



Mokoia Intermediate

Matua Rawiri's Shout Out



Tēnā Koutou Parents and Caregivers

I have informed parents that there are confirmed COVID-19 cases in our school.

The health and wellbeing of our children, staff and community is a top priority so we are closely following the Ministry of Health guidance for schools.

At Phase 3 of the Omicron response, only cases and household contacts are legally required to isolate.

Please continue to follow good practices when it comes to your own health and the health of your whānau.

What we're doing

- We are staying open.
- We are using public health measures to reduce the risk in our settings, including masks, physical distancing and ventilation.
- We have appropriate cleaning procedures in place.

What you need to do

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- You and your whānau should be very vigilant about monitoring for symptoms.
- If any symptoms develop, get tested immediately.
- Then, stay at home until you receive a negative result, AND until you or your child is symptom free for at least 48 hours.
- Wear a face mask when out and about.
- Wash hands often with soap for 20 seconds and dry your hands completely.
- Wash your hands if you have been in a public place or after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your face, and cough or sneeze into your elbow or cover your mouth with tissues.
- If you and your whānau haven't been vaccinated or boosted, please do so as soon as possible. You can [book online](#) or call 0800 28 29 26. It's free.

Symptoms of COVID-19

- A new or worsening cough.
- Sneezing and runny nose.
- A fever.
- Temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste.
- Sore throat.
- Shortness of breath.

Less common symptoms include diarrhoea, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, malaise, chest pain, abdominal pain, joint pain, or confusion/irritability.

For more information, go to [the Unite Against COVID-19 website](#).

- Today notices have been sent home to inform parents of classes that have cases.

The effects of such a difficult time will make all of us uneasy and unsure, but what I can inform you is that we will continue to do our job as teachers and remain open to teach your children as best we can under the current circumstances. We will keep updating parents, and ensure you are communicated with. If you need any support please call the office.

Be safe and have a good weekend.

Matua Rawiri and the Mokoia 'A' Team

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

Key dates for Term 1 2022

Week 6

- Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th February - Volley ball for year 7 and 8

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.)

KaiTime @ Mokoia

Because we don't qualify for the government school lunch scheme, we are going to initiate "KaiTime @ Mokoia." It's our way to feed our students who want kai or extra kai. We will let you know when this begins.

This is aimed to take place everyday at morning tea. The packs will come in a paper bag, or trays depending on what it is.

Each morning during class check-ins (an online and anonymous process), an opportunity can be given to children who would like a pack at morning tea. Numbers are to be sent to the canteen straight away.

A generic form will be sent out to teachers to record student names. The facilitators in the canteen will only need the number of packs for each class per day e.g. K1-5, K2-1, K3-10, K4-3, K5-0 (or nil if none needed). The idea is to maintain privacy.

Packs will be delivered to each class each day by a designated runner from each class.

This is our own menu and what is affordable. It's about giving students food to eat. We will trial this and make errors but the menu will remain the same for this term. We are funding this initiative and getting donations from wherever we can.

The overseer of this initiative is Mrs Jones and the facilitators will be Whaea Moana and Whaea Donnella. Any other help is most appreciated.

If you want to volunteer to help prepare, or donate financially or with kai, please contact Mrs Jackie Jones, 07 3459071, or email jjones@mokoia.school.nz.

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

Karakia i te ata (Morning) - The act of learning is regarded as tapu. Karakia i te ata is to bring the learners into a tapu state.

Karakia kai (Eating) - To lift the tapu from the kai. Acknowledge the genealogical connection to us and that we will now end that kawai (genealogical link).

Karakia i te ahi (Afternoon) - The act of learning is regarded as tapu. Karakia i te ahi is to free the learners from a tapu state.

Waterpolo

Sadly because of the current effects of Covid on teams and coaches, practices and games are not on this week.

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

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Merit Awards

K1	Nathanael Barter - For your fabulous use of an onomatopoeia at the beginning of your writing. It really hooked me in.
Rūmaki	Hayden Thompson - Kai te rewa ake koe i wō mahinga ki roto i tō tātou whare.
K3	Luukas Weir - For his good work ethic in class along with attentively following instructions well. Good start to the year Luukas.
K4	Daniel Parker - For your contribution in class and your amazing art work.
K5	Aurora Rogers-Scott - For the way you have seamlessly transitioned to year 8, taking on extra responsibilities and being trusted to be on task at all times. It is a pleasure to watch you grow in confidence and give anything a go! I am excited to see the amazing things you go on to do throughout the year.
P1	Chloe Mitchell - You quietly sit and complete your learning tasks whilst always making yourself available to help others. Thank you Chloe!
P2	Letong Chen - For the effort that you put into the presentation of every piece of work that you complete. The notes you take are beautiful, your work is easy to read and your art is completed to a high standard.
P3	Emma Goddard - For being super organised in class. You are an independent learner. You listen attentively and your work is fantastic. We love having you in P3 Emma.
P4	Sasha Baker - I appreciate the effort you put into absolutely every piece of work you do. Along with that, your friendly politeness is a credit to you. Keep on being you; you are amazing.
W1	Marley Whittaker - You are such a happy, friendly and positive member of our class. You happily embrace new learning, even when it is a challenge, and will ask for help if needed. You give everything a go and are constantly smiling. You brighten our class and we love having you in W1. Keep being the cheerful superstar you are!
W2	Maddison Judd - For helping a friend in need. You are a hero in some people's eyes and you should be very proud of yourself.

W3	Ella Baird - You are a diligent and happy student who approaches every task with a positive and cheerful manner. Congratulations on securing your role in Peter Pan. It is well deserved. Thank you and continue being you.
W4	Ave Frost - You complete your tasks efficiently, you ask questions when you need to and you share your progress regularly. You are a wonderful example of a driven, focused and independent learner. Ka mau te wehi!
Multi/ Digital	Kaito Hollis (K4) - You have a fantastic learning attitude and put so much effort into your mahi this week. Your patu is taking shape and I can tell that you are proud of your work. Tino pai.
Art/Toi Ataata	Declan Smith (K5) - Declan you were a fantastic IT support person in Toi/Art/Design this week, helping others to submit their work. You were very kind and patient. Well done. Noah Croucher (W3) - Noah, thank you for submitting your Max Gimblett mini assignment, and helping others do the same. Well done. Priya Raethal (K2) - Priya, thank you for submitting your mini assignment online, and for bringing joy into the mahi toi room. You are also a fantastic singer. Koia kai a koe!

Celebrations

👍 Congratulations to this week's recipient of our values trophy, **Chloe Mitchell, P1**. This award is given out each week to a role model student. "All that I value I will uphold - he tohu whakamanawa." Chloe is always kind, caring and happy to support her friends and classmates.

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

👍 Well done to Puarenga for having the tidiest kāinga ako this week.

👍 Five of our Year 8 girls got the most amazing opportunity to be a part of the opening ceremony for the Women's Cricket World Cup. Must have been so cool to stand in front of our players and our flag for the national anthem.

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

<http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

Our School Values

At the centre of "Te Tihi O Mana" is **te au** - the self. Te Au o Mana represents the flow of the pillars of Te Tihi o Mana, as it permeates through the individual's being.

We have to make sure that our three values are integrated with everything about ourselves and not just something we pay lip service to. What does it mean to show humility? What does it mean to

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show perseverance? To recognise our small steps of achievement? These are ideas we have to measure ourselves against every day, child or adult. How are we, as teachers and parents, modelling these?

The position of this section of our graphic also brings to mind te manawa - the heart. We want to be known as the school with heart - where we are passionate about learning , about whakawhanaungatanga - relationships - and about the expression of our values.



School App

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