



Mokoia Intermediate



Matua Rawiri's Shout Out

Tena Koutou Parents and Caregivers

I feel honoured to be sitting among many Presidents of Principal Associations across all of New Zealand in Wellington today for the Annual New Zealand Principals' Federation MOOT. It is an opportunity to have a voice and share about what is happening in our local area for the betterment of our tamariki in Rotorua and Mokoia Intermediate.

Congratulations to our team of RATS Duathlon participants this week. Many of our students took top honours. Congratulations to our Year 7 and 8 teams who participated in the EPRO8 this week, and our Year 8 team who were the champions. They will attend the semi finals in Week 11. I'm excited that we are addressing the needs of our students with balance between holistic learning and academic excellence. Everyday our teachers are providing excellent programmes for learning and we are trying to continue to make Mokoia Intermediate a safe place for your child. Sometimes this is not always the case but we do address the issues as we are made aware and take action to resolve these situations as best we can. We are installing four more security cameras in areas of concern to address some issues that have arisen recently.

Next week Three Way Conferences take place on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon and evening. It is important that all stakeholders are present to inform and address your child's educational progress, goals and needs. Please make time to come along. The link is www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the event code **txykm**. If you can't do this online, do come to the school office or phone 3459071.

Arohanui

Matua Rawiri and the Mokoia 'A' Team

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

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Key dates for Term 1 2020

- 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>

COVID-19 Declared a Pandemic

You may have seen that the World Health Organisation has now declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic. As noted by the Minister of Health, this doesn't change what New Zealand is doing to respond to coronavirus.

The Ministry of Health has been working through its pandemic plan since January. You will also know the Government has already implemented a range of measures to minimise the impacts to New Zealand. This includes border restrictions, a requirement to self-isolate on arrival in New Zealand from China, Iran, Italy and the Republic of Korea and immediate and detailed contact tracing of any confirmed cases. It is important to note that those four countries account for more than 90% of cases globally and China and the Republic of Korea have significantly declining numbers of new cases.

We have 5 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand and it is pleasing to know they are all doing well and are at home. Their children, four students at Auckland schools, continue to be well and show no symptoms. While we expect that more cases will arise, the Ministry of Health says that with continued vigilance the chance of widespread community outbreak is expected to remain low in New Zealand. We all have a role to play in this.

For our school, our pandemic plan is also ready to be implemented if needed. In the meantime we will continue to focus on good hygiene practices. Hand washing and good cough etiquette are very important tools in preventing the spread of illness including colds, flu and COVID-19.

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With that, there is a good video clip from Nanogirl that will help your children to better understand the virus - [YouTube clip - Nanogirl](#)

You may have also seen the Prime Minister sat down with Dr Michelle Dickinson (aka Nanogirl) and the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor, Juliet Gerrard, to talk about coronavirus:

- [Watch on the PM's Facebook page](#)
- [Read and watch on the Newshub website](#)

One other action we can all take is to be vigilant about our own health and the health of our children. I will be encouraging my staff to stay away from school if they are showing signs of illness such as coughs and colds. I ask that you please do the same with your children. Colds and flus are common in schools and by staying away, seeking medical attention and practicing good hygiene, we can all keep any spread of illness to a minimum.

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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School Donation

We informed our community and parents at the end of 2019, that the Board of Trustees opted in to accepting the government's offer of \$150 per child for the donation scheme. This means that parents are not required to pay a school donation.

We have asked for a camp donation for 2020 and depending on the camp donations received this year, will determine whether Mokoia Intermediate can provide camp opportunities in the future.

We would like to encourage parents to contribute to the school camp as it is an invaluable experience that helps build and demonstrate the key competencies of the New Zealand Curriculum.

Information regarding camp/ technology and optional activities is attached in the Ministry of Education link & brochure.

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

Kiwi Competitions

Once again this year the University of Canterbury is delighted to offer the Great Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions for Primary, Intermediate and Secondary schools. The Kiwi competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and are based on the New Zealand Curriculum. The online competitions will be run in the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3. All participating students will be awarded a certificate and prizes will be awarded to top students in each year group. The cost for a student to participate is \$9.00 per competition entered.

The registration letter is included with this newsletter.

Extension Maths Classes

These started as announced last week. We created them based on available data and there will be adjustments as we get to know the capabilities of our students.

Home and School Association

A huge thank you to Lisa Wilson, Sarah Emann Kedian and Karen Thaine land along with our wonderful deputy principals Jackie, and Annemarie Hyde. We have set our date for our family food and fun fair, and a tentative date for our quiz night.

Fundraising Idea for AIMS

We supply dinner for our staff on Tuesday night during the three Way Conferences. Is there a parent group associated to one of our AIMS sports who would like to take this on as a fundraiser? That is, we will pay the team fund rather than a commercial enterprise.

Celebrations

👍 To all staff and students who wore or presented something for Identity Day. It's always great to see what our people do or where they come from. We raised \$146.20 for St John's ambulance.

👍 Rats Duathlon 2020: Congratulations to our amazing athletes. You all represented Mokoia with pride and displayed our school values. You should be extremely proud of your results. We brought home the top Intermediate school trophy for the second year running. That was our team's aim.

Ryan Reardon was first boy. **Poppy Croucher** was the first girl. **Bellah Birchall** placed second and **Hannah Kiernan** was third. Special thanks to Katrina Gray for being our Marshall and lots of other great parents who took awesome photos and supported our students. David Massey was a fabulous Medic who helped one of our students. Thank you!

👍 Congratulations to our values award winner this week, **Poppy Croucher, P2**. Poppy is one of our house captains, and always demonstrates the school values. At Crankworx she stayed with an injured rider. A true leader and role model.

👍 EPro8 Winners! Two teams - one year 7 and one year 8 - worked well together to construct tasks worth points held at Rotorua Intermediate on Wednesday night. There were teams from Rotorua Intermediate, John Paul College, Reporoa College and Tarawera High. Our Year 8 team did us proud and won. Our Year 7 team did well too. Awesome work Matua Doug. Not a bad week winning top honours in sporting and academic activities.

Year 8 - **Motiana Alefosio-Tuck, Siwan Lloyd-Jones, Dean Richardson** and **Jordie Elliot**.

Year 7 - **Tamsin Joy, Riley Stanbra, Maggie Kwok** and **Manaaki Gage**.

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

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

<http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

Merit Awards for Week 6

K1	Hunter Lewis - For purposefully finding and completing more learning independently to help extend yourself in Math. An excellent use of your initiative and Komaitanga. Maddi Findlater - For purposefully finding and completing more learning independently to help extend yourself in Math. An excellent use of your initiative and Komaitanga.
Rūmaki	Tania May Kingi - He itonga koe na Ūpoko Pakaru, me manaāki ka tika!
K3	Jaal Kereopa - For working diligently with Whaea Marianne for numeracy. Keep up the awesome mahi Jaal. Nga Mihinui e tama!
K4	Manaaki Gage - For your beautiful manner and respect you show towards your teachers and classmates. You are a wonderful role model of our school values. Ka mau te wehi!
P1	Lilly Tamati - For not only being elected to be our class councillor but also being voted as secretary for the council. I know you will excel at this position. Ka wani kē!
P2	Riley Roebuck - You have approached the responsibility of supporting two new students to our school with kindness and compassion. Great leaders empower others to lead. "He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, He tangata, He tangata."

P3	Senna Knapman - For your amazing work ethic. You set yourself high standards, complete quality work and often offer to help others. Thank you Senna. You are a star!
P4	Harriette Davies - You are an amazing leader. You consistently show that you are a responsible student. Keep on keeping on.
W1	Elliott Crimp - Kōmaitanga, Ūpoko Pakaru and Whakaiti run through your veins everyday. You are an amazing human with a huge heart. I am so blessed to have you in W1.
W2	Bellah Birchall - Ūpoko Pakaru. You lead the way with determination and resilience. Values that live within you and you demonstrate on a daily basis.
W3	Jessica Martin - For being awesome! The self confidence and courage that you showed this week was a brilliant display of all of our school values. Tu meke!
W4	-

Our School Values

How do you teach Whakaiti / Humility?

1. Modeling.

Never underestimate the power of teaching through example. Humility must be consistently modeled as a lifestyle, not an on-again, off-again example.

2. Build them up.

It's important to understand that humility always comes from a position of belief, strength, and self-assurance.

3. Encourage and help them to be the very best they can be—no matter what they do.

Humility works best when your child has actually achieved something. Help your child achieve with confidence.

4. Make sure they understand where their real value comes from.

It's easier to sidestep pride or arrogance when children understand that they are valued simply because they are your child. Children need to know that achievements, looks, and abilities are not what give them worth.

5. Never humiliate your kids.

Humility cannot be imposed. It's important not to confuse humiliation, bullying, and beating down with an education in humility.

6. Expose your child to the great teachers and their stories.

Jesus, Mother Teresa, and Eric Liddell are all wonderful role models. For Jesus, there are lots of great children's books about him, as well as about Mother Teresa. Eric Liddell is the man who inspired the movie, Chariots of Fire, a great film for your whole family.

7. Teach them to serve.

Serve the homeless
Serve the poor
Serve their family
Serve one another

8. Coach them on how to respond.

Kids need to be taught to say, "please" and "thank you" as much as they need to be taught to brush their teeth and to stay out of the street. So why expect them to know humility without guidance? Here's an example: "Hey, you did a great job on your science fair project. You deserved to win the prize. Now, this is how you handle it in class tomorrow...let's practise saying:

"Thanks!"

"I like the way my friend Matt did his project, too."

"I don't think I could have won without the help of my teacher."

You get the idea.

9. Teach them how to apologize.

The well-timed and sincere apology is a key component of humility. Sometimes they're wrong; they need to acknowledge that. Sometimes they overreach and it's time to back up. Sometimes, they receive unintentional consequences they need to smooth over.

10. Teach them to give thanks.

A genuinely grateful heart is a key building block for humility. Gratitude, practiced and eventually owned, enhances humility at every turn. The person saying "thank you" affects a posture that is unassuming and modest. Try this: every time someone offers a compliment, simply say, "thank you." It's the kind of response that eventually soaks in, grows roots, and blooms humility.

- Adapted from <https://www.allprodad.com/10-ways-to-teach-your-children-humility/>

