



# Mokoia Intermediate



## Matua Rawiri's Shout Out

### Tēnā Koutou Parents and Caregivers

You'll be aware that Minister of Education Chris Hipkins has announced the move to Orange at 11:59pm last night.

The decision to move to Orange has been made on public health advice and reflects that we are moving past the peak of cases and our health system is able to cope. We are seeing that cases are declining due to high levels of vaccination and natural immunity after infection.

I wanted to give you an update on what the move to Orange means for our school.

At Orange, face masks are no longer required at school. However public health advice is that masks continue to be strongly encouraged when indoors. Wearing a mask is a key health measure that slows the spread of COVID-19 in indoor settings. For that reason, we ask that visitors to the school, including parents and whānau, wear a mask whenever they are indoors on school grounds.

We also ask that your child continues to bring a mask to school every day. There may be times that we'll ask them to wear a mask, too – for example, when we are having an assembly in the hall. If there are a high number of cases at school or in the community, we may ask that masks be worn in classrooms for a time.

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At Orange, students aged 12 and above are still required to wear a face mask on school or public transport.

Although the change to Orange took place last night, we will retain our current settings at school today so that we have time to plan for any changes. For example, we will maintain the expectation that students (and relevant staff) will continue to wear masks until the end of the term.

We will continue to keep all the other health measures in place at school and that we will continue to slow the spread of COVID-19. These include ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette, appropriate physical distancing whenever we can and, most importantly, staying home if we are sick.

We are looking forward to a few less restrictions and returning to school life that is a bit closer to normal.

Have a good holiday everyone, enjoy the break.

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

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

## **Key dates for Term 2 2022**

### **Week 1**

- Monday 2 May - first day of Term 2
- Wednesday 4th May - Star Wars mufti

### **Week 2**

- Tuesday 10th - Thursday 12th May - Education Review Office visit
- Friday 13th May - Life Education van visits

### **Week 3**

- Monday 16th May - Friday 20th May - Bully Free NZ week
- Monday 16th May - Friday 20th May - Life Education
- Tuesday 17th May - Hearing and Vision Year 7 (extra Year 8s)

### **Week 4**

- Monday 23rd May - Friday 27th May - Life Education
- Tuesday 24th May - Board meeting, 6pm

### **Week 5**

- Monday 30th May - Friday 2nd June - Life Education

### **Week 6**

- Monday 6th June - Queen's Birthday

### **Week 8**

- Wednesday 22nd June - Tai Mitchell Pre Tournament, 6:00 – 7:00pm
- Friday 24th June - Matariki

### Week 9

- Tuesday 28th June - Wednesday 29th June - Mokoia hosts Science Roadshow

### Week 10

- Friday 8th July - end of Term 2

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

## Student Leader Visit to Rotorua Intermediate

On Tuesday we took our eleven student leaders to Rotorua Intermediate to collaborate with their prefects. It was a very successful afternoon.

The RIS leaders shared information about their school before taking our leaders on a tour of their kura. On their return, they had a quiz with Kahoot to see how much our leaders had remembered. Our winners got Easter eggs from **Mr deThierry**, their principal. We went to the staffroom to have hot cross buns, a few thanks and then to play a new game called Gaga ball.

We will reciprocate a visit from RIS in Term 2 to showcase Mokoia Intermediate. A huge thanks to the leaders of RIS, **Mr deThierry** and deputy principal, Ms Nahu.

- *Matua Rawiri Wihapi, Principal, [rwihapi@mokoia.school.nz](mailto:rwihapi@mokoia.school.nz)*

## Science Extension Group

Eighteen students have joined the extension science group so far. We have asked the students to read the material posted on Google classroom and come up with some topic suggestions for next term.

- *Mrs Annemarie Hyde, Deputy Principal Curriculum, [ahyde@mokoia.school.nz](mailto:ahyde@mokoia.school.nz)*

## Basketball

We have nine teams registered: 3x Year 8 boys, 1x Year 8 girls, 3x Year 7 boys and 2x Year 7 girls. It is important that you commit for the season. Your \$30 registration fee is due by the 20th May, paid online to the school or at the office.

Thanks to the coaches and managers who have volunteered to help this year. It is appreciated. Students weren't selected into teams on strength, they were randomly chosen and a couple of Year

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7s have been put up to Year 8 to make up numbers. We have tried to keep the numbers minimal to allow more game time for all players. Teams have been allocated but all signed confirmation will confirm participation.

Games are after school (Wednesdays) at the Sportsdrome (next to the Events Centre.) It is the responsibility of the whanau to get their child to the venue, although we can help where possible. Communication is key here. Talk to us if there are any issues.

Year 7s usually play from 4.00pm to 7.30. Year 8s play 5.00pm to 8.00pm.

Mokoia intermediate will provide basketball tops only. PE shorts and sneakers are mandatory.

Training will be left up to Coaches to organise. I will send out contact details for coaches and managers soon. All players are registered via online process. You should have received an email of confirmed registration. I will register all coaches and managers today. I will be basketball coordinator this year. If you have any concerns please see me. Looking forward to a fun season. Play Hard! Play Fair!

<b>Fee</b>			
\$100	per team	due by 21st April	
\$30	player registration	due by 20th May	
\$1	person entry fee to pay for referees	every game night	
<b>Team registration</b>	only accepts 16 Girls, 24 Boys & 8 Mixed teams for each grade.	cut off 11th April	
<b>Online player registrations</b>	Maximum of 10 but aim for 8 to give each student more game time.	3rd May	Those who registered before will show up in the online system.
<b>Everyone must provide a person for the score bench. The game will not start until there are 2 scorers there. Scoring is done on an iPad.</b>	<b>There must be 5 on the court or the game will be forfeited</b>	<b>Must give school 24hrs notice if you are going to default otherwise there is a \$50 fine.</b>	<b>Game times 4 x 8 minute quarters.</b>
<b>Wednesday nights</b>	<b>Sportsdrome.</b>		

<b>May</b>	11,18,25		
<b>June</b>	1,8,15,22,29		
<b>July</b>	6,27		
<b>August</b>	3,10,17,24		
<b>Sep</b>	7,14,21,28		

- *Matua Rawiri Wihapi, TIC Basketball, [rwihapi@mokoia.school.nz](mailto:rwihapi@mokoia.school.nz)*

## Waterpolo

What an exciting final game we had last Friday! We knew we had to bring our A game against JPC. Our defence was tight and we made the most of any opportunities we had on attack. Huge respect to our experienced players who really stepped up, supported our new players and fought hard from start to finish. It was this close:

1st quarter: 2-1 to us

2nd quarter: 4-4

3rd quarter: 6-4 to JPC

Final quarter: 7-6 to us with 30 seconds on the clock.

Final score: 7-7.

Congratulations team! You should all feel extremely proud.

A huge thanks to **Sam Trask** and **Maddie** for your fantastic coaching. **Jo Chemis**, thank you for your continued support of Mokoia Water Polo.

See you all again in Term 4.

**Meiken, Jeppe, Leo, Awanui, Anaru, Tayla, Briar** and **Sophie** - you rock! ❤️

- *Mrs Toni Bocock, TIC Waterpolo, [tbocock@mokoia.school.nz](mailto:tbocock@mokoia.school.nz)*

## Hockey

Any student wanting to play Hockey can still do so and will have the opportunity to be in a team. However I need to see or otherwise have communication stating they would like to play.

- *Mr Gareth Upston, TIC Hockey, [gupston@mokoia.school.nz](mailto:gupston@mokoia.school.nz)*

## Tai Mitchell Maroon Rugby

Your son is invited to trial in the representative games at Mokoia Intermediate on Sunday 1st May and Thursday 5th May. We are looking to choose 22 players to represent Rotorua Maroon for the Tai Mitchell Tournament in Rotorua from Wednesday 6th July – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

### Trial Details:

Date: Sunday 1st May

Venue : Mokoia Intermediate

Timetable: Trialists report by 10.00am

Players weighed

Trial teams named

Warm Up (15mins)

Trial 10.30am – 11.30am

Date: Thursday 5th May 3.30pm - 5.00pm

Gear: Players are to bring boots, head gear, mouthguard, a pair of rugby socks and rugby shorts. Jerseys will be provided.

- Matua Rawiri Wihapi, TIC Rugby, [rwihapi@mokoia.school.nz](mailto:rwihapi@mokoia.school.nz)

## Can you help with school sports at Mokoia Intermediate?

We have created a Google form to see what support our community can give our students in sport. Please follow this link to leave your details, the sport you can support and in what way:

<https://forms.gle/4jpQ98PevgLAMokY8>

## Merit Awards

K1	<b>Shan Mackey</b> - For your focus and hard work when completing your He Mahinga Reo task. You should be proud of your mahi.
Rūmaki	<b>Whaea Shelley</b> - He ihu kurī, he tangata haere!
K3	<b>Morghan Heron</b> - For your polite manners towards everyone within Mokoia Intermediate; wonderful qualities. Enjoy your holiday!
K4	<b>Cassie Berndt</b> - I am really impressed by the way you always participate in classroom discussions and you are such a treasure in K4!
K5	<b>Rico Cunningham</b> - For stepping up this week in your mahi and also helping to organise the class on Monday for our scavenger hunt. <b>Sabine Quirk</b> - For being such an exceptional young lady and being a loved member of

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	K5. We are going to miss you but wish you every success on your new adventure!
P1	<b>Ashlee Hanson</b> - You are such a positive student who gives everything your best. You know you have missed some learning while away but never let that get you down. You acknowledge this then focus on what you are learning now. You are a superstar!
P2	<b>Bailey Mattler</b> - For the way that you have settled into P2. It has been great to watch how quickly you made friends and adapted to new routines. I am looking forward to getting to know you better as the year progresses!
P3	<b>Joseph Bowyer</b> - For being a delightful member of P3! We wish you all the best for your new start in Hawkes Bay and will miss you in Puarenga. You rock!
P4	<b>Bree Mattler</b> - I am really impressed with the way you have settled into your new school, and especially P4. Their insanity takes a bit of getting used to and you are fitting in nicely. Well done.
W1	<b>Lucia Joseph</b> - For the amazing effort and dedication you put into your exhibition on 'All about Me'. Your visual and digital display was informative and it showed you had put a lot of work into it. Well done on a terrific presentation!  <b>Jahziah Metekingi</b> - For the amazing effort and dedication you put into your exhibition on 'All about me'. Your visual and digital display was informative and it showed you had put a lot of work into it. You also were very focused and thorough when marking your peer's exhibit too. Well done on a terrific presentation!
W2	<b>Theo Hunt</b> - For taking leadership and helping your fellow classmates with their music video when you were in a separate group to them. You have gone above and beyond with your kindness and helpfulness to ensure your classmates are able to complete their mahi.
W3	<b>Tyler Graham</b> - For your contribution and dedication to not only your own visual and digital presentation but all your efforts in helping monitor the class displays and ability to instruct visiting classes.  <b>Kai Turkington</b> - For showing perseverance and dedication to completing your digital and visual presentations to a high standard. It was truly fantastic to read all about you and learn more about who you are. Congratulations Kai.  <b>Lydia O'Callaghan</b> - For showing perseverance and dedication to completing your digital and visual presentations to a high standard. It was truly fantastic to read all about you and learn more about who you are. Congratulations Lydia.
W4	<b>Henry Kedian</b> - The way you spread the fun at Motion Entertainment yesterday was a joy to watch. Thank you for your consistent hard work this term and for your kindness to others. You are a gem, Henry!
Multi/ Digital	<b>Anna Old and Claire Randell (W4)</b> - You had a clear direction for your mobile and it was neat to see you working together so well. Your product has turned out very well.
Art/ Ngā Toi	<b>Leilani Fitzell (K1)</b> - For your dedication to your fellow classmates. Leilani, you do not hesitate to support your peers, by empowering them to believe in themselves.

	<p><b>Holly-Mei Lazenby (W1)</b> - For your ability to be self-reliant and understand the 'why' behind instruction. Your ability to self reflect positively, is evidence of your developing confidence.</p> <p><b>Wairua Burich (W3)</b> - For proving that true leaders are humble, and being self confident does not mean you have to be the loudest person in the room. You are a fine example of leadership. 'Mā mua ka kite a muri, mā muri ka ora a mua.'</p>
Food Tech	<p><b>Chloe Hepi-Ritete (K3)</b> - You always have a positive and enthusiastic attitude in Food Tech, thanks for sharing your bright bubbly self with us every Wednesday afternoon. It has been a pleasure to teach you this term!</p>

## Celebrations

👍 Congratulations to this week's recipient of our values trophy, **Kai Turkington, W3**. 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 **Waiteti**. You are house point winners for this term and your behaviour at Motion Entertainment was exemplary.

👍 An outstanding effort, **Team Mokoia**, in dressing up in house colours! The house that turned up the most fluorescent was **Puarenga!**

👍 Tumeke, Teams **Kaituna, Puarenga** and **Waiteti**, for your singing today. Only one house could be the winner though... **Kaituna!**

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

<http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

## Our School Values

**He whakatauki, mā pango, mā whero, ka oti te mahi.** *With the black and the red the work is completed.*

This whakatauki reinforces how work, opportunities and achievements in general are only possible by different groups working together.

It is very poignant right now, as teachers, learning support assistants and students work together on their waiata for the school competition today.

It reinforces how work, opportunities and achievements in general are only possible by working together. Without our wider school community, everything we celebrate would not be possible. Everything we have tried to do this term in helping our staff and students manoeuvre the Covid wave, would not be possible.

Ngā mihi e te whānau.



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