



# Mokoia Intermediate

## Matua Rawiri's Shout Out



### Tena Koutou Parents and Caregivers

Congratulations to the Board of Trustees who sent out their first newsletter to inform our community about their profiles, priorities, information, survey results and future plans. It is important for communication between all stakeholders for our students.

This week staff had Professional learning network development on 'Key Competencies'. These are the capabilities people have, and need to develop, to live and learn today and in the future. There are five key competencies in the New Zealand Curriculum: thinking, relating to others, using language, symbols, and texts, managing self, and participating and contributing. Everyday we embed these in our learning contexts and activities.

This week we started the process of testing all students in Reading, Writing and Mathematics in our new PD Centre. We are very keen to analyse the results and see the outcomes in preparation to share with students to set achievement goals and inform parents at the 3 Way Conferences in Term 1, Week 8 (Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 19th March). More information later.

Although the weather is hot throughout the day, our students participated in the 'Battle of the Houses' yesterday, the majority of the activities under the shade of our trees. Our students were participating and having fun. It was a very successful day.

Happy Valentines everyone!

Arohanui

**Matua Rawiri and the Mokoia 'A' Team**

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

## Key dates for Term 1 2020

- Thursday 20 February - first student council meeting, 1.30pm
- Monday 24 February - Friday 6 March - client schools at Mokoia for technology classes
- Tuesday 3 March - school swimming sports at the Aquatic Centre
- Wednesday 4 March - Year 8 HPV vaccinations
- Wednesday 11 March - Identity Day
- Tuesday 17 March and Wednesday 18 March - Three Way Conferences (student academic goal setting)
- Tuesday 24 March - vision and hearing testing
- Wednesday 25 March - tamariki waka ama regatta
- Thursday 26 March - Waiteti LC parent meeting re camp 5.30pm
- Monday 30 March - school photos
- Monday 30 March - Puarenga LC parent meeting re camp 5.30pm
- Friday 3 April - Teacher Only Day with all eastern suburb schools (Eastern Rotorua Kāhui Ako)
- Monday 6 April - Thursday 9 April - school camps
- Friday 10 April - Good Friday - Term break begins
- Monday 27 April - ANZAC Day observed
- Tuesday 28 April - Term 2 begins

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

## Our 2020 Staff

**Principal** - Matua Rawiri Wihapi

**Deputy Principal Curriculum** - Mrs Annemarie Hyde

**Deputy Principal Pastoral** - Mrs Jackie Jones

**Executive Officer** - Mrs Janet du Fall

**School Secretary** - Mrs Sue Rasdall

**Resource Manager** - Mrs Gail Forge

**Caretaker** - Mr Ron James

**Grounds Assistant** - Mr Gregg Hyde

**Kaituna Leader and K4 Year 7** - Whaea Liana Te Hau

**K1 Year 7** - Whaea Kathryn McMurdo, Whaea Anna Ranginui (learning support)

**K2 Rumaki Y7/8** - Matua Taimona Panapa and Matua Rhys Hohepa

**Kaiarahi Te Reo** - Matua Hori Hapi and Matua Pene Panapa

**K3 Year 8** - Whaea Te Aroha Wihapi, Whaea Marianne Hodge (learning support)

**Puarenga Leader and P1 Year 7** - Whaea Arihi Harvey, Whaea Donnella Mattock (learning support)

**P2 Year 8** - Whaea Lisa Te Whare, Whaea Moana Hunter (learning support)

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**P3 Year 7** - Mrs Toni Boccock, Whaea Ellen Leach (learning support)

**P4 Year 8** - Mr Glen Law, Whaea Katrina Weller (learning support)

**Waiteti Leader and W4 Year 8** - Mrs Tracey Low, Mrs Jan Kieck, Whaea Karyn Thaine (learning support)

**W1 Year 7** - Ms Deana Turner, Whaea Faith McGregor (learning support)

**W2 Year 8** - Matua Regan Hawke, Whaea Shelley Pene (learning support)

**W3 Year 7** - Miss Jacqui French, Mrs Heather Lind (learning support)

**Utuhina Leader (Technology)** - Matua Doug Maguire

**Food Technology** - Whaea Chris Bashford

**Bio-Technology** - Whaea Krystal Stevenson

### Passion Pathways

- **Athletes** - Mrs Toni Boccock
- **Artists** - Whaea Lisa Te Whare
- **Band** - Whaea Marianne Hodge
- **Environmentalists** - Whaea Liana Te Hau
- **Linguists** - Whaea Kathryn McMurdo
- **Music** - Whaea Arihi Harvey
- **Performers** - Mr Glen Law and Mrs Jan Kieck
- **Rangatahi** - Whaea Te Aroha Wihapi, Matua Regan Hawke
- **Scientists** - Whaea Krystal Stevenson
- **Tech Wizards** - Mr Doug Maguire
- **Writers** - Ms Deana Turner
- **Maths** - Miss Jacqui French

## Bell Times

- 8.50am - 9.15am Roll, Admin Hui
- 9.15am - 10.45am 1st Block
- 10.45am - 11.15am Morning Tea
- 11.10am - 12.40pm 2nd Block
- 12.40pm - 1.25pm Lunch
- 1.30pm - 3.00pm 3rd Block

## Police Vetting and School Camps

The Ministry of Education Health and Safety guidelines and our own school Board of Trustees have mandated the requirement for all caregivers staying overnight or working sole charge with students at school camp, to be police vetted by our school. Please get forms from the school office now - the process is lengthy and parents will only be approved once this process is complete if selected to attend school camp.

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## Rock Band Auditions

**Auditions** will be on Thursday during Passion Pathway time. Please bring your instrument and meet in the music room (beside Food Technology).

## Reminder about Changes to School Donations

As we informed our community and parents in 2019, the Board of Trustees opted in to accepting the government's offer of \$150 per child. This means that parents are not required to pay school donations.

Below is a link which outlines different scenarios and criteria. Any questions will be answered in this information.

<http://education.govt.nz/.../fund.../fees-charges-and-donations/>

## State Highway 30/Te Ngae Road (Eastern Corridor Stage One) - Project Commencement

Work will commence on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February, with two primary worksites. Firstly they will be working in Puarenga Park to commence the construction of the new driveway to the Whakarewarewa Rugby Club. This will not impact road use, however you may well see machinery in the park area throughout the day. Secondly, they will be commencing minor work at the intersection of Te Ngae Road and Sala Street. When they are on site here they do ask that you pay attention to any traffic management in place, and follow any instructions from the team on site.

Be aware that you may need to allow for the extra time needed if bringing your child to school by car.

## Celebrations

👍 Cover photo - Our **Battle of the Houses** was a successful day for students and staff. While predominantly about building team spirit in the houses, it gives our teachers further opportunities to get to know your children: their ability to participate and collaborate in a team, leadership qualities, problem solving, resilience and communication.

👍 Thank you to all whānau who joined us at our “Meet the Teacher” evening. There was a great vibe around our Learning Centres; lots of chat and lots of laughter in an informal atmosphere, where relationships were initiated in this learning journey.

It takes a village to raise a child. “The needs of ākongā are at the heart of all that we do at Mokoia Intermediate.”

👍 Well done to our male staff members, who cooked and prepared an lovely breakfast for the staff this morning to celebrate **Valentine’s Day**. It was a great way to emphasise **staff wellbeing**.

👍 The first block of **Passion Pathways** started today. Mrs Hyde has tried hard to give students either their first or second choice as one pathway; there is no room for movement, so students have been asked not to ask about changing. Students who responded to the email sent out in November, to existing and pre enrolled students, were sorted first.

👍 All our students look fantastic in the navy blue **uniform**. We are encouraging high standards of dress.

Thank you for helping our students look like they are part of Team Mokoia. Things to note:

- The PE uniform is not to be worn as an alternative and should not be worn to and from school.
- Shoes should be black leather or similar. No other colours or logos are acceptable, including white soles.
- Socks must be plain white, black, red or navy.
- Hats may be any style but must be the same navy blue as the uniform. No logos.
- Jewellery besides simple studs or a taonga, and nail polish should not be worn.

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

## Merit Awards

The first merit awards were decided today and will be given out next week in Learning Centre hui. They will be published in the newsletter next week.

We gave out our values trophy to **Motiana Alefosio-Tuck** this morning. The values award will go out weekly to a student who epitomises the school values of Whakaiti (Humility), Ūpoko Pakaru (Resilience) and Kōmaitanga (valuing achievement).

## Our School Values

*Tihi* means peak. *Mana* is, in simple terms, self respect and respect from others. Mana exists within all people, from the time they are born till death. Mana can be grown and can diminish depending on one’s actions. Mana exists in three forms: *Mana atua* - genealogical mana, *Mana tangata* - personal mana and *Mana whenua* - mana through connection with the land.

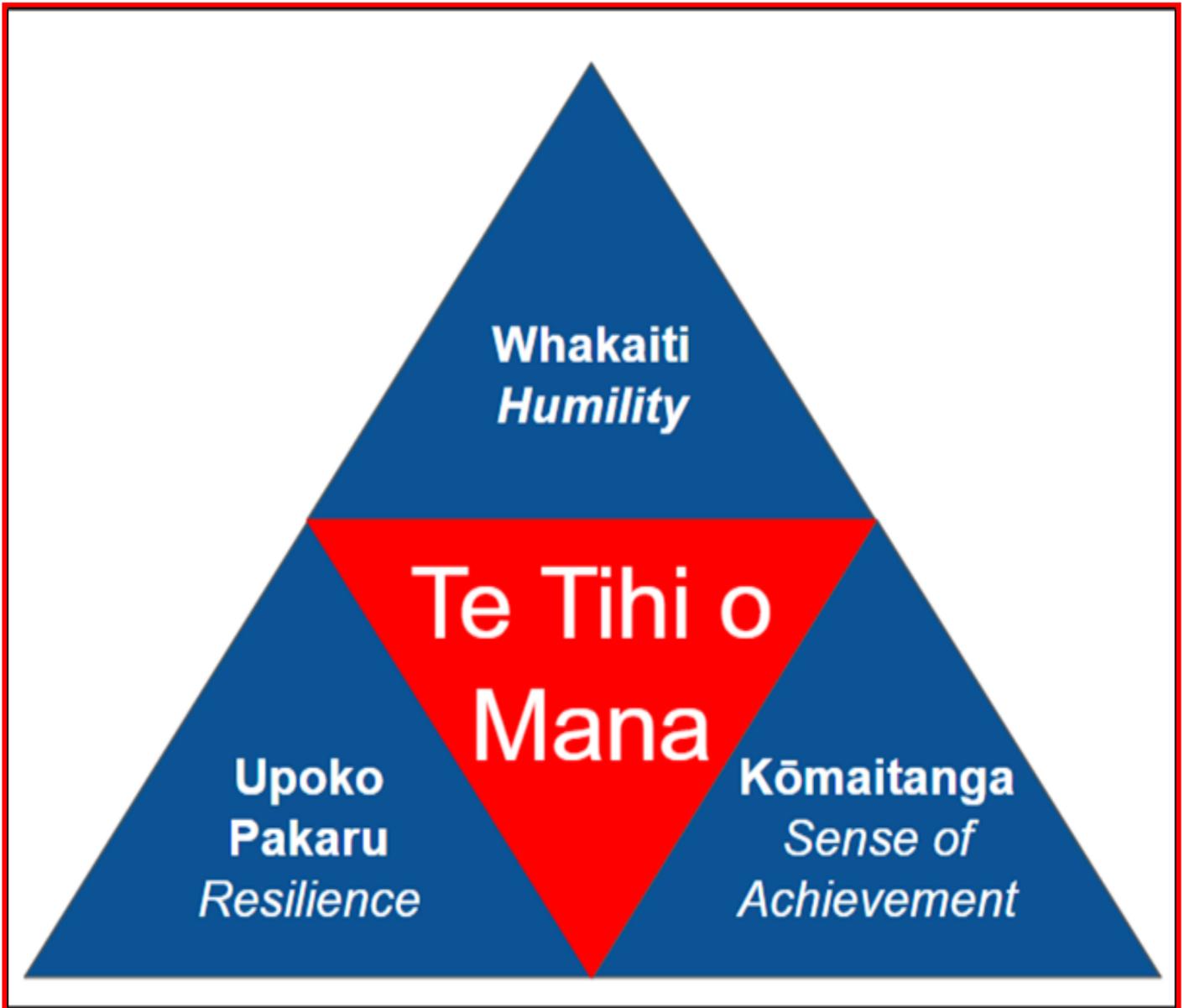
*Te Tihi o Mana* is held up by three *pou* or pillars: *Whakaiti* - humility, *Ūpoko pakaru* - resilience and *Kōmaitanga* - a sense of achievement.

At the centre is *Te Au* - the self.

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Just as a triangle as a geometric shape, has no integrity without each of its pillars, so it is with our values. To have *Tūturutanga* - integrity, we must ensure that we are mindful of the pillars.

*Whakawhanaungatanga* - relationships, is the cement or glue which keeps the whole together. Next week we will look at the first pou, *Whakaiti*.



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