



Mokoia Intermediate



Matua Rawiri's Shout Out

Tēnā Koutou Parents and Caregivers

'PROUD' is an understatement at the moment; our students have been succeeding above and beyond in the last few weeks. The majority of the successes can be viewed on our school Facebook page. They have been involved in academic, sporting and cultural competitions and activities. Next week we are going to collectively list and share our achievements as a school; we don't do it often but we need to show how 'PROUD' we are.

Our school camps during the past three weeks have been very successful. Waiteti has had an awesome four days away and thankfully the weather has been good to every Learning Centre during camps. There have been many learning opportunities for our students. Education Outside the Classroom is a compulsory part of the NZ curriculum, but there were a few students who didn't attend camp this year which is disappointing. We need parents and caregivers to support the

school by sending your children on school camps in 2021.



Weekly Teacher Recognition: Mrs Kathryn McMurdo (K1)

Mrs McMurdo is in the Kaituna Learning Centre (K1) and teaches 29 extraordinary students. She is dedicated, fun, down to earth and cares about her students.

Mrs McMurdo is responsible for Accelerated Learning in Mathematics and Rotomaths. She is an asset to our staff and the Kaituna Learning Centre team. Well done Mrs McMurdo. You are wonderful.

Have a good weekend everyone! Go the All Blacks!

Arohanui

Matua Rawiri and the Mokoia 'A' Team

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

Key dates for Term 4 2020

Week 4

- Monday 2nd - Friday 6th November - Life Education classroom here
- Tuesday 3rd November - BOT hui 6pm
- Friday 6th November - School Athletics Day
- Saturday 7th November - Aquabots competition 10am

Week 5

- Monday 9th November - Friday 13th November - Brake Road Safety Campaign
- Friday 13th November - last day school library lends books for year (closing for stocktake)
- Saturday 14th November - Kapa Haka Regionals

Week 6

- Monday 17th November - School library closed for stocktake
- Tuesday 18th November - Interschool athletics

Week 7

- Wednesday 25th November - school prom
- Friday 27th November - Puarenga aquatic centre day

Week 8

- 30th November/1st December - Rotokawa production, Mokoia Intermediate hall

- 3rd December - Battle of the Houses
- 3rd December - Ahurei (Rotorua Primary Kapa Haka Festival)

Week 9

- 8th December - Prizegiving 10am
- 8th December - final day for students
- 9th December - Teacher Only Day

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

NIWA Science and Technology Fair Stars

What an amazing morning at the BOP NIWA Science Fair Prize giving last Friday!

Coniah Erasmus and **Lachie Hoggard** won highly commended prizes in intermediate science while **Harriette Davies** won highly commended in intermediate technology.

Siwan Lloyd-Jones won first equal in intermediate science, followed by a special prize for statistical information.

Drum roll...she then was announced as FIRST OVERALL which meant she won against high school entrants as well!

After many postponements, our students finally had the opportunity to enter their science work in the BOP NIWA Science and Technology Fair. Our other finalists were **Jessica Nichols, Maggie Kwok, Bianca KCKhatri** and **Rebecca KCKhatri**.

Well done **Whaea Krystal Stevenson**, our parents and our school competition judges.

(NB: this is the second time we have been the overall winner. Matthew Gatenby won first overall for Mokoia Intermediate in 2011.)

EPr08 Excitement

The Epr08 engineering semi final was last Thursday. Our Year 8 team of **Dean Richardson, Jordie Elliot, Siwan Lloyd-Jones** and **Motiana Alefosio-Tuck**, placed second. Our Year 7 team of **Maggie Kwok, Rebecca KCKhatri, Riley Stanbra** and **Tamzin Joy**, came third! Tremendous work, especially as some of the team members had been at camp or at the BOP Science and Technology Fair.

It was a big occasion for our two Epr08 teams last night, at the finals held in our Mokoia school hall. Thanks to the students for helping with the set up. It wasn't our night, but it was an amazing experience to reach the finals. Our two teams showed amazing ūpoko pakaru!

A huge thanks to teacher facilitator **Matua Doug Maguire**.

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BOP Kids' Lit Quiz Regional Competition

On Thursday evening last week, **James Barrett, Ava McGrath, Hazel Herries** and **Ella Scott** went over to Tauranga to compete against eighteen other teams in the **BOP Kids' Lit Quiz** regional competition.

There was a buzz in the air as the winning team would win \$1000 and a chance to go to Nationals. There were ten categories and ten questions in each category. They did very well against really stiff competition and some incredibly difficult questions!

Mokoia finished on a high, winning the final round. The overall winners were from Tauranga intermediate.

Well done Mokoia. You were an awesome team! You not only had a huge knowledge of literature among you, but amazing general knowledge too.

Rotorua AP/DP Network Interschool Speech Competition

At last, we can announce the winners of the inter school speech contest. There were nine entries across Years 5 to 8. We need to thank our independent judge, **Carol Bannister**, Toastmasters, who took up the challenge of judging the online entries. She was not given details of the schools the entries were from.

Notes from Carol are included:

Year 5/6

First Place: **Jade Moller**, St Mary's

Second Place: **Nevah Waaka**, St Michael's

Third Place: **Felix Topp**, Waikite Valley

Each person had good aspects of their speech that worked well, especially when they relaxed and flowed with the topic. Having a story that the audience can connect to is a great technique. Confidence in delivery is the key.

Year 7/8

First : **Divjot Bairagi**, Mokoia intermediate

I was impressed with his ability to speak directly to his audience, with enthusiasm, no notes and a strong, well-illustrated message.

Second: **Poppy Croucher**, Mokoia Intermediate

Third: **Nikau Chater**, Rotorua Intermediate

All three should be proud of their speeches, the time they put into crafting their message and their confident delivery. It was a close race!

NZ Chess Team Nationals

Huge congratulations to our Mokoia Chess team for taking on the best of the best intermediate schools at the NZ Team Nationals at the weekend: **Bianca KCKhatri, Rebecca KCKhatri, Riley Moulin, Avish Nair** and **Stephen Woolfaard**. The students gave it their all and came away with a fantastic seventh placing. Alongside their awesome chess playing, the team displayed outstanding sportsmanship, supported each other, were humble in their wins and gracious in their defeats and always had a smile on their faces.

Stephen Wolfaard went on to compete and be placed in the top ten in the Chess Champions Trophy on Sunday.

A huge shout out to **Whaea Lisa Te Whare**, van driver, snack queen and number one supporter of the team.

Junior Tough Guy and Gal

What a great day for a mud run! **Mrs Hyde** accompanied 26 keen students to the Junior Tough Guy and Gal event at Lake Ranch this morning.

The students set off in bands of year groups, starting with the year 7 and 8s, having to wade through mud, crawl through tunnels and climb hills. It wasn't a race, but **Amaro Gonzalez-Diaz** and **Jimmy Jack Tapsell** were in the first bunch.

The students were able to warm up with a shower and hot swim at the end. **Abi Thomas** and **Lilly Kirkby** went home with spot prizes.

Many thanks to the parents who transported groups of transport and supported our group. Ngā mihi koutou!

Te Arawa Primary Schools Kapa Haka 2020

Saturday 14th November, 9.00am to 6.00pm

Tickets for the Te Arawa Kapa Haka went on sale from our Mokoia Intermediate School office on Tuesday 27th October. We have 193 tickets to sell for session 1.

There are 2 sessions with 6 groups in each session.

Tickets are \$12 per seat. Infants 4 years and under are free, seated on an adult.

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It will be much cheaper to buy them through the school than waiting for them to go on public sale through Ticketmaster on Tuesday 3rd November.

Order of Performance - Session 1	Performance Time
1/TKKM o Hurungaterangi	9.00am
2/Mokoia Intermediate School	9.30am
3/TKKM o Ruamata	10.00am
10.30am - Break	
4/Malfroy School	10.45am
5/Te Wharekura o Ngati Rongomai	11.15am
6/Rotorua Primary School	11.45am
12.15pm - LUNCH - Session 2	
7/Nga Kura a Iwi o Tuwharetoa	1.15pm
8/Whangamarino School	1.45pm
9/Te Kura o Te Koutu	2.15pm
3.15pm - Break	
10/TKKM o Whakarewa i te Reo ki Tuwharetoa	3.00pm
11/Kaitao Intermediate School	3.30pm
12/Rotorua Intermediate School	4.00pm
PRIZEGIVING	5.30pm
KARAKIA	6.00pm

Other options:

Tickets can be purchased:

- In person at Ticketmaster - Rotorua Event Centre. Charges: \$2 booking fee per ticket and \$12 per ticket.
- Via Internet purchase with Ticketmaster - \$5 booking fee and \$12 per ticket (must be for 2 or more tickets).

Get in quick whanau and staff; these tickets will sell fast.

Tickets will be limited to 4 per family, with performer families first served.

Merit Awards

Merit awards

K1	Mackenzie Holland - For your focus and diligence with your work. You are a star!
Rumaki	Da'Rell Martin - Kai te tū kahikatea koe! Shari Hayward - Koia ko te Māhina ko koe!
K3	Gabby Short - For her consistent and diligent approach to all her learning. Great mentality to have moving onto high school next year.
K4	Tania Flintoff - For the whakaiti you showed while sharing your creative experience with your classmates and being Ms Walker's personal art assistant.
P1	Henry-Rae Lingman - For the kindness you have shown to your peers and teacher by being in the right place at the right time. Also, it is wonderful to see your caring nature and role modelling especially to our new addition to P1. Thank you. Ka rawe Henry.
P2	Chase Christie - For your calm and kind approach in everything you do. Chase, you are our time keeper in our haka powhiri group, and this is an important role to keep all in time and moving forward. We also appreciate the positive influence you bring to our P2 whanau. He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata.
P3	LJ Whata - For your positive approach when we attended Life Education. You listened

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	beautifully and shared your ideas confidently. You are completing work to a high standard and working independently in class. Tumeke LJ!
P4	Tyler Mitchell - Excellent effort with your writing sample. Well done. Shai Dyson-excellent use of imagery in your writing sample. Fabulous.

Celebrations

👍 Congratulations to all merit award and academic competition award winners this week.

👍 Congratulations to our inter school speech winners, **Divjot Bairagi** W3 and **Poppy Croucher** P2. Poppy has been asked to speak at the final social evening of the 9th Women's Ride Month, "Ride. Connect. Inspire.

👍 Excellent work to the EPro8 teams: **Siwan Lloyd-Jones, Motiana Alefosio-Tuck, Jordy Elliot, Dean Richardson, Tamzin Joy, Riley Stanbra, Maggie Kwok, Rebecca KCKhatri** and of course, **Matua Doug Maguire**.

👍 What an excellent result for our BOP NIWA Science and Technology Fair competitors! So exciting to see **Siwan Lloyd-Jones, Lachie Hoggard, Coniah Erasmus** and **Harriette Davies** get their awards.

👍 Well done to staff, parents and students of Waiteti, who ran and enjoyed a successful camp at Ohope this week.

👍 **Stephen Wolfaard** for his top 10 finish in the Chess Champions Trophy on Sunday. He played some skilful chess even managing to come out on top when faced with a very well known Auckland junior master. With Nationals being held in Rotorua in 2021 we look forward to growing our Mokoia Chess Club next year.

👍 A huge shout out to staff and parents who have gone the extra mile for our students at all the events so far this term.

👍 **Carol Bannister**, toastmasters, for judging the inter school speeches.

👍 Great to see the work being put into practising for the kapa haka regional competition!

👍 Well done **Will Wyatt** and **Tylar Andrews**, for the beautiful work you came to show me in my office today.

👍 For more go to our Facebook group page, Mokoia Intermediate 2020 - <http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

Our School Values

**Ka mōumou ki te takoto mātaotao ki te pukapuka.
Whakahokia mai ki te arero, ka whakamahi ai.**

An interpretation of this is:
*(Language) is wasted, lying neglected within books.
Return it to the tongue, and then use it.*



Tākuta Wharehuia Milroy & Tā Tīmoti Kāretu. (2018). He Kupu Tuku Iho. Ko te Reo Māori te Tatau ki te Ao. Auckland, New Zealand: Auckland University Press.

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