



Mokoia Intermediate

Matua Rawiri's Shout Out



Tēnā Koutou Parents and Caregivers

Hei whakanui i te Wiki o Te Reo Maori kei te pirangi au ki te tautoko i tenei kaupapa. kia ora, kia tupato, kia tupato hoki.

Thank you for your support during Covid-19 lockdown. We fully understand the stress and trauma it can put on families. It has been lovely getting back into school and seeing our students and staff. It seems that everyone is in good spirits and high morale. As we continue with the normality of school we are very aware of keeping everyone safe, and following health and safety guidelines set by the Secretary of Education. It is also positive that we have many agencies available to support students with trauma due to the recent situation we have all experienced.

There are only 2 weeks to go before the school holidays so we are enthused to engage our students in as much learning and fun activities as possible.

I'd like to once again assure you that the safety of your children while in our care at Mokoia is paramount.

Have a lovely weekend, support local and look after your families.

Arohanui

Matua Rawiri and the Mokoia 'A' Team

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

Key dates for Term 3 2021

Week 9

- Wednesday 22nd September - School Speech Finals
- Thursday 23rd September - RLHS open day
- Friday 23rd September - House General Knowledge Competition

Week 10

- Monday 27th September - Friday 1st October - Learning journal updates posted
- Friday 1st October - last day Term 3 (**NO CHANGE**)

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

Reminders for Level 2

Thanks everyone. We have had a successful return back to school. Some changes in what school looks like at Level 2:

- Masks are strongly recommended but not compulsory for everyone 12 years and older.
- We have tried to ensure desk distancing in classrooms, and we are avoiding assembly and Learning Centre whanau meetings at present.
- We emphasize hand washing and use of hand sanitiser.
- We ask for all classrooms and school spaces to be well ventilated. For that reason, for **LEVEL 2 ONLY** we are allowing extra warm tops and jackets that may not be uniform items.
- All visitors must think about social distancing and sign in at the school office.

Our caretaker is away on sick leave so to make our job easier, we are also asking students to take their lunch rubbish home.

Māori Language Moment

It's **Māori Language Week** and one event that has taken place, and we hope you supported, is the Māori Language Moment. At 12pm on Tuesday, people all over New Zealand were challenged to use Māori language in that moment.

The rain had been streaming down, but at 11.45am it stopped, so all classes headed out to the school field. We had decided to perform the school haka, because it would have more impact if there was movement with the language, it was something most students could participate in and we could perform as a group in the open air; we were mindful of Level 2 protocols!

Not only was it great to see the Māori language come alive; it was a moving occasion to see our school community back together as one.

Scarecrows

Thank you to the **Mclroy family** who started the Scarecrow craze during Level 4. Their front yard efforts were well publicised in the Daily Post and on the Project, on TV3.

We challenged our children to make a scarecrow and win pizza for their class. Some amazing efforts have been posted on Seesaw and Facebook: a skier, a Matua Rawiri look alike and even one climbing over a fence. At the time of writing, we are struggling to decide on an overall winner!

Devices From Level 4

School devices that were issued during Lockdown are required to be returned to school.

Please bring your device and charger to **Mrs Lind** in the library. At Level 2 your child may continue to use the device that was issued to them in their class, but first it needs to be checked off and labelled. These devices must remain at school and not be taken home at night.

Return the laptop and charger with the box please.

Sports Uniforms

Sports Uniforms are due to be returned.

If your team has finished playing for the year or if you were issued one for AIMs games uniforms, please return your uniform promptly.

The uniforms need to be returned to **Mrs Lind** in the library or alternatively they may be left in the school office.

Chess

Due to recent Covid19 developments which resulted in the cancellation of the planned on-site Rotorua regional tournament (originally to be held at Mokoia intermediate), Chess Power moved to an online platform. This regional tournament was held last Friday, and was completely optional for participants who registered for the tournament in Term 2.

Mokoia's team of fifteen students bravely competed with the best players in the region, and we acknowledge their willingness and the effort they gave to seven rounds of competitive chess. This is a huge effort, especially coming out of lockdown.

Well done to the following students:

Kemara Whareaitu K2, Olivia Thomas , Kade Paul W5, Kingston Teroi, Brooklyn Rawlinson P3, Shyamana Shors K1, Connor Carter, Lawrel Ngere, Antonia Moss W1, Caitlin Lye, Jivan Samvelyan, Divjot Bairagi W1, Ashton MacDonnell, Asher Goddard and Aydn Webber.

We are proud to announce the following-

- **Shyamana Shors** has qualified as an individual for the NZ National tournament in November and won top girl
- Kade Paul has qualified as an individual for the NZ National tournament in November and won 3rd overall. Kade won the biggest upset and the biggest gainer.

This is a fantastic result for our school, and proves our students are beautiful, resilient young people. A huge thanks to **Whaea Faith** for her technical expertise which is very much appreciated. Many thanks to **Matua Luke** for his coaching and training over the last few months.

- *Whaea Faith McGregor and Whaea Lisa Te Whare (TIC Chess)* ltewhare@mokoia.school.nz

Rock Shop Band Quest

Congratulations to our band 'Nu Error': **Rocky Ahuriri W2** (percussion, student leader of the arts), **Raymond Nelson P1** (lead guitar), **Bryana Karaka K2** (rhythm guitar), **Tiffany Ten Haaf P4** (lead vocals), **TJ Delamere W4** (support vocals), and **Izaia Waitoa P1** (bass guitar).

Our Bandquest effort was tough. There were over fourteen schools, mostly from Tauranga, four from Mt Maunganui Intermediate alone. We certainly had the crowd supporting us, very loudly, and came away with two wins. **Raymond Nelson** and **Bryana Karaka** won the best hard rock guitarists of the night. Many thanks to all our parent support (great communication and parent help was essential) especially **Raymond Nelson Senior**. Our teacher supports were **Mr Law, Miss French**, and our support musicians **Jerome Namana** and **Cheyla Samuels**.

- *Whaea Lisa Te Whare (TIC Band)* ltewhare@mokoia.school.nz

Maternity Leave

It was lovely to have a celebration for one of our staff, now that we are back at school. Our learning support assistant, **Whaea Anna Ranginui** was officially back with us for a day, before she went on maternity leave to have number two!

Thanks Kathryn McMurdo for organising the morning tea and gift collection and Donnella Mattock for the incredibly beautiful cake!

Level 3 Bubbles

Ngā mihi nui to our bubble teachers at Level 3, **Mr Glen Law** and **Whaea Iris Arihi Harvey**, who tried to ensure that level 3 had some fun and some breaks. They did our school community a huge service being here for the last week.

Pasifika Speech Competition

Currently the organisers are wanting to register students who are interested in presenting a speech in two categories, which are Junior: Year 7 and 8 and Senior: Year 9 and 10. Over the next few weeks they will send communication to you regarding speech topics, rules and other important information.

Regarding Covid restrictions: They will continue to be optimistic about going ahead under level 1 and if things change with lockdown levels they will make a call by the 22nd of October.

Updates and information for parents will be found on the Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/PasifikaBOP>

LINK TO REGISTRATION FORM

<https://forms.gle/Km5QPtFG5e4DUsw7>



**ROTORUA LAKES
HIGH SCHOOL**

**OPEN EVENING
TO BE HELD AT
ROTORUA LAKES HIGH SCHOOL**

*Hot drinks and nibbles will be available during the evening
Get involved in the activities. See You There!*

**Open Night Rescheduled:
Thursday 21st October 4.30pm - 8.00pm**

Brent Road, Rotorua, NEW ZEALAND Phone: 07 3459071 Email: office@mokoia.school.nz

Applications for 2022 Entry are now OPEN!

Applications for entry to the MindPlus programmes for 2022 are now being accepted. The application process gathers a wide range of information about intellectual and/or creative abilities and works like this:

- Contact them to request an information pack and a link to online application forms: mindplus@nzcge.co.nz or 0800 769 243
- Parents, teachers and principals each provide some information, needed before the end of this term
- Parents and schools will be informed of a date for our entry workshop during term four (Rotorua: Monday 8th November if in Covid alert level 1)
- All information is collated and analysed by our specialist entry team
- Parents and schools are notified of the outcome of the application process as soon as we have all information to hand.

To request an application pack and link, please contact **Michelle** at our office: mindplus@nzcge.co.nz or 0800 769 243 or visit our website (www.nzcge.co.nz)

- Sue Bufton (Regional Lead Teacher NZCGE) Mobile: 027-2225-224 nzcge.co.nz

Basketball

Result - Wednesday 15th September

Mokoia Whakaiti 12 vs RIS Tuakana 40

This is the end of round-robin play. The following two weeks will be the semi-finals and then the finals.

Rotorua Basketball have said that they will restart but under strict rules so that they can adhere to the Level 2 guidelines.

There is a maximum of 50 people allowed inside the venue.

1. Only the players and coaches/managers with the referees will be permitted into the venue. No spectators allowed.
2. Only 2 courts will be in use. Depending on whether an extra 2 courts can be used will affect the games.
3. Contact tracing
4. Sanitizing hands. The benches, and equipment will be done by the referees.

5. Masks to be worn at all times except players when playing and referees when refereeing.
6. Toilets cannot be used for changing into uniform.
7. Of course if your child is sick they need to stay home.
 - *Matua Regan Hawke (TIC Basketball)* rhawke@mokoia.school.nz

Hockey

Draw - Friday 17 September

We have 2 more weeks of hockey. Semi finals will be played this Friday and finals next Friday. Team standings out of the 13 teams before these games are:

Team 1 - 3rd place.

Team 2 - 12th place.

You can check the draw and all team standings on the Rotorua Hockey page.

Team 1 - 4:30pm v RIS Black.Turf 2

(2nd v 3rd)

Team 2 - 7:05pm v Kaharoa. Turf .

(11th v 12th)

Please read the turf rules for Alert Level 2 before games. Meet at the turf 30 minutes before your game. If you cannot make a game, contact your coach in advance. Dress warmly. Bring a water bottle and a warm jacket. Play hard. Play fair. Have fun.

Enjoy your last two games.

- *Toni Bocock (TIC Hockey)* tbocock@mokoia.school.nz

Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge

Please be aware of the change of date.

The new date for the Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge is **Tuesday 26th October**.

Please note that the Rotorua Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge events will BOTH move from Wednesday 15th September and Thursday 16th September to Tuesday 26th October. All currently registered entrants for these events will automatically be transferred to the new date in October so no action is required at your end.

- *Whaea Deana Turner (TIC Tough Guy and Gal Challenge)* dturner@mokoia.school.nz
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Merit Awards

K1	<p>Mary Kiwi - For showing courage and giving a well written, heartfelt speech. You should be so proud of yourself.</p> <p>K1 - For the amazing focus and dedication you showed to your learning during lockdown. I am so proud of you and all the effort you put into your mahi.</p>
Rūmaki	<p>Mokoia Raethel - Mehe ūpoko pakaru ko koe i tō pokorua!</p> <p>Te Tūrangiūpoko Kameta - Tena koe e te pīwakawaka rere ki wīwī, rere ki wāwā. Kua tau koe ki runga i tō taunga whakaawe!</p>
K3	<p>Mackenzie Holland - For her perseverance in measuring and drawing a range of angles. Awesome to see you becoming more confident in your math learning Mackenzie. Well done.</p>
K4	<p>Hanna Smith - For your commitment to attend all the zhui during lockdown and working independently to complete your mahi. Tauke!</p> <p>Izzy Managh - For the way you have been engaged and focussed in all your learning tasks and completed to a good standard. Ka mau te wehi!</p>
K5	<p>Amelia Heath - For your exceptional speech. You have worked so and produced an outstanding, witty and informative speech. It has been wonderful to watch you grow in confidence in your writing ability.</p>
P1	<p>Izaia Waitoa - For your attendance in our zoom classes and for writing and delivering a fantastic speech. Ka mau te wehi Izaia.</p>
P2	<p>Meiken Bradbury - For the perseverance and commitment that you showed towards your learning during lockdown. You worked hard to complete set tasks to the best of your abilities and actively sought help when you needed it. Ka mau te wehi!</p>
P3	<p>Josh Gardiner, Marley McLean, Jethro Hughes, Holly Barker, Chloe Mitchell - For being one of P3s 'Top 5 Lockdown Learners.' You completed a huge range of learning activities and attended every Zoom meeting. I am super proud of you!</p>
P4	<p>Briana Lang - For working consistently hard and completing every assignment to a high standard.</p> <p>Lyla Alton - For the presentation of your superb cooking show from lockdown. I was impressed with your finished product, gnocchi, too.</p> <p>Jordan Bennett - Your lockdown cooking show was fantastic. Making butter chicken, including the sauce, from scratch, is an amazing effort. Your instructions were also clear and easy to follow. Thank you.</p>
W1	<p>Asher Goddard - For your consistent effort in learning and respect towards others at all times. You are a valued member of W1.</p>
W2	<p>Pipiana Jonas - Ka whaia e koe tō akongia motuhake. Ka whakapau kaha koe ki te piki te māramatanga ki te pāngarau.</p>
W3	<p>Henry Kedian - For engaging in your mahi and working independently all through</p>

	<p>lockdown.</p> <p>Raina Chandra - You have demonstrated self-discipline and perseverance this week. I am so proud of how much effort you have put into your mahi. Well done on the commitment you have shown - this will surely pay off.</p>
W4	<p>Elsie Button - For engaging in your classwork this lockdown and completing everything over and above expectations.</p> <p>Macey Verhaegh - We all deal with situations differently. You managed yourself and the situation to the best of your ability while remaining calm, enjoying the company of your cats and writing your speech. Thank you for returning to school and just getting on with it</p> <p>Luka Garrood and Lucas Corson - For your amazing progress in your number knowledge.</p>
Reo rua	<p>Kade Paul - Ka eke koe ki te pae o angitu, ko te mahinga whaikingi, koia kai a koe.</p>
Multi/ Digital	<p>Envy Lambert-Nuku (W5) - For being a helpful role model during tech time this week. Taking time to show peers how to do various parts in the workshop.</p> <p>Awanui Owen (W5) - For taking responsibility for his learning, asking questions and sharing his understanding.</p> <p>Christian Wright (K1) - You consistently model our Awhina Ako values by sharing your ideas, helping others and asking questions. Fantastic mahi this week.</p> <p>Liam Hofmann (W2) - You consistently model our Awhina Ako values by sharing your ideas, helping others and asking questions. Fantastic mahi this week.</p> <p>Raiha White (P2) - You consistently model our Awhina Ako values by sharing your ideas, helping others and asking questions. Fantastic mahi this week.</p>
Art/Toi Ataata	<p>Elizabeth Collier (W5) - For your focus and willingness to complete your design work on the first day back at school after lockdown. Elizabeth, you have proven to be a trustworthy member of Toi, and you are learning to value your efforts in a positive manner. Koia kai a koe!</p> <p>Harmony Oakley-Wharepapa (K2) - For understanding that great leaders empower others to lead. Harmony, your empathy for your classmates and your whanau, is admirable, and you have developed your interpersonal skills through your time in Toi. Tena koe Harmony.</p> <p>Avena Alefosio-Tuck (K2) - Avena, thank you for your contribution to Toi this week. We are fortunate to have you in our class, and value your positive and focussed approach to mahi Toi. You are also a fantastic singer! Me he korokoro Tui!</p> <p>Laura Wallace (P1) - Laura, you understand the need for timeframes and deadlines in design. Well done for applying that understanding, and completing as much as you could in the time we had without compromising quality. Nga mihi</p> <p>Ryder Neilson (K1) - Ryder, you approach your design tasks with positive enthusiasm, and aim to finish in style. You have proven to possess a talent in design, which you should explore further. Tena koe Ryder.</p> <p>Ngatoto Wairama-Galvin (W2) - Ngatoto, welcome to Mokoia Intermediate! You have already proven to be a resilient and focussed student, and you are able to focus on your work despite distraction. <i>He Manawa tītī.</i></p> <p>Kaituna learning centre - Nga akonga o mahi toi. Kaituna, your outstanding positive approach to mahi toi must be acknowledged and is very much appreciated. Tena koutou.</p>

Food Tech	<p>Kemara Whareaitu (K2) - For having an awesome attitude and working beautifully in a team setting. I love your vibrant and co-do approach to cooking, even though your recipe didn't turn out the way you expected. It is such a pleasure to have you in my class!</p> <p>Troy Dunn (P1) - For your creativity and risk taking approach to our pinwheel creations this week. I really enjoyed watching you push the limits and come up with very unique ideas for your recipe.</p> <p>Sabine Quirke (K5) - Thank you for your polite, graceful and calm manner in my cooking class. You bring a responsible nature with you into the room and I appreciate the way you help others when they need it.</p>
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Celebrations

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

👍 A big thank you to the whole staff team for Level 3 and 4 mahi.

👍 Congratulations to the P3 Top 5 Lockdown Learners. These students attended and contributed to every Zoom meeting and they completed a huge range of learning activities (number in brackets): **Josh Gardiner** (19), **Marley McLean** (15), **Chloe Mitchell** (13), **Jethro Hughes**(11) and **Holly Barclay** (11).

👍 Congratulations to Nu Error and the Chess players for their performances!

👍 Congratulations to **Lilli Warren** for her recognition from Just Hockey NZ as their Most Valuable Player: *"We know there are some keen players out there just like Lilli who can't wait to get back out on the turf. Lilli has been an enthusiastic player since she started back in 2019. Playing for Mokoia Intermediate School, Lilli has experienced a range of positions on the field with defence being her favourite. After sticking her hand up to fill in as goalie a few times, she soon grew to enjoy the role. Lilli enjoys the social aspect of hockey and aspires to one day play at the olympics in goal. We certainly look forward to watching your hockey future grow!"*

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

<http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

Our School Values

Kōmaitanga

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.

This whakatauki is about the importance of working together. It acknowledges and values the importance of both the leader and those who follow, because both are important. This is especially important right now with the pandemic, and working together as “the team of five million.”



School App

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