



Mokoia Intermediate



Matua Rawiri's Shout Out

Tēnā Koutou Parents and Caregivers

This week has been very exciting with school swimming sports, having scientists visit to talk and install a seismometer for monitoring earthquakes and Clued Up Campers with St John's first aid expert, **Annette Binnie**.

Next week Waiteti is away on their camp to Okataina, which they are looking forward to. Mokoia Intermediate is also hosting the Super 11 Touch Tournament at Westbrook fields, and we are sending four teams.

Congratulations to **Elliott Crimp (W1)**, who today received the He Tohu Whakamanawa trophy; a worthy recipient who gives everything a go, is a positive role model and goes above and beyond as a student. We are so proud of him.

Again, I would like to thank all our students and staff who come to school with a positive attitude, a willingness to learn, care and have fun while at school. You are No.1!

Have a good weekend everyone! You deserve it.

Arohanui

Matua Rawiri and the Mokoia 'A' Team

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

Key dates for Term 1 2021

Week 8

- Client schools in Tech/Arts classrooms this week
- Tuesday 23rd March - Puarenga learning centre camp meeting, 5.30pm
- Tuesday 23rd - Friday 26th March - Waiteti Learning centre camp at Okataina Outdoor Education and Recreation Trust

Week 9

- Client schools in Tech/Arts classrooms this week
- Monday 29th March - Thursday 1st April - Puarenga Learning centre camp at Okataina Outdoor Education & Recreation Trust
- Friday 2nd April - Good Friday (school closed)

Week 10

- Monday 5th April - Easter Monday (school closed)
- Tuesday 6th April - Easter Tuesday (school closed)
- Thursday 8th April - Board hui 6pm

Week 11

- Monday 12th April - School photos
- Wednesday 14th April - CBOP swimming sports
- Thursday 15th - Friday 16th April - SPELD course open to educators and the community @ Mokoia Int
- Thursday 15th April - last day for students for Term 1
- Friday 16th April - Teacher Only Day

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

Puarenga Camp Parent Information Evening

Tuesday 23 March at 5.30pm in the Puarenga Learning Centre

We have a Seismometer!

New Zealand's central North Island hosts a huge supervolcano system, the most active of its kind on Earth. This system becomes restive every few decades and erupts every few hundred years on average, sometimes in tiny events, and sometimes devastating much of the country. This system will reactivate in the future, to unrest or eruption, yet our understanding of what occurs in these events does not allow us to respond appropriately and there is the possibility of major panic. As part of the ECLIPSE programme (Eruption or Catastrophe: Learning to Implement Preparedness for Supervolcano Eruptions) and group of scientists with different strengths, from different universities, have engaged four Te Arawa schools in Rotorua to install seismometers and get our students involved.

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Lucky enough to be the school in the eastern quadrant of Rotorua. Our science extension students gave up their lunch hour to find out more from the group.

The device they installed is a Seismometer called Raspberry Shake (<https://raspberrysshake.org/>). To find out more go to <https://sites.google.com/view/eclipse-supervolcanoes/home>.

Kiwi Competitions - reminder

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 \$9.50 per competition entered.

The registration letter is available. No date is added at this point to get it in; that will be early next term. Please get it in as soon as possible.

Maths Extension Class

The Maths extension class will be up and running in the next few weeks with **Whaea Kathryn McMurdo**.

After consultation with Rotorua Lakes High, this year we are going to be focussing on higher level problem solving rather than just teaching things that will be better suited to them learning at high school. Because of this, the class will only be open to those students working at Level 5 of the curriculum. There will be an opportunity for other students to join mid year as well.

A group of twenty four students have been identified based on PAT assessment. Again, these are only students working at Level 5 currently. Teachers are being consulted with in case we have missed anyone.

MindPlus

About MindPlus: *"MindPlus is a programme for gifted 6-13 year olds that provides intellectual, creative, social and emotional learning and support. Children come together, with a specialist teacher, for one day each week. Together they engage in differentiated, strength-based learning experiences to further develop their gifts and talents and a greater understanding of themselves.*

Referrals to MindPlus are welcomed from parents or a child's school.

Information regarding a child's intellectual, creative, and personal abilities and traits is collected from their home and school, and from the child themselves at an entry selection workshop.

This information is analysed to determine whether there is a good match between the child's strengths and the MindPlus programme."

Sue Bufton and Jo Jenkins, who run this one day programme are teachers I've worked with in the past. I bumped into them at the airport, as you do, and we discussed that for a while our local schools have not been involved. We are all for providing the opportunities that our children need. Your child's teacher has suggested that you might be interested. Please let me know **by MONDAY**; there are referral forms to fill. There is a cost to you of \$75 a week and the programme is over at Kaitao intermediate where the MindPlus programme is able to use a spare classroom.

Cricket

Cricket Draw Saturday March 20th

Mokoia Komaitanga vs NGO Allstars (Ray Boord 3)

Mokoia Limitless vs Geysers Avengers (Ray Boord 2)

Please be there to start promptly at 9am.

Please note that there is an event at the Stadium on Saturday so parking may be at a premium. I'd encourage you to turn up a little earlier than normal so that matches can start on time. Further to this our senior grade finals start at 12.30pm at Boord park and Neil Hunt, so all matches at these venues must be finished by midday at the latest. We can't have any flex this week given its 'finals' for the seniors.

Hockey

Team 1 had a fantastic first training yesterday. We will continue to train every Wednesday, even when Camps are on for some, 3:15-4:45pm.

Thanks to **Kade Slade** for helping out at training and thank you parents for your support.

Games:

The 2021 season starts on Friday 15th May. Semis and finals will be held at the end of the 13 week season.

Fees are \$100 per player. This covers all affiliation fees, umpire and game fees. Payment is due by May 31st. Please pay at the school office.

Games are played between 4pm and 9pm. They are 25 minutes each way with a 5 minute half time. They are played on a full turf.

Only coaches, managers and players are permitted in the dugout. Only players, goalies and umpires are to be on the turf. Coaches/Managers and players waiting to be subbed must remain in the dugout unless subbing.

Team 2 update - I have recently had two parents offer to work together to coach this team. I will confirm this and their training day as soon as I know.

We are looking forward to another fun, successful hockey season.

Both Team 1 and 2 are full. Thank you for your support.

- Mrs Bocoock

Netball

Netball fees are due by the end of the term \$55 per person.

Touch

Awesome games this week, for both teams. Our boys had a good win over Huiarau. All the boys played extremely well. Our girls went down narrowly to RIS Wāhine. Still lots of positives from both teams and I'm proud of all players involved.

- Matua Rhys Hohepa

Super 11 Touch Rugby Tournament

When and Where: Friday 26th March, 8.00am to 3.00pm at the Westbrook Fields

Schools involved: Kaitao, RIS, Mokoia, Otumoetai, Tauranga, Mount, Te Puke, Taupo, Whakatane, Gisborne, Ilminster

Teams playing: Year 8 Girls, Year 8 Boys, Year 7 Girls, Year 7 Boys

Our 4 teams will travel by bus at 8.00am sharp. Please ensure your child has boots, P.E shorts, a drink, morning tea and lunch. Touch shirts will be provided on the day.

Matua Rhys and other coaches will take teams on the day.

Mokoia are the hosts and organisers on this day.

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Touch Billets Needed URGENTLY

Gisborne Intermediate School are visiting Rotorua for the Super 11 Touch Tournament on Friday 26th March.

They have asked us if we can support them with accommodation. We require host families to billet a player/players for one night. There are 20 boys and 20 girls.

They arrive at approximately 3.30pm on Thursday 25th March and are required to be at school for 8.00am on Friday morning to travel to their game.

Water Polo

We played JPC Red last Friday evening. It was a tough game but our ability to make the most of attacking opportunities and swimming back quickly on defence is improving.

Thanks to **William Ngamokoi-Hohepa** and **Tamzin Joy** for playing after returning from camp. That's commitment.

Draw:

One game this Friday.

Please meet at the pool by 7pm.

Merit Awards

K1	Damon Heighway - For the focus and care you put into everything you do in class. You are always putting in 100% effort and it shows in the work you produce. Tumeke, Damon!
Rūmaki	Avena Alefosio-Tuck - Mehe pītau whakareia ko koe! Mehe kākā whakatakapōkai ko koe!
K3	Tamzin Joy - For her dedication with her busy co-curricular schedule. Swimming sports, water polo and camp. Along with maintaining a diligent high standard in her work in class. Great commitment.
K4	William Ngamoki-Hohepa - For playing water polo on Friday night after our camp. You show commitment and dedication to your sport. What an awesome team player!
K5	Declan Smith - For having such a positive attitude at camp and attempting activities that were out of your comfort zone. It takes a lot of courage to give new

	things ago and I am very proud of your resilience.
P1	Oasis Morrell - For being a great help using your digital expertise in our statistical investigation unit. Your skills helped with creating a line and bar graph. You are awesome!
P2	Marcus Macpherson - For the fabulous effort you put into participating at our school swimming sports on Tuesday. Your willingness to get in and give things a go is something you should be proud of! Keep it up Marcus!
P3	Matiu Fane - For the amazing effort you made at swimming sports. You gave every event 100% and lots of teachers commented on your beautiful manners. You are a talented swimmer. We are super proud of you. Tumeke Matiu!
P4	Alissa Gaugler, Amy Crawshaw - I appreciate the effort you put into your band manager presentation. It was very high quality and well thought through. Thank you.
W1	Grayson Emtage - For his commitment to getting himself prepared for learning and his effort to get his class work done.
W2	Neveah Raureti - In acknowledgment of your leadership skills when speaking on behalf of your classmates. 'Mā mua ka kite a muri, mā muri ka ora a mua'. Those who lead give sight to those who follow, those who follow give life to those who lead.
W3	Cameron Moore - For the way you challenged yourself at swimming sports, conquering your nerves and participating in a number of events. You are a diligent learner, and a pleasure to teach. I am proud of you!
W4	Luka Garrood - For the way you apply yourself to all tasks, you put in 100% effort in all that you do. You have a shining personality and a contagious smile. Keep being you Luka. I am very proud of you.
Reo rua	Awanui Owen - <i>Me he manawā tītī, me tōhona hirika.</i>
Multi/Digi	Ollie Parsons W2 - Applied himself very well to the mahi. He was focussed and knew what he was trying to complete.
Art/Toi Ataata	Nicole Wallace K5 - For your attention to detail and your focussed commitment to art and design.
Food Tech	Lawrel Ngere W3 - For your enthusiasm and excellent team work in cooking this week, I really enjoyed watching you take risks and push yourself. Ka pai!

Celebrations

👍 Congratulations to this week's recipient of our values trophy, **Elliot Crimp, W1**. This award is given out each week to a role model student. **"All that I value I will uphold - he tohu whakamanawa."**

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👍 Congratulations to all house point recipients and merit award winners this week.

👍 Huge thanks to Southern Trust (\$8000) and Okataina Outdoor Education (\$6000) for their grants for camp. These grants allowed us to reduce student costs to a minimum.

👍 Thank you to our camp helpers, Kaituna Camp 2021.

- Thank you **Whaea Te Aroha Wihapi** for being our boss cook and your team: **Matua Renata Clarke, Whaea Donella Mattock**. To **Matua Dave** and **Matua Warner** for supporting our students on the water, **Whaea Jenna** for being our camp nurse, **Matua Neville**, for sharing your bush skills and the awesome bivouac challenge for the kids. To **Te Waiariki Purea Trust** for teaching Horohopu and other Maori games.
- And then it poured down...lol.
- Thanks to my team, you rock! **Whaea Kathryn McMurdo, Whaea Kimberlee Fields, Matua Gareth Upston, Matua Taimona Panapa, Matua Pene Panapa, Whaea Anna Ranginui** and student teacher **Whaea Freya**.
- Well done to our students who showed independence, built friendships, developed resilience and gave things a go! - *Whaea Liana Te Hau*

👍 Well done to everyone who competed at the school swimming sports, either in the championship events, or in fun events for house points. We had an amazing day: best behaviour ever!

👍 A thank you was sent to us for allowing Mokoia Intermediate students and staff to powhiri the Waikato Principals' Association yesterday morning at the Millenium Hotel.
"As Tangata Whenua they welcomed us as Manuhiri...and they were fantastic. Personally I was very impressed, and they did you, your school and their whanau proud. Often we forget to say make contact with our principal colleagues to "thank you" in these situations, so please accept my genuine appreciation, and I would ask that you also pass on my gratitude to the children and staff involved. Please also let them know we were all very impressed."

👍 A huge congratulations to our Learning Support Coordinators, **Te Aroha Wihapi** and **Rose Henry** and Coherent Pathways coordinators, Christina Roberts and Tracey Low, who facilitated a fantastic day for our Kahui Āko rumaki kaiako.

👍 For more go to our Facebook group page, Mokoia Intermediate 2020.

<http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

Our School Values

Rangatiratanga

This week our student leaders and student councillors received their badges and we discussed what it means to be a leader:

- Leaders have to lead by example. They need to aspire to show all the school values: *whakaiti, ūpoko pakaru* and *kōmaitanga*.
- Leaders show *ūpoko pakaru* by being prepared to take risks. They need to show that they can do something that has to be done by leading the way. Sometimes that means stepping out of your comfort zone. Maybe you have to go on the high wire even if you are scared of heights. Be brave.
- Leaders celebrate *kōmaitanga* in others by celebrating their small achievements. Watch out for these moments.
- Leaders show *whakaiti* by recognising that they have their positions because others have nominated them, voted for them and they have agreed that they can take these positions. It's not just a badge; they have to take the lead because they now have an expectation on them to lead. They have to take the initiative. Their badges don't say "follower" - they announce: "leader".



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