



Mokoia Intermediate



Matua Rawiri's Shout Out

Tēnā Koutou Parents and Caregivers

Unfortunately this past week I have had to stand two students down for separate incidents. Fortunately these instances are rare.

Stand downs occur when a student's actions put other students or staff at risk of their health and safety. We do not tolerate inappropriate behaviour at Mokoia Intermediate and there are consequences if rules are broken. There are protocols, procedures and investigations that take place before we have all the information to report back to parents. The students understand that we have a number of security cameras secured around the school which can help when investigating an incident. Please talk to your children about being the best they can while at Mokoia.

Thanks to the many students who are wearing face masks indoors. It is certainly giving us peace of mind around the health and safety of students while at school. We have added positive initiatives to encourage students to wear them while indoors as well. Keep up the safe work everyone.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend. Arohanui.

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

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Key dates for Term 1 2022

Week 3

- Wednesday 16th February - Puarenga Stream Walk for Puarenga kāinga ako

Week 4

- Friday 25th February - Mokoia "Top Class" Competition

Week 6

- Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th February - Volley ball for year 7 and 8
- Client schools in technology block

Week 7

- Client schools in technology block

Week 9

- **Teacher Only Day** (structured literacy professional development with Liz Kane)
- Client schools in technology block

Week 11

- Monday 11th April - School photos
- Thursday 14th April - last day for students for Term 1
- Friday 15th April - Good Friday

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

Reminder

- With **red light protocols**, we ask that parents, siblings and others not ask to go to classrooms, that you wear masks and report to the school office.
- Any parents or others volunteering to accompany or work with school groups and field trips **must have a vaccine pass**.
- Check out [last week's newsletter](#) for lots of useful **school information** you need to know. (Can't find it? Email ahyde@mokoia.school.nz.)



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School Cell Phone

Phone or text **0275288910** for absentees.

Headphones

We are going to try a listening assessment to see if there are disparities in what your children understand through listening to what they understand when reading print. They need headphones of some variety. We have a class set but suggest that in the present Covid environment, your child has their own headphones or ear plugs for safety.

Nits!

Watch out everyone. Hot, humid days are perfect conditions for nits, especially when they can swing from head to head. In spite of our best efforts, social distancing is not always happening between our intermediate students.

Nits look like tiny yellow, tan, or brown dots before they hatch. Lice lay nits on hair shafts close to the scalp. Nits look a bit like dandruff, but aren't removed by brushing or shaking them off.

The best way to check is by using a fine-tooth comb on wet hair. After applying lots of conditioner, comb the hair out in very small sections, and look for lice or nits on the comb. You can wipe the comb onto a tissue or paper towel where it will be easier to see them.

Medicated shampoos, cream rinses, and lotions are available that kill lice. Removing lice and nits by hand can finish the job if the medicine did not completely rid your child of lice (no medicine is 100% effective). It is also an option for anyone who doesn't want to use an insecticide. And it is the only option for children 2 months old or younger, who should not use medicated lice treatment.

To do this, use a fine-tooth comb on wet, conditioned hair every 3–4 days for 3 weeks after the last live louse was seen. Wetting the hair temporarily stops the lice from moving, and the conditioner makes it easier to get a comb through the hair.

For more information: <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/head-lice.html?ref=search>

What are the meanings of some of the Māori titles used in our school?

Our learning centres, often known as teams in other schools, are now known as **kāinga ako**.

kāinga = home **ako** = learning

Our five **kāinga ako** are named after local **awa** (rivers): **Kaituna, Puarenga, Utuhina, Waiteti** and **Waingaehe**.

Cricket

The teams are:

Mokoia Limitless: **Jovarne Jury, Ben Shiels, Jesse Russ, Arno Greyling, Daniel Cheesman, Josh Bowyer, Luukas weir, Arlo Garden, Ben hay, Noah Croucher, Lachlan Mead**

Mokoia Whakaiti: **Brooklyn Rawlinson, Kingston Teroiu, Jivan Samvelyan, Holly platt, Jordan Wyman, Ayden Atkinson, Lincoln Hopkins, xander de Beer, Tristan Stewart** (ex student)

Round 1 Saturday 12th February 9am

Geyser Defenders vs **Mokoia Whakaiti**, Puarenga Park - 3

Mokoia Limitless vs Kaitao intermediate, Puarenga Park - 1

Merit Awards

K1	Loki Baldwin - You have such enthusiasm and are always willing to share your thinking with confidence during our learning. Ka rawe!
Rūmaki	Tipene Rehe - Me tū rangatira mai ai koe ka tika!
K3	Emma Hepi - For supporting her kaiako and new students and making sure their start to Mokoia is going smoothly.
K4	Shontelle Stirling - For your hard work and perseverance on your Book Creator item.
K5	Zaylee Moana - For being an extremely considerate and helpful young man in class! Vayden Nicholas - For being an extremely considerate and helpful young man in class. For all the effort you have put into your spelling and writing work this week, well done!
P1	Drey Collier - For upholding the values of Mokoia Intermediate. You are always

	prepared for the day, respectful towards others and wear your uniform with pride.
P2	Leyhi Marks-Thompson - For taking on the responsibility of collecting and returning devices for the class this week. You have fulfilled this role in a reliable way and handled related challenges well. Ka mau te wehi! Blake Fraser - For taking on the responsibility of collecting and returning devices for the class this week. You have fulfilled this role in a reliable way and handled related challenges well. Ka mau te wehi!
P3	Luke Bertrand - For the way you have settled into life at Mokoia and P3. You are trying hard to listen to instructions, stay focussed and do your very best work. You have shown resilience when facing challenging activities. Keep up the awesome mahi Luke. Elsie Papps - For your positive attitude towards all of your work. You are super organised and often help others. Thank you for sharing your clever, well thought out ideas with the class. You rock Elsie!
P4	-
W1	Trixie Dakin-Hoy - For your willing contributions and sharing of ideas during class discussions. You are a great role model for our class and your courage helps inspire other students to be courageous too. We are incredibly lucky to have you in W1! We value your ideas and opinions - keep being you!
W2	Phoenix Kautai - For your efforts and detail into your science work with the life cycle of heiheis. You have set a high standard of achievement for the rest of the class. We are lucky to have you in our class and as a teacher I value your efforts.
W3	Rory King - You have settled so well and taken everything in your stride. You are helpful, friendly and kind to everyone. Well done Wairua Burich - You have a gentle nature about you that is both engaging and charming. It is wonderful getting to know you and to see you find your place in Mokoia and Waiteti whānau. Jack Parsons - You are a natural leader and take everything in your stride. You are a model of whakaiti and it is to be commended.
W4	Deyton Collier - It is difficult to join a group that has already been together for a week. You came in with the right attitude and fit in as if you were part of us all along. We are excited to experience all you will bring to W4!
Multi/ Digital	Dileighya Morrell (W3), Kane Garmonsway (W2), Asante Conley (K4), Sarai Ramsay (K3), Tipene Rehe (K2) - Made great contributions during their Tech time this week, offering ideas and being helpful to peers.
Art/Toi Ataata	Jayziah Turner - Mihaka (K2) Jayziah, your contribution to classroom discussion is impressive. You think and problem solve like a true designer. Koia kai a koe. Axle Whitehead - (W3) Axle, thank you for your complete focus for the entire session of Toi/Art/Design. You also used your own symbols to help you communicate your ideas and this is worthy of acknowledgement and celebration. You found a way. Well done. Loki Baldwin (K1) Loki, your curiosity and thoughtful reflection when making connections with Toi, Art and Design was above and beyond expectation. Thank you for your positive contribution to classroom discussion.

Food Technology	Huhana Morgan-Panapa (K2), Paris Blackman (K2) - For your beautiful attitude and creativity in the cooking room. It was so great to see you step outside the square and try new things, awesome risk takers!
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Celebrations

👍 Congratulations to this week's recipient of our values trophy, **Claire Randell**. This award is given out each week to a role model student. "All that I value I will uphold - he tohu whakamanawa." Claire has made an impression already by helping others as they settle into school life at Mokoia Intermediate.

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

👍 Excellent to see so many of our students looking well turned out in their uniform this week.

👍 Well done to everyone in our outdoor assembly today. It was a great first formal assembly, and we can adapt to being outside in the quad.

👍 Well done to all our ākonga, for their modeling of values we uphold: **ūpoko pakaru, whakaiti** and **kōimaitanga**.

👍 We've started a mask wearing competition between classes this week. Congratulations to P3, winners of this week's Pizza Shout!

👍 Congratulations New Zealand Olympian **Ben Sandford**, who addressed our school assembly last year. He was an inspiration to our students. He is set to be inducted into WOA Olympians for Life Beijing 2022 for his success as an athlete, as well as contribution away from sport.

👍 For more go to our Facebook group page, Mokoia Intermediate 2022.

<http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

Our School Values

This week we will look at the first pou, **Whakaiti**.

Last week we introduced our value system, "**Te Tihi O Mana**".

This week we will look at the first of the values, "**Whakaiti**" - **humility**.

Being humble means to acknowledge that your achievements are not just your own.



How to wear a face covering safely

Putting on a face covering:

- Clean your hands.** Before you put on your face covering, wash and dry your hands or use hand sanitizer.
- Check your face covering.** Make sure it is clean, dry and not damaged.
- Put on your face covering.** Place the face covering over your nose, mouth and chin, and place the loops over your ears to hold the mask in place.
- Replace the face covering if it becomes damp, damaged or dirty.** Dispose of single-use face coverings in a rubbish bin. Or store your reusable face covering in a plastic bag until you can wash it.

When wearing a face covering you should avoid:

- Touching the front of your mask.
- Touching your face.
- Moving your face covering.

For updates and more information on staying safe, visit [Covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz)

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We need to remember that we are what we are because of our whakapapa (genealogy) and our tupuna (ancestors). Our beliefs, values, social situation, status and advantages can all be because of our ancestors.

The support of others, such as whānau (family) and kaiako (teachers), is also a major factor in our successes: those who encourage, pay, transport and generally help us as we grow and develop. Our teachers and coaches help us with the skills and attitudes we need to achieve. We can't forget their role. And there are our chosen role models: those people whose lead we choose to follow.

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