



Mokoia Intermediate

Matua Rawiri's Shout Out



Tēnā Koutou Parents and Caregivers

Thank you, thank you and thank you. Our staff, students, parents, caregivers and whānau have just endured eight weeks of a phenomenon in our lifetime, COVID-19 lockdown. I am proud and although there are many differences in each other's households and whānau, we adapted, developed, grew, changed and made the most of the time at home and with distance learning.

Returning to school physically this week has been positive and a little exciting, maybe apprehensive for some but our staff have made sure that your child/ren are safe. We will continue to make sure they are safe for as long as it takes after the recent situation. We had our first Zoom assembly this morning and it was different but practical; something we would not have thought of before COVID-19 is a reality that happened today.

During the lockdown our staff have developed many more skills to build digital technology knowledge, along with students too. We want to utilise our development further within the school curriculum as best we can at school. The recent parent and student survey data will give us information to analyse and see what best fits our school.

It has been awesome back at school, for the staff and students. There is a positive vibe and good feel about returning. Have a good weekend everyone.

Arohanui

Matua Rawiri and the Mokoia 'A' Team

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

Key dates for Term 2 2020

Please note: The term dates for the rest of the year stay the same - this term finishes on **Friday 3 July**. At the moment we haven't got many events as we attempt to minimise interaction between our school and other organisations.

- Monday 1 June - Queen's Birthday (no school)
- Wednesday 3 June - Boostrix vaccinations for year 7
- Friday 3 July - end of term 2

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

Have Your Say

We want to know what home learning was like for you as whānau during the lockdown. We know some of you had really good experiences, and others of you found it really challenging.

We learned a lot about how our students like to learn and realised that there were challenges for many. The bottom line is we always want to make school better for our children. Please fill out this short survey for us:

<https://forms.gle/AT3RaDswxpBKc4Bt8>

Ngā mihi koutou

Attendance This Week

The Ministry of Education is asking all schools to submit attendance data weekly. We have been working hard to collect accurate data. Most students have returned to school and are settled back into their classroom routine. It is really important that we get an accurate response from you if your child is away from school. Please inform us as soon as possible if your child is absent. Thank you to those who are doing this. This week's attendance has been very good. Our children tell us it is a relief to be back!

Otago Problem Solving

The Otago Maths competition is up and running and will take place over the next two terms. During Term 2 and Term 3 the students taking part will complete five tests. A Google classroom has been created where students taking part will have access to practise questions. Whaea Kathryn will be meeting with selected students from the extension classes on Monday. If students need any help or support, they can see Whaea Tracey Low, Whaea Kathryn or Mr Law.

Kiwi Competitions

2020 Kiwi Competitions



Online competition
for Primary, Intermediate and
Secondary students



Kiwi Science
Competition

Kiwi Maths
Competition

Kiwi English
Competition

Designed by NZ teachers for Kiwi students based on NZ curriculum.

The competition will run during the first 3 weeks of Term 3.

Register Now!
www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam/



The University of Canterbury is determined to keep offering 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.

Due to the uncertainty about when students would return to school the decision was made to postpone the Kiwi Competitions until the first three weeks of Term 3 this year. This update is to confirm that the Kiwi Competitions will open from the 22nd July to 12th August.

All participating students will be awarded a certificate and prizes will be awarded to top students in each year group.

We will encourage all extension Maths and Passion Pathways students involved in Writing, Mathematics, and Science to enter these competitions. The cost for a student to participate is \$9.00 per competition entered.

Entries are due by the end of NEXT WEEK - Friday 29 May. THERE ARE NO LATE ENTRIES.

You can download a form from

<https://canterbury.us20.list-manage.com/track/click?u=57b7eacd92be16a7c0930e49e&id=dd4fff698b&e=76eefeedbe>

Celebrations

👍 This week's 'Tohu Whakamanawa' values trophy winner is **Gabrielle Short** from **K3**. Congratulations, you showed all attributes of our school values during COVID-19 lockdown. Well done!

👍 What an excellent job **Whaea Arihi, Lily Tamati, Peyton Parata** and other members of P1 did this morning, facilitating our first "Zoombly" for the term. Tumeke!

👍 Another congratulations to our **student leaders** who each received their badges today and were celebrated with a drum roll, an elbow bump and a photo!

👍 School programmes under Alert Level 2 are a little different. We trialled having our children access online "Passion Pathways". Walking around the school, students were still doing art, designing dances or practising sports moves; but they were acting in pairs and completely self-directed. So far, a success.

👍 A huge thank you to our teachers who managed to organise and facilitate online teaching programmes at short notice.

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👍 Well done to our parents and whanau, who turned themselves into home school teachers for a number of weeks.

👍 Excellent work to all the students who adapted to online work or just got on with the hard pack resources they were issued.

👍 We also thank the Ministry of Education who did their best to try and ensure New Zealand students could access learning by attempting to install the internet, supply devices, issue hard packs and create televised educational broadcasts. They didn't succeed in meeting the needs of every child, but a huge congratulations for attempting to.

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

Our School Values

“COVID_19 is likely to affect people from many countries. Do not attach it to any ethnicity or nationality.

Be empathetic to all those who are affected, in and from any country - they deserve our support, compassion and kindness.”

- World Health Organisation



Contact Tracing

Like other businesses and organisations, schools need to be able to contact trace. We attempted to register to create a QR code for the Government app yesterday, but were informed this would take a number of weeks.



We are able to use our Skool Loop app however. We have a QR code on our front door that ensures your details are recorded if you are here on any given day. You can alternatively add your details directly. We are happy to help.

Our Skool Loop app is available on Google Play or the App store.

The Skool Loop app is updated weekly with all our notices.