



Mokoia Intermediate



Matua Rawiri's Shout Out

Tēnā Koutou Parents and Caregivers

The safety and wellbeing of our students and staff is our top priority.

To provide a school environment that's as safe and healthy as possible, we are following the Government's health requirements and guidance.

Vaccine

- The science experts and health professionals who are leading New Zealand's COVID-19 response believe that vaccination will significantly assist in keeping our communities as safe as possible from the impacts of COVID-19.
- While vaccination is an important way to keep ourselves and each other safe, no one will be vaccinated without their consent. Also, if a school and District Health Board work together to host vaccinations on a school site, no students will be vaccinated without the permission of their parent or caregiver (this applies to all students including those aged 16 and over).
- Students will not be treated any differently by our staff based on their vaccination status. I can also assure you that we do not tolerate bullying amongst our students, and this includes any bullying relating to COVID-19 matters such as vaccination status.

- You may be hearing stories from members of your community, or on social media, that are different from the information about the vaccine that is being provided by health experts. The guidance below can help you think through the information you are seeing and hearing, and help you find information you can trust.
<https://assets.education.govt.nz/public/Documents/School/SchoolsBulletin/2021-Bulletins/2021COVID/Guidance-on-responding-to-COVID-19-false-information-in-school-communities.pdf>

Masks

- While we are at the Red setting, all students in Years 4 and up must wear a face mask at school when they're indoors or in close contact with others, and on public or school transport. These *are legal requirements* under the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Protection Framework) Order 2021. All our students are expected to follow these legal requirements to help keep themselves and each other safe.
- We know that some students can find wearing a mask a challenge to start with, if it's not something that they are used to. The Ministry of Education has provided guidance about how to support students with mask wearing, and our staff will be following this guidance to help all our students feel safe, comfortable and confident wearing their masks.
<https://www.education.govt.nz/covid-19/advice-for-everyone/mask-guidance/#Supporting-akonga-mask-wearing>
- If your child has a health condition or disability that can make wearing a mask unsuitable, then they may be exempt from this requirement. Information about mask exemptions is available on the Unite Against COVID website. If your child is exempt from this requirement, please let us know so that we can support them to stay safe and well without a mask.
<https://covid19.govt.nz/prepare-and-stay-safe/keep-up-healthy-habits/wear-a-face-mask/who-does-not-need-to-wear-a-face-mask/>
- If students who are not exempt, refuse to wear a mask, we will respond appropriately as we would, for any breach of our rules or health and safety requirements.

Sharing information for contact tracing

- Contact tracing is an important part of keeping the community safe, and we are legally required to support the contact tracing process if there is a case connected to our school.
- We take our obligations to protect the privacy of our students and school community seriously, and if we are required to support the contact-tracing process we will do so in line with our obligations under the Privacy Act 2020. This means we will only provide details that are required for the contact-tracing process, and will only supply these to the officials carrying out this process.

You can find further information about this on the Ministry of Health's website, the Unite Against COVID-19 website or the Ministry of Education's website.

Matua Rawiri and the Mokoia 'A' Team

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

Key dates for Term 1 2022

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 the wkkk 1 [newsletter](#) for lots of useful **school information** you need to know. (Can't find it? Email ahyde@mokoia.school.nz.)



School Cell Phone

Phone or text **0275288910** for absentees.

Headphones and a mouse

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.

Some children prefer to use a computer mouse. We don't supply these.

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

The school song: Waiata Te Rangimārie

Tārere mai i te pō te rangimārie
Wāerehia ngā mahara kia rere tīkoke
Whāia te kōmaitanga o te manawa
Ka rere māhora ana i te rangimārie

Nōnamata tō koronga i te whenua
Whakamauruhia tō wairua i te roma

Tārere mai i te pō te rangimārie
Wāerehia ngā mahara kia rere tīkoke
Whāia te kōmaitanga o te manawa
Ka rere māhora ana i te rangimārie

The translation:

Tranquillity sways upon the night
So, clear your mind and ascend.
Pursue the joy that fills the heart
And fly free in serenity.
This land has longed for you.
So, surrender your spirit to its flow.

Cricket

All that rain thanks to Cyclone Dovi last weekend meant the beginning of our cricket season was rained off. The students are hoping this weekend has a more favourable outcome and the start of our season can finally begin. This weekends games are as follows;

Mokoia Limitless vs Geyser Marvels (Puarenga 2)

Mokoia Whakaiti vs Rotorua Intermediate (Puarenga 3)

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

Netball

Kimiora Insley, current coach of the Whakarewarewa Premier 1 netball team, is providing an opportunity for Year 7 and 8 players to develop their netball skills in a 6 week program this term. There is also an opportunity for coaches to observe and get ideas for their team training. Details are in the flyer below, and if you are interested in registering your child, click on the following link <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/171NInFn1bTBrQh-9I4mm81p9iJu1zRbo2TYG16w7Bfc/edit>

- Mr Gareth Upston, TIC Sport, gupston@mokoia.school.nz

Merit Awards

K1	Connor Bennett - For the helpful and respectful way you helped your fellow classmates when setting up their class devices. You ensured they could do what they needed. You are a great support!
Rūmaki	Wayverley Courtney - Hai ā kō ake nei koe ka pihi mātike!
K3	Nicole Wallace - For her diligent and enthusiastic mentality towards her learning. She is striving and willing to achieve. Great start to the year. Morghan Heron - For achieving 100% in her PAT reading comprehension test. Well done Morghan.
K4	Kaylee Jones - For being an amazing friend and helping a fellow student in a hard time.
K5	Mary Kiwi - For being such a helpful, considerate young lady. You are conscientious and complete all your class work to a high standard. Keep up the great work!

P1	<p>Jackson Corbett - For being responsible and organised when picking up and returning school devices.</p> <p>Shelby Ngatai-Guild - For showing strength in her mana that helps others see and make better choices.</p> <p>Chloe Martin - For her support and contributions in class. P1 is very lucky to have you.</p>
P2	<p>Sky Hamill - For having the courage to present a speech in front of the class. You presented confidently and handled challenges well.</p> <p>Georgia Davies - For having the courage to present a speech in front of the class. You presented confidently and handled challenges well.</p>
P3	<p>Anaru Fitzell-Pennington - For your enthusiastic attitude towards your learning. It is fantastic to see you trying new activities. At water polo you listened to the coach and trained hard. Keep up the awesome mahi, Anaru.</p> <p>Lydia Graham - For being a beautiful, caring member of P3. You have excellent leadership qualities. Congratulations for winning the role of our class councillor Lydia. I know you will do a wonderful job.</p>
P4	<p>Grace Gainsford - Thank you for stepping up and taking over the organisation of the assembly. Thank you also for the tautoko of the hosts. You were friendly and kind towards them.</p>
W1	<p>Connor Dempsey - For being such a kind and caring member of W1. You have such a big heart and constantly display empathy and aroha towards others. You always speak with such a gentle tone and ensure everyone around you is okay. You are an absolute gem Connor and we are delighted to have you at Mokoia.</p>
W2	<p>Adyn Weber and TJ Delamere - For showing exceptional leadership skills with the mask mandates within the classroom. You lead by example in how we should wear our masks correctly to keep ourselves and those around us as safe as we can.</p>
W3	<p>Kai Turkington- For stepping up and being an amazing leader for W3, Helping your peers with mathematics and always staying on task and completing your work on time.</p>
W4	<p>Lawrel Ngere - For the way you have helped and encouraged your peers with their mahi this week. The way you recognise people's needs and step in without being asked is admirable. Well done, Lawrel.</p>
Multi/ Digital	<p>Anna Old (W4) and Claire Randell (W4) - For your excellent ideas, design and contributions during Tech this week.</p>
Art/Toi Ataata	<p>Nicole Wallace (K3) - For exhibiting exceptional leadership skills in the Toi/Art room. Nicole, you are able to pre-empt a need and address it, without direct instruction. Thank you for always being a proactive member of Toi/Art/Design.</p> <p>Tyler Graham (W3) - For correctly making the correlation that a 'Quatrefoil' shape does</p>

	<p>indeed resemble a four leaf clover. 'Quatre' and 'foil' are also derived from Latin root words, meaning four leaves. Well done.</p> <p>Chloe Mitchell (P1) - For your ability to seek clarification before committing to a task. Chloe, this is a great skill to utilise as you move forward to become an independent and confident learner. Seek first to understand. Well done.</p> <p>Lucia Joseph (W1) - For your unhesitating willingness to teach your fellow classmates the finer points of drawing an Isometric cube, seconds after you had just learnt to do so yourself. By teaching others, you reinforce your own learning. Well done.</p>
Food Technology	<p>Jet Wilson (K5) - You show awesome enthusiasm in Food Technology, you always offer ideas and contribute well to class discussions. I love watching you take risks when you cook and seeing the joy you get from your success in the kitchen.</p>

Celebrations

👍 Congratulations to this week's recipient of our values trophy, **Kayley Jones, K4**. This award is given out each week to a role model student. "All that I value I will uphold - he tohu whakamanawa." Kayley is a caring classmate who spent time with a fellow student, someone she didn't know well, who was in distress.

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

👍 Well done to Waiteti, for having the most house points two weeks in a row!

👍 Puarenga had a fantastic day outside the classroom today full of learning, friendship, fun and plenty of laughter. We started at Whakarewarewa Village where they learnt lots of fascinating facts about the Puarenga stream. Our hikoi took us along the stream to the Redwood forest. Along the way we hid lots of very cool rocks we had painted at school for others to find. Lunch at Neil Hunt Park was followed by fun and games on the playground and soccer field. The final stretch back to school was very hot but there was plenty of encouragement and stories shared along the way. The reward for a 12.5k walk - a delicious cold ice block. Thank you to the wonderful parents who joined us on Wednesday. We really enjoyed spending the day with you all. - Mrs Toni Boccock, P3

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

<http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

Our School Values

The second pillar of our values system is **ūpoko pakaru - resilience**.

Ūpoko pakaru means literally, to break your head; metaphorically, that we work so hard that our heads break with the effort.

Resilience is an important quality for all of our tamariki. We need resilience to be able to rise above any setbacks in our lives. We need resilience to be survivors and not victims of our circumstances. We need resilience so that we know that we are the ones who write our destiny.

Resilience encompasses perseverance: being able and willing to work to the end without giving up.

Other terms we use are hard work, fortitude, determination and endurance.



Next week we will look at the third pillar, **kōimaitanga**, a sense of achievement.

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