



Mokoia Intermediate

Matua Rawiri's Shout Out

Tēnā Koutou Parents and Caregivers

On Wednesday we were notified of a positive covid case at Mokoia Intermediate School.

Please do not be alarmed as we have followed Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health advice and guidelines. Due to the recent changes in phases, only the positive covid case needs to be isolated with household members for 10 days. We will do our utmost to ensure the health and safety of all our staff, students, parents and community.

Phase 3

Hot off the press from yesterday's announcement and the latest bulletin sent to all schools by Iona Holsted (Secretary of Education). As noted by Minister Hipkins, the traffic light system aims to keep people safe, with as little disruption to your day-to-day lives as possible.

We all know how important being at school is for ākonga (students). We also know that schools continue to be lower-risk settings for transmission of COVID-19 because of all the mitigations we have in place at school.

Phase 3 - Communication in short:

- we are in Phase 3
- only stay home if someone in your house has Covid (10 days)
- monitor your symptoms
- wear your mask
- wash your hands
- social distance
- stay home if you feel unwell

Stay safe our community, we are thinking of you all during these difficult times.

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

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

The school pepeha:

Ko Whakapoungakau te pae maunga,
Ko Pukepoto te tihi,
Ko Waingaehe te awa,
Ko te Rotorua-nui-a-Kahumatamomoe te moana,
Ko Mokoia te Motutapu-a-Tinirau,
Ko Puketawhero te papawhenua,
Ko Whakaue te iwi,
Ko Te Roro-o-te-rangi te hapu,
Ko Mokoia te kura.
Tihei mauriora.

Introduction to who/where we are

Whakapoungakau is the mountain range,
Pukepoto is the peak,
Waingaehe is the river,
Rotorua-nui-a-Kahumatamomoe is the lake,
Mokoia, the sacred island of Tinirau,
Puketawhero is the land,
Whakaue is the tribe,
Te Roro o te Rangi is the sub-tribe,
Mokoia is the school.
The sneeze of life (here we are)

2022 Kāinga Ako Rangatira

Each kāinga ako has elected their two student leaders:

Kaituna - **Chloe Hepi-Ritete** and **Nicole Wallace**

Puarenga - **Jethro Hughes** and **Grace Gainsford**

Waiteti - **Claire Randell** and **Alex Malcolm**

2022 Kaunihera Ākonga

Each class has elected a representative to the student council and a reserve (name in brackets).

Congratulations to these students:

K1 Josh Ford (Jess Thomas)

K2 Rihari Walden (Andi-Rose Lamont)

K3 Morghan Heron (Nicole Wallace)

K4 Daniel Parker (Aisha Tata-Cobb)

K5 Will Carey (Ryder Neilson)

P1 Jethro Hughes (Jenny O'Malley)

P2 Georgia Davies (Sky Hamill)

P3 Lydia Graham (Hailey Proctor)

P4 Connor Carter (Aava Shaw)

W1 Max Stratford (Connor Dempsey)

W2 Corey Auld (Kyan Ahchee-Poole)

W3 Jack Parsons (Noah Croucher)

W4 Elsie Button (Anna Old)

Water Polo

Training and all games tonight have been cancelled due to a number of schools having COVID cases.

- Mrs Toni Bocoock, TIC Water Polo, tbocoock@mokoia.school.nz

Primary and Intermediate School Futsal Competition

A local junior futsal competition will be run in term 1 2022 on Saturdays from 2:00pm to 6:00pm at the Sportsdrome in Rotorua. The competition is scheduled to run for eight weeks, starting March 5 and finishing April 9.

Futsal is indoor 5-a-side soccer played on a basketball sized court with 3m wide by 2m high goals. Each game has two 18-minute halves. Futsal is rapidly growing in popularity in New Zealand. Due to the small number of players required (five per team plus substitutes) it is easier for schools to find enough players for a team to give it a go.

This competition will provide a fun introduction to futsal for school children. It will also be useful preparation for intermediate schools going to upcoming tournaments such as the Bay of Plenty Intermediate School Futsal Champs (March 4).

Although the threat of COVID-19, and related cancellations and postponements, still hangs over the sporting landscape, we feel it is important to continue to prepare for and provide futsal opportunities while hoping for the best, as opposed to not doing anything and everyone missing out. This competition will require all players, coaches and supporters over the age of 12 years 3 months to have their My Vaccine Pass.

Below is the Google form based team entry link. Alternatively, an entry form is attached which can be filled out and emailed back. The competition is limited to a maximum of 30 teams so don't delay. Entry fee is \$120 per team for six weeks (we provide referees as part of this entry fee). This entry fee is much less than that for equivalent Tauranga based competitions (\$434 for seven weeks).

Team entry link: [Lakes FC Junior Futsal 2022](#)

Please contact me if you have any questions or require more information.

- Adrian Lysaght, Futsal Coordinator, Lakes Football Club, Rotorua

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Merit Awards

K1	Toby Claydon - For stepping up and leading our class in Karakia. Ka pai hoki koe!
Rūmaki	Andi-Rose Lamont - I whakaatu koe te kawa me te tikanga o te whare. I tiaki koe te wairua o tētehi akonga.
K3	Awanui Owen - For his positive attitude towards his schooling in general. Awanui has a great sense of humour which is always great to have in the class.
K4	Eli Kuka - Showing kōmaitanga by finishing all your learning tasks and being a helpful apprentice.
K5	Waaka Grace-Harris - For settling in so well in our class, making lots of lovely friendships and being such a joy to teach. You are such a valued member of our class and we love having you in our class.
P1	Chloe Van Schalkwyk - For showing integrity and supporting others in the playground. Jethro Hughes - For doing a superb job as Sir David Attenborough. You have amazing talent and wonderful confidence. Keep it up!
P2	Georgie Davies, Elih Fester, Blake Fraser, Eloise Newcombe and Lotti Tarplett - For the way that you stepped up as leaders while learning the school waiata as a class. This took courage and determination.
P3	Joseph Bowyer - For the way you give all activities 100% effort. You set yourself high standards and work hard to achieve them. You are a wonderful, kind and caring member of P3. Thank you Joseph.
P4	Isaac Gallaher - For doing an amazing job with the filming and editing of the Puarenga teachers' and LSA's video. You are very talented.
W1	Charlee Thornborough - For being a great role model. You are always quick to settle and get on with your work. You contribute to class discussions, and you love to help others. Your confidence continues to grow, as demonstrated by your speech to be chosen for our class councillor. I am very proud of you and you are an absolute delight to have in W1.
W2	Tia Huriwai-Wilson - For settling in so well having started in week 3. You have shown a real aroha in your mahi and have been an absolute delight to have in our class.
W3	Tyrell Hodge - You have had a wonderful week. I love your enthusiasm and positive attitude you bring to school everyday.
W4	Alyssa Tawhara - For conquering your fears and putting your hand up to lead our class. You are helpful, you are kind and you are humble. We are privileged to have you in W4
Multi/	Samiuela Nai (P4) - What a fantastic attitude you have shown over the last three

Digital	weeks at Tech! I am so impressed with your motivation and skill development, Samiuela. Tumeke!
Art/Toi Ataata	Chloe Judd (W4) - 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.
Food Technology	Mana Flemming (K2) - For persevering when things got difficult and didn't go your way. You showed resilience and learnt from your mistakes, awesome mahi this week!

Celebrations

👍 Congratulations to this week's recipient of our values trophy. We presented it to **Kayley Jones, K4**, after not doing this last week. This award is given out each week to a role model student. "All that I value I will uphold - he tohu whakamanawa."

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

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

👍 A new initiative is using our intercom to read the notices first thing to all the classes. Matua Rawiri started us off, and now we have decided that the duty class for the week will have that privilege. Paris and Pikihuia were the first to take the microphone, from K2 (Nga Potiki Ngau Papawai).

👍 It's excellent to see our 2022 house leaders and student councillors wearing their badges.

👍 Thank you to everyone for stepping up in a week that stretched all of us.

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

<http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

Mindplus

"The New Zealand Centre for Gifted Education provides nationwide support for gifted children aged 2-13. We are the only organisation in New Zealand to do this. Over the last 25 years, we've nurtured the talents of thousands of gifted children, and given expert support to their parents and teachers.

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A small group of Mokoia Intermediate students attend this one day a week programme. It is at the family's cost. For more information go to www.nzcge.co.nz. The local lead teacher is sue.bufton@nzcge.co.nz.

They have an entry selection in March on Friday 11th. The referrals from the school are due today so contact ahyde@mokoia.school.nz and your classroom teacher if you are interested, or Sue Bufton at Mindplus.

Our School Values

The third pillar of our values system is **kōmaitanga** - a sense of achievement.

Often we give accolades to those who achieve the top mark, the largest number of points, the quickest speed or the greatest number of credits. But we all can't be that person. One young person said that she didn't try at school because she knew she couldn't be the top.

At Mokoia Intermediate we will celebrate progress. Every ākonga (learner) will set goals for themselves and progress towards those goals. We will celebrate everyone's individual achievement as they compete against themselves.

We learn at different rates and excel at different things. We need to celebrate every improvement.

"Every step is a step moving forward."

"We can't all be the best apple in the bowl but we can be the best banana."



School App

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