation.

Many of the comments were extremely positive which was great to hear. One of the areas of concern highlighted in the survey was around getting the right balance in our curriculum. We have addressed this with the curriculum changes that were announced in Term 4 of 2019. Other areas of concern will be reviewed and discussed by the board and senior leadership team as we strive to improve the educational experience at our school for students and their caregivers.

We thank everyone once again for taking the time to fill out the survey. Your opinions and comments help us to continue to improve the educational experience at our school, for students and their caregivers.

Congratulations to Heather Thompson who was drawn out from all surveys to win a gift voucher.