



Mokoia Intermediate

Matua Rawiri's Shout Out

Tena Koutou Parents and Caregivers

Recently I was visited by our Ministry of Education Senior Advisor as a general visit, meet and greet but also making us aware of our attendance data in Term 2, 2019.

The data doesn't look great unfortunately and it is my responsibility to support and ensure our students, your children, are attending school.

We had 52% students with 90% attendance or better. This means that 167 students (52% of our 321 roll) attend more than 88 days (90% of 98 half days).

21 students referred to the number of students attended less than 70% of the time. These are the students who attend 69 days or less (70% of 98 half days). These students may not necessarily be truant as they could include those with an extended legitimate illness or reason.

I worked out that 12 students out of the above 21 were truant in Term 2/2019 and these students were referred to the ASA Website and Truancy Officer at Rotorua Lakes High.

Please ensure your child is attending school! If however, there is a legitimate reason for being away (illness) then make sure we are fully informed.

Great news: we start our extension maths classes next Monday in each learning centre from 9.30am to 10.30am. Teachers will be able to inform you, and discuss results from the testing at the up and coming Three Way Student Conferences in Term 1/Week 8 - Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th March. Details to make interview times are in this newsletter.

Have a good weekend everyone. Good luck to all the Te Arawa Kapa Haka roopu this weekend.

Arohanui

Matua Rawiri and the Mokoia 'A' Team

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



Key dates for Term 1 2020

- Friday 13 March - Identity Day / Color Your day fundraiser - bring a gold coin
- Tuesday 17 March and Wednesday 18 March - Three Way Conferences (student academic goal setting) Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the event code **txykm**.
- 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>

Three Way Conferences

This conference is for you and your child to meet with your teacher to reflect on the first term of learning, your child's assessment and co-construct your child's learning goals for the term ahead. It is **important** that your child attends and that these goals are formed as a team.

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Identity Day / Colour Your Day Fundraiser



On Friday 13 March, Mokoia will hold an **Identity Day**; we've moved it from the date originally planned, so that it coincides with Colour Your Day. (We also have three staff members at a course in Taupo on Wednesday, and they don't want to miss it!) **Colour Your Day** is a fundraiser for St John's ambulance, which also commemorates the appalling events of March 15th last year.

The idea behind **Identity Day** is that students create a project on themselves; there are no criteria, no

assessments, and no set topics. Students are encouraged to design a demonstration, video, powerpoint, slideshow, poster, display or anything that would help the audience to learn something about them. They can dress up, and the more colourful the better! The idea is that each student and staff member will present in a way that shares something cultural, a talent or an interest about themselves. Staff and families are encouraged to be involved.

What better way to have students proud of who they are than to have them showcase who they are!

Every child has a gift; it is up to us, as educators, to create the environment that encourages the student to develop this strength and passion. Identity Day is one example of the many things we are trying to do at Mokoia Intermediate to help children find their talents.

To support Colour Your Day, we will ask all students to show their support with a gold coin.

Hand Washing to Prevent Spread of Coronavirus and Other Illnesses

All schools and early learning services are still in the Keep it Out phase of a pandemic plan. The **preventative measures** we are asked to practice are those of good hygiene, which include:

- **Washing hands with soap and water before and after eating as well as after attending the toilet**
- **Covering coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or with an elbow**
- **Putting used tissues in the bin**
- **Encouraging staff and students to stay home if they are unwell**

Everyone should wash their hands often and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, making sure you dry them thoroughly. Singing Happy Birthday twice, slowly should take about 20 seconds.

What we need from you

- Talk with your child about hand washing and good hygiene practice
- Put hand sanitiser in your child's bag

What we will do at Mokoia Intermediate

- Ensure soap and hand blower are available in all toilets/learning centres
- Provide each classroom with antibacterial spray for cleaning surfaces each day
- Remind students and teachers of good practice
- Put up reminder signs

Homework

Homework is set in order to encourage students to develop good work habits and time management skills to prepare them for highschool.

(Room No.) will be doing KiwiKids or the Classroom Solutions Weekly News Homework this year to help students develop an awareness of their world and current events.

Reading for at least 30 minutes per night is expected and spending time working on their basic facts goals to ensure they have instant recall of all basic facts to the end of Stage 7 by the time they go to highschool.

(Students will set these goals at school)

Please encourage and help where needed as they develop these skills in order to bring their completed homework back to school each Monday.

We understand that there are students who are unable to do homework for a variety of reasons, including very busy after school schedules. It is important that we know who is unable to complete their homework as I do not want to place undue pressure on students' families.

Extension Maths Classes

We will start on Monday. It will run for three days for an hour each morning, 9.30 - 10.30 (rather than 4 days of 45 minutes - same time allowance) and students will be staying with the familiar group of teachers in their own learning centre.

Wearable Arts

It's back and well underway. The Wearable Arts is a section within the StageQuest where students have the opportunity to design and model a piece of Wearable Art.

This year we have three teams who have now designed their entries and are about to start creating.

The students are looking for help to obtain some of the materials they need for their creations.

Needed at this Point:

- Fishing Line
- Boxes- Cereal, Weetbix, packaging boxes
- Old unwanted CDs and DVDs

If anyone is able to help our teams with any of the above please send them to Whaea Chris at the school. Thank you in advance for your support of our teams.

Home and School Association

Okay parents, it's time for our first home and school meeting, on Thursday 12th of March at 6pm, in the staff room. At this meeting we would like to set some dates for our Family Food and Fun Fair, and our quiz night, and any other ideas that parents might have. Would love to see some new faces at the get together. Look forward to seeing you there.

- **Tania Gillions**

Celebrations

👍 Congratulations to all staff who helped to ensure that our swimming sports were a success. There was a good balance of competitive swimming events and non competitive races - not all swimming! Here we have student **Kiedis Mattock** and learning support assistant, **Whaea Donnella Mattock**.

👍 Congratulations to our values award winner this week, **Ashleigh Randell, P2**. She interacted beautifully with a special needs student at swimming sports, as well as being well mannered and on task all day.

👍 Congratulations to our thirteen school leaders for the year who were announced at assembly this morning:

Amy Morgan - Leader of the Student Council - Amy Morgan

Dean Richardson - Leader of Technology

Motiana Alefosio-Tuck - Leader of Matawhaura

Manaia White - Leader of Matawhaura

Te Ata Lamont - Leader of Ngongotaha

Madeline Maunder - Leader of Ngongotaha

Moana Uerata - Leader of Tarawera

Remy Kemp - Leader of Tarawera

Poppy Croucher - Leader of Whakapoungakau

Tokoaitua Owen - Leader of Whakapoungakau

Manaia Paul - Leader of Ngā Pōtiki Ngau Papawai

Brooke Mills - Leader of the Arts

Siwan Lloyd-Jones - Leader of Community Liaison

👍 Congratulations to **Matawhaura**, who gained the most points to win the swimming sports trophy. Tumeke!

👍 Well done **Tarawera** - you took out the weekly house points total!

👍 Well done to **Ngā Pōtiki Ngau Papawai**, who performed at the opening of Crankworx last night.

👍 For more go to our Facebook group page, Mokoia intermediate 2019 -

<http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

Merit Awards for Week 5

K1	Janani Ropitini - For Ūpoko Pakaru in Math this week. You are working so hard to learn new strategies and use them by yourself. Keep it up!
Rūmaki	Leilagi Alefosio-Tuck - Koia pū ko te itonga o Ūpoko Pakaru ko koe!
K3	-
K4	Hugo Lawson - For showing all the school values in all you do. You are a respectful and responsible young man. Thank you for being a wonderful role model to your peers. Ka mau te wehi!
P1	Francis Whata - For Kōmaitanga and Upoko Pakaru in Maths this week. Francis, you learnt how to work out the average scores in data and very quickly completed the follow up task. Kia tino whakahī rawa atu nei!
P2	Stella Hughes - For your ability to pre-empt a need, and utilise your initiative. Stella, you are aware of your surroundings, and you are always there to support your fellow classmates. "He aroha whakato, he aroha puta mai." If kindness is sown then kindness you shall receive.
P3	Kalani Valentine-Halbert - For the amazing piece of writing you produced about building a hut. You had me hooked from the start and you painted such a clear picture I felt like I was there with you. What a clever author you are. Way to go Kalani!
P4	-
W1	Liam Hofmann - You work hard and remain on task all day while maintaining high expectations. You are a pleasure to have in W1 and I look forward to seeing where your hard work will take you. Congratulations
W2	Madelin Maunder - Congratulations on becoming one of the leaders of Ngongotaha. You have all the qualities to be a great leader for your house.
W3	Brooke Rees-Corskie - You consistently work hard to complete all set tasks to a high standard. You are always willing to help your peers and take on extra tasks when they are available. You are a pleasure to have as part of W3! Keep it up!
W4	Brooke Mills - You are setting yourself goals and pushing yourself to achieve them,

stepping up for leadership roles, communicating well and treating all others with respect when working. He kotiro ataahua koe!

Our School Values

The third pillar of our values system is **kōmaitanga** - a sense of achievement.

Often we give accolades to those who achieve the top mark, the largest number of points, the quickest speed or the greatest number of credits. But we all can't be that person. One of my daughters told me that she didn't try at school because she knew she couldn't be the top.

At Mokoia Intermediate we will celebrate progress. Every ākonga (learner) will set goals for themselves and progress towards those goals. We will celebrate everyone's individual achievement as they compete against themselves.

We learn at different rates and excel at different things. We need to celebrate every improvement.

"Every step is a step moving forward."

"We can't all be the best apple in the bowl but we can be the best banana."

