



Mokoia Intermediate



Matua Rawiri's Shout Out

Tēnā Koutou Parents and Caregivers

Although the weather hasn't been the best, Puarenga Learning Centre has taken every opportunity to make the most of their camp at Okataina. Well done **Whaea Arihi**, your teacher and support staff team and parent helpers. We appreciate your commitment to give our students the best learning experiences.

With only two short weeks to end our term, and the amount of involvement we have had in and out of school I congratulate everyone for such a successful term. It has taken a good part of the term for our students to settle into school and their classrooms. There is no school this Friday due to Easter including next Monday and Tuesday. School opens again next Wednesday 7th April.

Have a good five day holiday over Easter everyone.

Arohanui

Matua Rawiri and the Mokoia 'A' Team

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

Key dates for Term 1 2021

Week 9

- 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 April - last day for students for Term 1
- Friday 16th April - SPELD course open to educators and the community @ Mokoia Int
- Friday 16th April - Teacher Only Day

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

Easter Tuesday? It's Not New!

In fact, it was commonly experienced when we had the three term year. The following is adapted from a news article:

The Tuesday after Easter Monday is a school holiday, but not a statutory holiday, meaning that schools have to be shut while everyone else goes back to work.

According to the Ministry of Education, we usually don't notice the Easter Tuesday holiday. That's because since the introduction of four term school years in 1996, the terms and holidays have been set so that Easter takes place during the first term break.

But in some years Easter falls earlier than usual, such as in 1997, 2005, 2008, 2013, 2016 and 2018.

In years where Easter falls earlier, having the first two-week break then would shorten the school term to about 8 - 9 weeks instead of the usual 12. This would have a flow-on effect, meaning the other three terms would have to be longer. Since the Ministry of Education tries to set terms of reasonably uniform length, when Easter happens early all or some of the Easter break takes place during the first term.

The rule to close schools on Easter Tuesday was first introduced in 1954. It's unclear why exactly it was introduced, but the holiday has remained in place and is part of the Education Act legislation.

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"Given the long standing requirement for schools to close on Easter Tuesday it is no longer known why it was introduced," a Ministry of Education spokesperson said.

In 2019 and 2020 the Easter break and Easter Tuesday fell within the first term school break, so the school holiday wasn't noticeable.

Easter is different to events with a uniform date such as Christmas, Valentine's Day or Anzac Day. It can fall anytime between March 22 and April 25. Easter is supposed to fall on the first Sunday after the paschal full moon, according to the Merriam Webster dictionary.

- <https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/new-zealand/2018/04/why-did-students-have-a-day-off-on-easter-tuesday.html>

Reports to Parents

A reminder that before the end of this term, you will have received **two brief reports** on different Learning Areas and Key Competencies from the New Zealand Curriculum (NZC). Because a school's report reflects what is important in its curriculum, it is important that we report on more than reading, writing and mathematics ability.

The eight Learning Areas are **English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, The Arts, Technology, Health and Physical Education and Languages**. Because we integrate these learning areas, you will see the NZC achievement objectives described in our reporting as **Identity, Respect, Develop, Think, Communicate, Relate, Participate, Innovate and Sustain**.

The five **Key Competencies** are **Thinking, Relating to Others, Understanding Language, Symbols and Text, Managing Self Participating and Contributing**.

Both of these reports will include a teacher comment and a student reflection.

In week 11 you will receive a brief report generated by our student management system including the reading, writing and mathematics data you are used to. As these grades are in various formats, it is important that you and your child attend the **Three Way Conferences** in Term 2 Week 2, to discuss your child's learning goals with his or her teacher.

Three Way Conferences

Book your Three Way Conference with your teacher here; we'd love full attendance:

- Go to schoolinterviews.co.nz
- Use code **ncb65**

(I'm still putting this together, so don't try to access this today!)

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Puarenga Camp

I really enjoyed the visit out to camp yesterday. The Puarenga team are absolutely mentally and physically prepared for making the best of a wet camp. The solid buildings have made it possible, with dorms, a large dining area and the two classrooms.

Everyone looks happy. The rain wasn't bad yesterday, so kayaking and bush walks went ahead. It's relatively sheltered under the canopy.

I loved my walk through the bush in one rotation, and to the waterfall in the other. The teachers and parents stopped along the way to discuss the history, geography and biology of the forest.

Go Puarenga!

- Annemarie Hyde (DP Curriculum) ahyde@mokoia.school.nz

Fluoride Dental Treatment

The Dental Team is coming to Mokoia Intermediate on the 7th April 2021 for an additional visit to apply a Fluoride varnish to help provide extra protection to your child's teeth.

Fluoride is a material that occurs naturally in some water sources. Research has shown that fluoride reduces cavities and helps repair the early stages of tooth decay.

What will we do?

- Talk to your child about ways to keep teeth healthy.
- Apply a protective coating of Fluoride to your child's teeth.

What do you need to do?

- If you do not want your child to have this service, or you want to discuss, please contact
- Phone 0800 Lakes Teeth (0800 525 378)
- Text 027 578 0275
- teeth@lakesdhb.govt.nz

Rugby

Please contact me if you have a daughter who is interested in playing rugby for Mokoia Intermediate and the AIMS 7's Girls rugby team.

- Rawiri Wihapi (TIC Rugby) rwihapi@mokoia.school.nz

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Mokoia Intermediate 2020-2021 Cricket Prize Giving

Venue: Smallbone Cricket Club

Date: Wednesday 7th April

Time: 5pm - 7pm

Please RSVP to Whaea Kathryn by the Wednesday morning so we have an idea of numbers.

- Whaea Kathryn McMurdo (TIC Cricket) kmcmurdo@mokoia.school.nz

Netball

The fees of \$55 per player need to be paid to the school office before the end of this term (Thursday 15th April).

Fees can be paid at the school office or online. Mokoia's bank details are: Westpac 03-1552-0215901-00. Include your child's name and netball as a reference

- Arihi Harvey (TIC Netball) aharvey@mokoia.school.nz

Super 11 Touch Rugby Tournament

Last week, our composite year 7-8 boys' and girls' touch teams took part in the Super 11 Touch Rugby Tournament held here in Rotorua. Schools from as far away as Gisborne, attended the tournament as well as the three big intermediate schools of Rotorua, Mokoia, Kaitao and Rotorua Intermediates.

Both of our teams played in a pool of five teams. The girls played a total of four games, narrowly losing three games and earning a draw in their game versus Mount Maunganui Intermediate. Our boys also had three narrow losses. However, they did manage to finish the day with a good win over Ōtumoetai.

Although the results didn't quite favour our teams, they all showed a lot of resilience to keep playing on. They never gave up, and came away happy that they had tried their best. All the

students involved were very supportive and they enjoyed playing and observing the other teams who had also trained well, leading into the tournament.

A special mention to **Matua Rawiri, Whaea Liana, Mr Upston** and **Matua Renata**, for organising and facilitating a fantastic tournament. Also a huge thank you to the whānau who billeted our kura from Gisborne. They were very grateful and spoke highly of our whānau and our kura. Finally, a big thank you to our ākonga and their caregivers for the tremendous support throughout the day and for allowing their children to be a part of this awesome kaupapa.

Nāku noa nā

- *Matua Rhys (TIC Touch Rugby)* rhohepa@mokoia.school.nz

Water Polo

No water polo training or games this week.

- *Toni Bocoock (TIC Waterpolo)* tbocoock@mokoia.school.nz

Merit Awards

K1	Penelope Agnew - For your fantastic reflection on your maths learning this week. You clearly articulated what you had learnt and where you want to go next.
Rūmaki	Kemara Whareaitu - E tika ra ana, he uri koe no Tūwhakamonoariki!
K3	Grace Milsum - Grace has produced fantastic writing recently. Her critical thinking during her movie review on "Wonder" represents the deep thinking she processes.
K4	Eruera Newton - For a well written character description of Ihenga. You showed perseverance with the task and completed to a good standard. Ka mau te wehi!
K5	Sammie Foster - For always having such a positive attitude and working so diligently on your class projects.
P1	Camp
P2	Camp
P3	Camp
P4	Camp
W1	Dane Wicks - For giving challenges a go that you weren't confident with and achieving more than you thought you could. Be very proud of your achievements at camp. We are!

	Abby Twist - For taking initiative and organising assembly during our class duty week. You demonstrate excellent organisation skills and time management. We appreciate you!
W2	Keearn Savage - I tērā wiki, ka tunua e koe te kai. Ka whangai te kai i te tinana, i te wairua hoki ō mātou e kaingia. Nga mihi.
W3	Chloe Judd - For your valuable contributions during class discussions. Thank you for being an example of how to speak assertively and with a clear message.
W4	Macey Verhaegh - For your hard work and determination to complete your mahi in a timely fashion and to a high standard. Ka pai tō mahi.
Reo Rua	Wiki Keepa - Kua tutuki koe i Ngā mahinga ako, ko te reo rangatira, ko te pāngarau. Whāia te pae ō angitū.
Art/Toi Ataata	Client Schools
Food Tech/ BioTech	Client Schools
Multi Materials/Di gital	Client Schools

Celebrations

👍 Thank you everyone, this week; we survived the Eastern suburbs sewerage issue, thunder storm, heavy rain, power outages and yes - a shark sighting at the surfing competition. Mother Nature playing April Fools on us all?

👍 Thank you to our Puarenga Camp 2021 helpers!

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

<http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

Our School Values

Whāia te iti kahurangi!
Strive for something of great value!

This comes from the whakataukī: **Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe, me he maunga teitei**, which means *Seek the treasure that you value most*

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dearly, if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain.

This whakataukī is about *ūpoko pakuru* and *kōmaitanga*. Refusing to let obstacles get in your way while striving to reach your goals.

School App

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