

Newsletter

Mokoia Intermediate



Matua Rawiri's Shout Out

Tēnā Koutou Parents and Caregivers

This week I was interviewed via zoom by the Education Review Office. Their approach currently has changed due to COVID-19 and they are now focussing on distance learning, wellbeing and the positive effects and concerns during this period of time. I enjoyed discussing our COVID-19 journey, and sharing the survey feedback we collated from our staff, students and community. They also interviewed Bruce Davidson, our Board Chair, via zoom in the afternoon. Below is the feedback from ERO:

Thank you for the conversations. We enjoyed talking with you. We have learned a great deal from what you have shared and appreciate this is an evolving space. We are looking forward to seeing how your new and emerging approaches are progressing in the current climate.

As promised, we are sharing with you the key points from the discussion. We are not looking for more detail at this point, simply to share the bigger picture ideas from what you have told us.

- 1. Can you tell us about your school's experience and response to the COVID 19 context since early March? Key points
- Pride in staff and how well everyone worked
- Effective communication with families/whānau
- Increased confidence with and use of digital devices for learning
- School protocols established to support operation in Levels 3 and 2

- Health and Safety processes developed to support staff safety and wellbeing
- 2. How are you and your leadership team? Your people? / How are the board trustees? How is the board operating at this time? Key points
- Strong Senior Leadership Team who work well together
- Open and regular communication between leadership and staff
- Positive relationship and regular communication with the Board of Trustees Chairperson
- 3. Please tell us about how you are supporting student wellbeing? How is it going? Key points
- Whakawhanaungatanga, wellbeing and behaviour are priorities and have been the major focus around the school and within learning
- Leaders and teachers were active in contacting homes to check-in on student wellbeing and need for support
- Teachers had daily contact with students and were available for parents/whānau
- 100% of students are back at school
- 4. Please tell us about how the school is supporting student learning. How is that going?
 - Key points
- Student learning is more self-directed
- Learning is flexible and timely through the use of digital platforms
- Movement around the school is minimised leading to less non-learning time and fewer behavioural issues
- Learning is becoming more 'balanced' with increased hands-on learning taking place
- 5. What thoughts do you have about where this might take you as a school? Key points
- Develop a more hands-on, balanced curriculum with flexible and responsive learning programmes
- Improve self-directed learning opportunities
- More opportunities for virtual learning
- Flexible timetabling
- Increased (time) opportunities for teachers to work closely with students who need extra support

Arohanui

Matua Rawiri and the Mokoia 'A' Team
We are Limitless! We are Passionate! We are Mokoia!

Key dates for Term 2 2020

- Monday 22 June Photolife School Photos BOT Finance Hui
- Tuesday 23 June 3 Way Conferences starting at 3.30pm
- Wednesday 24 June 3 Way Conferences starting at 3.30pm

- Thursday 25 June BOT Hui 6.00pm
- Tuesday 30 June YR7 Boostrix Immunisation
- Friday 3 July End of Term 2

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

School Photos Monday

A further reminder that our date for photos is this Monday 22nd June. New forms have been given out to the students.

If they would like a sibling photo of their children please either collect one from the school office or ask your child to collect one from the office.

Three Way Conferences

Three Way Conferences will take place next week on Tuesday 23rd June and Wednesday 24th June. This will give teachers an opportunity to discuss the distance learning during the COVID-19 lockdown with you, and goals going forward.

For interview bookings go to https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/. The booking code is **4zqhq.**

Mokoia Science And Technology Fair

- Students decide the project topic and investigation
- Can work singly or with a partner no more than 2 people
- Investigations are mostly at home for homework
- School can provide the display boards at a cost of \$8
- Log books are kept regularly and brought in to 'check-ins' each week
- Website with useful information you can access at home: <u>http://mokoiasciencefair.weebly.com</u> (set up in 2019)

Students were given the information book as sent out from the BOP NIWA Science and Technology committee. Please go through this again to check this is something you are willing and able to commit to with your child. It is a big effort, but so worth the feeling of satisfaction and pride at the end of it all.

If your child is interested in the Science Fair please email kstevenson@mokoia.school.nz or send them to see me. A meeting was held at lunchtime today.

The science fair will take place in Term 3, Week 2, on Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th and Friday 31st July.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club has restarted on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at a new time. It will now be at morning tea 10.45-11.10am and will be a Weetbix, toast and Milo meal. We are always grateful for donations to support our club: longlife milk, Milo, toast bread and spreads. (Weetbix and milk is sponsored by the Ministry of Social Development, Sanitarium and Fonterra, but milk supplies do not cover the Milo drinks.)

Rotary Rotorua Passport Challenge

Rotary Rotorua passport Club members have set themselves a challenge to each facilitate a collection of items to replenish the Salvation Army's food bank due to many families doing it hard through these challenging economic times.

If you are in a position to help others by donating an item of food (jar, can, baking ingredients, breakfast cereal, dinner ingredients such as sachets, biscuits) that would be greatly appreciated by our Rotorua community.

If you would like to participate and donate an item, please drop off by Friday 26th June. We will have a container to drop items into at the school office and at the end of the month we will deliver these on behalf of the families of Mokoia Intermediate.

You will also be able to follow your item being delivered on the club Facebook page in early July.

Netball

Netball training started this week. The day and times are as follows:

Magic: Monday 3.30-4.30pm

Marvels: Tuesday lunchtimes 12.40-1.25pm

Mana: Tuesday 3.30-5pm Mystics: Friday 3.30-4.30pm

Students need to be ready in PE or training gear, appropriate footwear, hair tied back and nails

trimmed.

- Whaea Arihi

Basketball

Basketball Results - Wednesday 17th June

Mokoia Komaitanga Yr 7 Boys vs Reporoa Boys

38-26 - win

Player of the Day - Hauraki May

A strong game by Komaitanga on Wednesday, good shooting and teamwork.

Mokoia Limitless Yr 7 Boys vs RIS Memphis

4 - 32 2nd

Player of the Day - Luke Waites

Boys were a little timid and were beaten by a very skilled team. Back to training we go.

Mokoia Passion Yr 8's - vs Te Koutu Mana Tau 7/8's

28 - 27 win

Player of the Day - Manaia Paul

A tough game which went down to the wire, final 2 pointer to win the game on full time.

2nd grading games on Wednesday. More good sportsmanship, positive attitude & excellent behaviour. Thanks to all the parents and caregivers who came to support. Thanks to the coaches.

Regards

Matua Rawiri

Hockey

Great training this week - and first games are not until next Friday night at the Hockey Turf in Devon Street.

Holiday Programme

YMCA Tauranga/Rotorua currently offer before school care and after school care at Lynmore School.

They also offer a holiday programme at Lynmore School for 5-13 year olds.

Contact Karen Deane, (07) 579 6530 Mobile 021363325 or karen.deane@ymcaauckland.org.nz.

Merit Awards

K1	Tania-May Kingi - For coming and fitting into K1 like you're part of the family. You are a wonderful addition to our class.
Rūmaki	Manaia White - Kua rewa ake koe i te pae o angitū! E tū Kahikatea koe! Me tū māia!
K3	Daniella Reihana - For your awesome mahi on Google Classroom and Seesaw and for having a positive attitude towards your learning.
K4	Shiloh Brons - For the effort and good attitude toward your learning. Kia kaha tonu!
P1	Ethan Wilson - For your diligence shown in your problem based learning inquiry. Your research was thorough and your presentation was very well laid out. Well done Ethan. Ka rawe koe!

P2	Moana Uerata - Your exceptionally high standards are evident in everything you do. You have presented your literacy tasks in a clear and concise manner, showing a level of maturity beyond your years. Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei.
P3	Tyrelle Parata - For a huge improvement in your attitude towards your work, your peers and teachers. You have shown perseverance, determination and worked extremely hard to improve your confidence and understanding in reading. You are an amazing bookworm now. Keep up the hard work Tyrelle. We are super proud of you. Believe in yourself. Tumeke!
P4	Josh Tawhara - For deputising as class councillor for P4. You always step up with a smile.
W1	Delton Manson - For excellent team work when breaking down difficult word problems in mathematics, then solving them. Liam Hofmann - For excellent team work when breaking down difficult word problems in mathematics, then solving them.
W2	Holly Andrews - You are diligent, hardworking, and a great person. Whaea Shelley and I are thankful to have you in the class.
W3	Tama Moke - You have made some really good decisions for your learning this week! Your creativity shone as you started putting together your maths game. Keep it up Tama!
W4	Cody Kuka - For your positive attitude to work and giving things a go. Kia kaha tõnu e tama!
Food	Jamal Rimene-Edwards K3 - For your support of and helpfulness towards others in your team. Your positive attitude while trying new skills is fantastic to see. Well done. Isabella Morey K1 - For your energy and enthusiasm when creating in the cooking
	room. You persevere with a challenge and are always willing to help others when needed. Awesome efforts.
Multi	Gabrielle Short K3 - For showing fantastic perseverance and adaptability during her mahi this week.
Bio Tech	Remy Kemp K3 - For always having a positive attitude, consistently staying on task and completing all work to a high standard.

Value Bands	Class	
Komaitanga	P2	Liam Annabell, Tara Thaine, Kama Bava, P3: Rico Hunter, Oliver Kidd, Senna Knapman, Marcus Poovaiah, Nature Williams, Olivia Thomas, Holly Thompson, Bailey Tomokino, Hanae Tsunokawa, Kalani Valentine-Halbert, Laura Wallace, Alissa Gaugler
Whakaiti	P2	Cyris McDonald, Siwan Lloyd Jones, Te Hingawaka Shipgood,

		P3: Senna Knapman, Nevaeh Raureti, Kalani Valentine-Halbert, Hanae Tsunokawa
Upoko Pakaru	P2	Tokoaitua Owen, Noah Fisher, Emma Pol, P3: Laura Wallace, Kalani Valentine- Halbert, Holly Thompson, Alyssa Gillions, Lilly Kirkby

Celebrations

- de The values trophy goes to **Katelin Kelly, W4**. This award is given out each week to a role model student. "All that I value I will uphold he tohu whakamanawa."
- Congratulations to all Merit Award winners this week.
- Evolocity 2020 Well done to our team for their fantastic effort during the first build session at Toi Ohomai. Lots of enthusiasm and creativity. Thank you to all of our parent helpers, industry experts, teachers and Jessica from the Rotorua library.
- A huge thank you to our Digital Circus facilitator, Tracey Kinloch-Jones. She worked in every classroom, modelling computational thinking activities in numeracy and literacy. Her approach and the activities were praised by staff and students.
- Well done to Whaea Kathryn and K1, who facilitated this morning's Zoombly.
- For more go to our Facebook group page, Mokoia Intermediate 2020 http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook

Our School Values

He manako te koura i kore ai.

Wishing for the crayfish won't bring it.

A lot more often than we know, we get stuck in dreaming about the things we want in life. However, acting on what we wish for makes a big difference. Once we act on what we want, our dreams will turn into reality. Take that leap and make your dreams come true. BE ACTIVE LEARNERS tamariki mā!



https://www.thetereomaoriclassroom.co.nz/2019/07/whakatauki-wisdom-te-reo-maori/

School App

Our Skool Loop app is available on Google Play or the App store. The Skool Loop app is updated weekly with all our notices.

