



# Mokoia Intermediate

## Matua Rawiri's Shout Out

**Tēnā Koutou Parents and  
Caregivers**

Mokoia Intermediate - Student  
Safety First

You're aware of the  
Government's decision that all  
staff and workers who may have  
contact with children and

students in schools and kura must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by 1 January 2022. This measure has the support of education entities including the representative bodies of teachers and principals.

As the employer, we are responsible for ensuring the Government's Health Orders are put into practice.

The health and wellbeing of our students, staff, and everyone involved in the safe operation of our school is something we take very seriously. As with other diseases that many of us are vaccinated from (measles, meningitis, pneumonia, tetanus and polio), without vaccination we're at risk of serious illness, disability and in extreme cases, even death.

Because not everyone can be vaccinated – including very young babies, those who are seriously ill or have certain allergies – they depend on us to be vaccinated to ensure they are also safe from vaccine-preventable diseases. By getting vaccinated against COVID-19, we are protecting ourselves and protecting those around us.

By getting vaccinated, we're less likely to get sick from COVID-19, and we're also less likely to pass it on.



A large number of our teachers and staff have already chosen to vaccinate to protect themselves and their learners and whānau.

We are working with the remainder of our team to ensure they have the information and support they need to get their first dose by 15 November and to be fully vaccinated for the New Year.

Many other countries, including Australia and the United States, have mandated that their education workforce be vaccinated to assist in the safe reopening of schools.

A fully vaccinated education workforce provides reassurance for parents and whānau that it's safe for their children and young people to attend school, and benefit from being with their friends and face-to-face learning with their teachers.

We appreciate all the efforts of parents and whānau to keep children and young people safe and engaged in their learning.

We will continue to update you with the latest public health and other information as it becomes available.

Arohanui

**Matua Rawiri and the Mokoia 'A' Team**

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

## Key dates for Term 4 2021

### Week 2

- Monday 25th October - Labour Day (holiday)
- Tuesday 26th October - Tough Guy and Gal challenge
- Wednesday 27th October - RLHS Year 8 testing for extension and enrichment class
- Thursday 27th October - NZ Shake Out, 9.30am
- Friday 29th October - Rotorua Boys High School open day, Bus leaving Mokoia at 8.30am for a 9.00am start. Returns at 2.45pm
- Friday 29th October - Rotorua Girls High School open day

### Week 3

- Wednesday 3rd November - Rotorua Lakes High School testing 3.30pm

### Week 4

- Monday 8th - Friday 12th November - Client school @ technology

### Week 5

- Monday 15th - Friday 19th November - Client school @ technology
- Monday 15th - Friday 19th November - Tennis for classes with Guy Beamish

- **Saturday 20th November - outreach Covid-19 vaccination clinic, Mokoia school hall, 10am - 2pm (see below)**

#### Week 6

- Monday 22nd - Friday 26th November - Client school @ technology
- Wednesday 24th November - RBHS orientation day
- Thursday 25th November - Rotorua Lakes High School orientation day

#### Week 7

- Wednesday 1 December - School Prom\* (see below)

#### Week 8

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#### Week 9

- Thursday 16th December - Prizegiving\*(see below), 10.00am (School closes at 12.30pm)
- Last day of Term 4

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

## Rotorua Lakes High School Testing

Testing for 2022 at Rotorua Lakes High School will be **on site** at Mokoia next Wednesday.

## Prom and prize giving

We are very aware that at Level 2, some events may not happen or not in their current form. Our leadership team and staff will be looking into how we will and if we will run these events and report to you at the end of next week.

## Improving Literacy

Mokoia Intermediate hosted Liz Kane Literacy for her Rotorua workshop. We had four learning leaders attend to find out more about the structured literacy approach to reading. 

We managed to secure places for teachers from our three eastern suburb contributing schools. This is important because we agreed that we will work together to form a coherent pathway for learning to read through our schools.

Watch this space!

## Fluoride Varnish in Schools Programme

Fluoride varnish is a temporary protective coating that is painted on your child's teeth. It is quick and easy to apply and does not have a bad taste. Currently, fluoride varnish is applied every year by our dental team as part of our normal treatment to prevent decay, however, Mokoia is part of a programme in which the Lakes District Health Board Oral Health Service is applying fluoride varnish minimum twice a year as recommended by the Ministry of Health.

The dental team will be at Mokoia Intermediate on **Wednesday 10th November 2021 at 9am.**

- Rose McBirney, Dental Administration Support, Community Oral Health Service, Lakes District Health Board, [Rose.mcbirney@lakesdhb.govt.nz](mailto:Rose.mcbirney@lakesdhb.govt.nz)

## Addressing vaccine misinformation

We know there is added pressure as misleading COVID-19 and vaccinations information circulates through social media and the public.

Here are some answers to common questions that may be helpful.

### **How does the vaccine work?**

The COVID-19 vaccine works by teaching your body to fight the virus and protects you from getting sick:

1. The vaccine sends a set of instructions to teach your body how to fight the COVID-19 virus.
2. With these instructions your body learns to recognise the COVID-19 virus and use antibodies against it. Antibodies stop the virus from infecting your cells and help to kill it.
3. That means if you come into contact with the COVID-19 virus in the future, your body will have the right tools to protect itself so you are less likely to get sick.

### **Is the vaccine safe?**

The Pfizer vaccine has been thoroughly assessed for safety by our own Medsafe experts.

Medsafe only grants consent for using a vaccine in Aotearoa once they're satisfied it has met strict standards for safety, efficacy and quality.

This is the same process used to assess other vaccines, like the flu, measles, and tetanus vaccines. There have been no shortcuts taken in granting approval.

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The Pfizer vaccine has been used successfully by millions worldwide and is highly effective at preventing severe illness and death. It continues to be monitored for safety.

### **Why was it developed so quickly?**

Because the mRNA vaccine is not new technology and has been studied for over a decade, including for the development of other vaccines such as the seasonal flu vaccine, researchers had a head start.

This is the first time scientists and governments from around the world have united to develop a vaccine. This global collaboration meant they could spend an enormous amount of time and money developing the vaccines very quickly without taking any shortcuts in the necessary processes or compromising safety. This also meant that the various stages of research development happened at the same time.

### **What can I expect when I get the vaccine?**

You can book through your GP or through vaccination centres:

- Book online through [Book My Vaccine](#)
- For a **group booking**, call the COVID Vaccination Healthline on [0800 28 29 26](#) (8am-8pm)

When you arrive to receive your vaccination, the vaccinator will offer you the opportunity to ask any questions.

You will need to relax and sit still. Some find it helpful to listen to music, or you may choose to have a support person with you.

The vaccinator will then inject the vaccine into your arm. You can look away or close your eyes if you need to. You may feel a pinch or scratch when the needle goes in.

You'll then be asked to get your second dose of the vaccine six weeks or more after your first dose.

### **Are there any side effects?**

It is common to experience mild side effects, such as muscle aches, pain at the injection site or headaches.

These are more commonly reported after the second dose and are actually a sign that your body's immune system is learning to fight the virus. They don't last long and won't stop you from having a second dose or going about your daily life.

There are some side effects that are more serious but very rare, like a severe allergic reaction or an inflammation of the heart. If you develop difficulty breathing, a racing heart, chest pain or feel faint immediately or in the days after the vaccine, you should seek medical attention.

### Further information

The Ministry of Health's COVID-19 guidance will provide you with the facts to help communicate with your community.

Here are links to some downloadable PDFs:

- [Managing COVID-19 false and misleading information and scams](#)
- [Getting the COVID-19 vaccine if you're between 12-15 years old](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccination: Get the facts](#)
- [Your COVID-19 vaccination: Everything you need to know](#)
- [Information and resource toolkit](#)

The [Unite Against COVID-19 website also has content about misinformation and scams](#) which may also be helpful for you and for your community.

If you see something about COVID-19 or the vaccine that doesn't seem right or if it's on social media, you can report it to the platform. Anything else can [be reported to CERT NZ](#).

- *Ministry of Education*

## Term 3 House Points

Points for Term 3 include the basic facts, spelling and general knowledge competitions.

4th Matawhaura	28906.30	
3rd Whakapoungakau	30522.70	
2nd Ngongotaha	36939.20	
1st TARAWERA	47382.25	Congratulations!

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the competitions, making an effort to complete work online and in class and having an awesome attitude during these uncertain times. Ka mau te wehi, koutou katoa!

- *Whaea Liana* - [lthau@mokoia.school.nz](mailto:lthau@mokoia.school.nz)

## Sports Uniforms

### BASKETBALL NETBALL HOCKEY FOOTBALL RUGBY

Your school sports uniforms are due to be returned NOW.

Please return the items to **Mrs Lind** in the library, NOT to the school office as this saves double handling.

- Mrs Lind, Resource Manager - [library@mokoia.school.nz](mailto:library@mokoia.school.nz)

## Merit Awards

K1	-
Rūmaki	<b>Tipene Rehe</b> - Ka puta mai koe i te whei ao ki te ao marama!
K3	<b>Kate Staunton</b> - You are always diligent and on task. You are a positive and enthusiastic member of K3. Keep up the good work Kate.
K4	<b>Rowen McAlpine</b> - For using your initiative to meet with the house captains to organise the lunchtime sports. Well done. Great leadership! Ka mau te wehi!
K5	<b>Chloe Hepi-Ritete</b> - For a great start to the term and accomplishing all your work in a beautiful manner. Well done Chole!
P1	<b>Lilly Kirkby</b> - For a great start to the term and applying your knowledge to describe growing sequences as well as number patterns to solve problems. You are awesome Lilly!
P2	<b>Raiha White</b> - For a brilliant start to the term and the reliable way that you carry out your responsibilities. Keep it up!
P3	<b>Josh Gardiner</b> - For the effort and perseverance you have displayed when working on a range of tricky geometry problems. You are reading the questions carefully, measuring accurately and using your protractor to draw and measure angles. Ka mau te wehi Josh!
P4	<b>Rico Hunter</b> and <b>Luke Waites</b> - Helping an injured colleague at the scene of a biking misadventure. You did exactly the right things to help your friend. I am proud of you. - helping an injured colleague at the scene of a biking misadventure. You did exactly the right things to help your friend. I am proud of you.
W1	<b>Hazel Herries</b> - For consistently working to a high standard, being self driven in her learning and an excellent role model. Ella Thompson - for her positive attitude to learning and excellent work ethic. You

	are a role model student.
W2	<b>Mya-Jaye Mcnamara</b> - Nau mai e hine ki te whānau a Waiteti. Haere mai hōki ki te whānau o tēnei akomanga.
W3	<b>Maddox Clarkson</b> - Welcome to W3! We are glad to have you in our class and we all see your bravery for turning up day after day at a brand new school. You have given everything a go, and that is something you can be very proud of.
W4	<b>Millie Green</b> - You have settled into W4 and become one of us. I am enjoying getting to know you, it has been wonderful to see you develop some connections and grow friendships. Welcome!!
Reo rua	<b>Temaera Ripia</b> - Ka hoki mai koe ki te kura, ka tau koe i ngā mahinga, koia kai a koe e Temaera.
Multi/ Digital	<b>Hazel Herries W1</b> and <b>Maisie O'Callaghan W1</b> - For your fantastic attitude, collaborative planning and the mahi you did on Day 1. Fantastic effort girls.
Music/Toi Puoro	<b>Monty McQuoid P2</b> - For your ability to support your fellow classmates as they begin their journey as musicians. Monty, thank you for sharing your love for music. Nga mihi. <b>Awanui Owen W5</b> - For your ability to recognise standard tuning by ear and understand instrument etiquette. More importantly, you helped others do the same. Tena koe Awanui. <b>Shari Haywood W5</b> - For your ability to recognise standard tuning by ear and understand instrument etiquette. More importantly, you helped others do the same. Tena koe Shari. <b>Seriyah-Leigh Hunt Kemp P2</b> - For making connections to nga puoro, above and beyond the requirements of the learning intention. Well done Seriyah. <b>Oliver Guy K1</b> - For your resilience and perseverance when navigating chord progression. Learning a musical instrument can be a challenge, but that's a good thing! Keep going Oliver. Nga Mihi.
Bio Tech	<b>Sophia Cameron-Boot W4</b> - For listening carefully to instructions, working well in a team and thinking critically about chemical reactions in our experiments. <b>Elsie Button W4</b> - For your dedication to a high standard of mahi in class, you are able to articulate your ideas clearly and explain your reasoning with precision. <b>Hayzelle Pairama W4</b> - You have worked so hard this week and been an asset to your team, you get on with your work and do it to a high standard. Keep it up Hayzelle, awesome!

## Celebrations

👍 Congratulations to this week's recipient of our values trophy, **Waipunaarangi Hira, W2**. This award is given out each week to a role model student. "All that I value I will uphold - he tohu whakamanawa." Waipunaarangi is a great role model student who leads kapa haka for Waiteti and is a leader in her learning centre.

👍 Well done to all merit and sports awards recipients this week.

👍 When you come into our school office, have a look at the magnificent art projects completed by **Whaea Lisa**'s art students (names to be added shortly). What a lovely surprise; an amazing addition to beautify our environment. This tapa is based on both Tongan and Samoan influences. There is a striking art piece completed by **Matatia Brell**, too.

👍 Welcome to our new learning support assistants, **Whaea Cheyla** in W3 and **Matua Jerome**, in K4. **Whaea Aritaa** has moved on to another position, **Whaea Anna** is on maternity leave and **Matua Andries** is completing a teaching practicum.

👍 This is heartwarming praise:

*To Matua Rawiri Wihapi,*

*I am writing an email to say how impressed I was with the students at Mokoia Intermediate and how warm and welcoming they were during the time I spent at your school, while doing the Spelling code course with Liz Kane. On the first day of the course I caught the bus from town to Mokoia intermediate due to my car being fixed in the garage. I was unsure where to get off due to not being used to catching the bus. Two of your students told me when to get off the bus and then proceeded to walk with me to your school and show me where the office was. They then said to me to have a nice day. After the course finished on the first day I had another one of your students help me to catch the bus back into town. On the second day of the course I had many of your students say hello , are you ok and do you need any help? I came away from Mokoia Intermediate with not only great knowledge from the Spelling code course but a great appreciation of your school, the staff and students. Also while on the course I was well looked after by your staff **Annemarie, Jacqui** and **Kathryn** who awhi me due to the fact I was the only one from my school at the course.*

*Thank you for the wonderful experience.*

*Nga mihi, Carolyn Fraser, Year 3/4 Teacher, Ngongotaha School*

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

<http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

## Our School Values

### He kai kei aku ringa

*There is food at the end of my hands*

This whakatauki signifies resilience, empowerment and hope. It refers to one's ability to use the skills and resources they have to create success. It's about being responsible for the resources and capabilities one needs to grow and develop.



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# 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.

Thanks the below businesses for sponsoring our school app:



The image shows a vertical stack of ten business advertisements. From top to bottom: 1. "freshchoice te ngae" with a blue background and a right-pointing arrow. 2. "ELITE TINT" with a black background, white text, and "automotive window tinting professionals" below it, with a right-pointing arrow. 3. "Wash Place" with a green background, "SELF SERVICE CARWASH & LAUNDROMAT" text, and a right-pointing arrow. 4. "The Mortgage Centre" with a blue and yellow logo, a photo of people, and a right-pointing arrow. 5. "Goodsons Spraying" with a green logo, "We cover the field" text, a photo of a truck, and a right-pointing arrow. 6. "VINNY'S WORKSHOP ROTORUA" with a tire logo, "Vinny's Workshop" text, and "Any Vehicle. Any Repair" text. 7. "4 FOUR SQUARE SUPERMARKET Te Ngae" with a green background, a large number 4, and a right-pointing arrow. 8. "Kerif Smerdon Jodi Ratahi" with photos of two women, "Dedicated to results" text, the "EVES" logo, and a right-pointing arrow. 9. "WAREHOUSE CARPETS & VINYL" with a black background, yellow text, "Locals Looking after Locals" text, and a right-pointing arrow. 10. "HEPBURN ELECTRICAL ROTORUA" with a red background, white text, and a "Tap Here" button.

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