



# Mokoia Intermediate



## Matua Rawiri's Shout Out

### Tēnā Koutou Parents and Caregivers

Kei aku nui, kei aku rahi, tēnā koutou katoa i roto i ngā āhuatanga o te wā. Nau mai, haere mai ki te Kura Takawaenga o Mokoia.

Welcome back after what we hope has been a wonderful summer for your whanau. Our team is feeling refreshed and ready to go for the 2023 school year. We are happy and enthusiastic to be back at school. Teachers have spent a lot of time in January preparing classrooms and resources. Our cleaning team, headed by **Monica**, has done a superb job as has **Matua Bert**, painting and gardening so that the school looks top notch. The first week has been a positive start to the term and it will only take a short time for students to find their niche in our school community. We want school to be a place that gives many opportunities to your children and that their Intermediate years are the best experiences. It's exciting to see that the roll continues to climb as you make Mokoia your school of choice. We currently have surpassed the Ministry prediction, with 374 currently enrolled and more expected. Our thoughts go out to the Auckland communities and schools after the recent floodings. Kia Kaha! Kia Maia! Kia Manawanui!

Arohanui

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

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

## Our Staff

### **Kāinga o Waingaehe** - Senior Leadership Team and Administration

Matua Rawiri Wihapi (Tumuaki - Principal)  
Mrs Annemarie Hyde (Tuarua Marautanga Tumuaki - DP Curriculum)  
Mrs Jackie Jones (Tuarua Heparā Tumuaki - DP Pastoral)  
Whaea Sue Rasdall (Office Manager)  
Mrs Janet Du Fall (Finance Manager)  
Whaea Rose Henry (Learning Support Coordinator)

### **Kāinga o Kaituna**

K1 Whaea Tracey Low Year 8 (Rangatira) supported by Matua Jerome Namana  
K2 Matua Taimona Panapa Year 7-8 (Rangatira o Rumaki) supported by Whaea Shelley Pene  
K2 Matua Regan Hawke Year 7-8 supported by Matua Pene Panapa  
K3 Whaea Jann Kieck Year 7  
K4 Whaea Evelyn Lukis Year 8 supported by Whaea Karyn Thaine  
K5 Miss Jacqui French Year 7 supported by Whaea Donnella Mattock

### **Kāinga o Puarenga**

P1 Whaea Kathryn McMurdo Year 8 (Rangatira) supported by Whaea Anna Ranginui  
P2 Whaea Deana Turner Year 7 supported by Matua Jireh MacFarlane-Roach  
P3 Mrs Toni Bock Year 7 supported by Whaea Moana Hunter  
P4 Mr Glen Law Year 8 supported by Matua Hori Hapi

### **Kāinga o Waiteti**

W1 Whaea Kimberlee Fields Year 8  
W2 Whaea Aria Browne Year 7 supported by Whaea Cheyla Samuels  
W3 Mr Gareth Upston Year 8 supported by Whaea Ellen Leach  
W4 Mrs Tineke O' Callaghan Year 7 (Rangatira) supported by Matua Renata Clarke

### **Kāinga o Utuhina** - Technology/Art/Science/Food/Library

Matua Doug Maguire (Rangatira) - Multi Media and Digital Technology  
Whaea Krystal Stevenson - Food Technology  
Whaea Lisa Te Whare - Nga Toi (Art) and Science  
Mrs Heather Lind - Resource Manager

## Key dates for 2023

### **Term 1 Week 1**

- **Monday 30 January** - Auckland Anniversary
- **Tuesday 31st January** - Term 1 begins at 8.50am in the hall. Pohiri at 10am

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### **Term 1 Week 2**

- **Monday 6th February** - Waitangi Day

### **Term 1 Week 3**

- **Monday 13th February** - Teacher Only day with Rotorua East Kāhui Ako schools
- **Tuesday 14th February** - Board Hui - 6pm
- **Wednesday 15th February** - Meet the Teachers - 5.30pm
- **Friday 17th February** - 5.00pm to **Saturday 18th Feb** - 10.30am - staff noho marae
- Client Schools at Technology

### **Term 1 Week 4**

- **Thursday 23rd February** - Year 8 immunisation information session 12pm

### **Term 1 Week 5**

- **Monday 27th February** - NZEI Paid Union meeting - school closes at 12.30pm

### **Term 1 Week 6**

- Client Schools at Technology
- **Monday 6th March** - P1/P4 Museum visit
- **Thursday 9th March** - P2/P3 Museum visit
- **Friday 10th March** - School Swimming Sports

### **Term 1 Week 6**

- **Thursday 16th March** - Year 8 HPV vaccinations

### **Term 1 Week 8**

- **Friday 24th March** - Super 11 Touch

### **Term 1 Week 9**

- Client Schools at Technology
- **Tuesday 28th March** - Year 7 vision testing

### **Term 1 Week 10**

- **Wednesday 5th April** - school photos
- **Thursday 6th April** - Term 1 ends
- **Friday 7th April** - Good Friday

### **Term 2**

- **Wednesday 26th April - Friday 30th June**
- **Monday 24th April** - Teacher Only Day
- **Tuesday 25th April** - Anzac Day
- **Friday 19th May** - Pink Shirt Day
- **Wednesday 24th May - Thursday 25th May** - EPro8 finals

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- **Thursday 25th May** - Year 7 Boostrix Immunisation information
- **Thursday 1st June** - Jumping June begins
- **Monday 5th June** - King's Birthday
- **Tuesday 6th June** - Life Education begins
- **Friday 14th July** - Matariki Day (during holidays)

### Term 3

- **Monday 17th July - Friday 22nd September**
- **Friday 25th August** - Junior Tough Guy and Gal
- **Thursday 31st August** - Final Year 7 HPV immunisation

### Term 4

**Monday 9th October - Friday 15th December**

**Tuesday 10th October - Friday 13th October** - Kaituna camp

**Tuesday 17th October - Friday 20th October** - Waiteti camp

**Monday 23rd October** - Labour Day

**Tuesday 24th, 25th, 26th, 30th, 31st October** - St John Clued Up Camper course (TBC)

**Monday 20th November - Thursday 23rd November** - Puarenga camp

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

## Walkway and Drop Off Zone

- *All pedestrians, cyclists, scooter riders and skateboarders, please use the pathway* on the Owhata School side of our turf.
- *All caregivers collecting students by car, please follow the arrows to use our drop off zone* at the front of the school. Traffic needs to move through smartly. If you need to wait for your child, please park along Brent Road. We ask that you do not expect your child to run across the road, but that you use the pedestrian crossing.
- For health and safety reasons, we ask parents NOT to drive vehicles or walk down the driveway.

## Bicycles and Scooters

- Bicycle and scooter stands are in a gated area provided for pupils.
- While in the school grounds, all pupils must walk their bikes and scooters along the footpath.
- Bicycles and scooters must be locked to the stand at all times.
- All pupils must wear safety helmets when using bicycles.

***Please do not store in your classroom or in our admin block!***

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## Stationery

**Purchase from the retailer of your choice or pre order a stationery pack from Bay Office Products - 8 Old Taupo Road.**

6 1B8 Workbooks  
2 1E8 Maths Book (pre ruled margins)  
1 3B1 Notebook  
1 Refill pad  
1 Scrapbook  
1 Eraser  
1 Ruler  
1 Protractor  
1 Compass  
4 Red ballpoint pens  
4 Blue ballpoint pens  
4 Pencils  
1 Calculator - Scientific  
1 Glue stick  
1 Pack of coloured pencils  
1 Pair of scissors  
1 Pencil sharpener  
2 Highlighter pens  
2 Whiteboard pens  
Headphones for device

- **All books to be clearly named**
- **Covering - Optional**

***We recommend every student has their own digital device. This can be a Chromebook, iPad or laptop.***

## Uniform

Our uniform consists of a range of serviceable items, easily layered for extra warmth, which are readily available at the Warehouse.

### **Additional notes:**

- Caps and beanies - *navy blue with no insignia.*
- Socks - *navy blue and black*

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- Tights (winter) - *must be navy blue and not footless tights.*
- Footwear - Black covered-in shoes for Technology all year round. Black lace-up leather shoes are preferable, although black canvas shoes are permitted. Black soles and black laces. Covered in shoes are compulsory for technology classes. No gumboots.
- Black roman sandals or other sandals with back strap.(No jandals or slides.)
- School uniform to be worn to and from school.
- P.E. uniform to be worn for all fitness and sports.
- Only jewelry accepted is a watch, plain studs or a taonga.
- Hair must be tied up for physical education and specialist classes for health and safety reasons.

## Digital Devices

**What device?** - We do not specify any one device. I pads allow students to be creative with photo and film. Chrome books are more cost effective and as we only use online tools, will be all they need. Laptops have more grunt and storage capacity in a hard drive; each student has an online drive in our education domain. We do not install a mobile device management protocol or apps onto your child's device at this point. While we strongly recommend BYOD (**Bring Your Own Device**), we are aware that not all families can afford their own device, so we have a small supply that can be borrowed from the school library for one school block at a time.

We cater for everything as long as it has a screen over 20 cm and **does not use data**. We concentrate on using digital applications that can be accessed on laptops, chrome books or tablets, iOS or Android.

Your children will bring home a **Digital Device Responsible Use Agreement** which they have gone through with their teachers. **Please make sure you read** the document and sign it. Only then will your child be able to use their own or any school digital device.

*Note - All student mobile phones need to be handed in to the office each morning!*

## Digital Tools - for student use and whānau communication

At Mokoia Intermediate, we use a lot of digital tools, including online assessments. Every student has a **Google Drive** where their work is stored. We have an education domain which has more stringent parameters than a private Google account. Your child has an email address and password controlled by Mrs Hyde, who also monitors all digital use.

**Spotlight** - Each child also has a **Spotlight** account, which we use as a digital portfolio and communication tool with you at home. An invitation will be sent to you by email, text or on paper,

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with instructions about how to join. No other student or parent can see your child's work. We will be transferring from Seesaw, as Spotlight is a feature of our existing student management and we will be able to avoid double handling information.

**Communicating with whānau** - We ask you to interact with **Spotlight** as a major source of communication about your class' activities and your student's learning. Messages from the school are also sent out by **email** regularly and in our **weekly newsletter**. Sometimes we use text. We have an app on **Skool Loop** which puts up notices, the calendar and a copy of our school newsletter. Our **website** can be found at **www.mokoia.school.nz**. We publicise a lot on our **Facebook** group, as this is proving to have the greatest reach in our community.

**Facebook** - Please don't ask to be a friend of Mokoia Intermediate - we don't need to see your private life! Rather, look for the group **Mokoia Intermediate 2022**, and ask to join. This is a private group, access to which is controlled by the senior leadership team. No students currently at school are given access as Facebook is restricted to users 13 and over. We ask that you only post photos of students on the school group page.. It is not good practice to post photos of other people's children. We also ask you to direct questions and concerns to the school and not post them here. This is a positive forum, and negative or inappropriate material will be declined or deleted.

**Skool Loop** - Newsletters and notices are also sent to the Skool Loop app (information at the end of this newsletter).

## Merit Awards

K1	<b>Nathaniel Barter</b> - You have shown the school values from the moment Whaea Tracey met you. K1 is lucky to have you. Thank you for being such a gentleman.
Rūmaki	<b>Ko ngā tamatane o Ngā Pōtiki Ngau Papawai</b> - He wairua tīaki, he ngākau māhaki tā kōtou, kia mihi ka tika!
K3	<b>Tessa Moran</b> - For your positive attitude in your first week at Mokoia. You have been friendly and kind to your new classmates and quick to offer your help when needed. K3 is lucky to have you.
K4	<b>Mathias Rogers-Scott</b> - For making good choices and starting the year off on a positive note.
K5	<b>The Class of K5</b> - For the way that you have settled into Mokoia Intermediate this week. I am looking forward to getting to know you all throughout the year!
P1	<b>The Class of P1</b> - For the focus and way that you have hit the ground running with your mahi. I can't wait to explore the rest of the year with you.
P2	<b>Izzy Walmsley</b> - For such a positive start to your Mokoia Intermediate experience. You



	have stepped up and shown you are ready to take on many challenges. Well done. Welcome to P2.
P3	<b>Harper Moore</b> - For being such an enthusiastic, bubbly and helpful member of P3. You are confident, caring and super well organised. Thank you Harper.
P4	<b>Sophie Green</b> - I appreciate your kind and friendly approach to your classmates. Thank you.
W1	<b>Travis Grunwell</b> - For your positive start to your year 8 year. You have been a great support helping to organise the class and are always on task. I am looking forward to watching your confidence grow throughout the year!
W2	<b>Tama-tu Tule-White</b> - For your amazing efforts with settling in class and working well with your classmates. You have set a wonderful example for the rest of the class when it comes to focusing on mahi and showing respect towards everyone around you.
W3	<b>Kiana Tupara-Tonihi</b> - Awesome start to the year. You have established yourself and independently got on with the work you have been assigned. You use your manners well and show respect to your teachers and classmates.
W4	<b>Harriet Wright</b> - For the amazing start you have had to Mokoia. You have already shown yourself to be a wonderful role model: making many new friends, completing all your work, listening to instructions and always being polite and respectful. We are so lucky to have you in W4 this year. Keep up the fabulous effort.
Multi/ Digital	<b>Xavier Peters (K3), Ethan Katene (P3)</b> - Fantastic attitude shown on Day 1 of Tech. I like how you took risks and were prepared to share your ideas. Tino pai
Art/Toi Ataata	<b>Leana Gaugler (P3)</b> - For your focus and contribution to Art and Design. Leana, you engaged with our design discussion with fantastic creative solutions. Well done.
Science	-
Food Technology	-

## Celebrations

👍 Welcome to all our new Mokoia Intermediate whānau!

👍 Congratulations to all merit award winners. Congratulations to our first week's recipient of our values trophy, **Sophie Green, P4**, for her ability to be inclusive in her class, ensuring no one was left out. This award is given out each week to a role model student. *"All that I value I will uphold - he tohu whakamanawa."*



👍 Thank you to all of our teachers and support staff who have spent holiday time setting up their learning spaces.

What an amazing job **Matua Bert** has done, beautifying our grounds before school started this week. Nā mihi!

We love the new Year 7 cohort! What an amazing group of students. It bodes well for the year.

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

<http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

## Our School Values

**Tihi** means peak. **Mana** is, in simple terms, self respect and respect from others. Mana exists within all people, from the time they are born till death. Mana can be grown and can diminish depending on one's actions. Mana exists in three forms: **Mana atua** - genealogical mana, **Mana tangata** - personal mana and **Mana whenua** - mana through connection with the land.

**Te Tihi o Mana** is held up by three **pou** or pillars: **Whakaiti** - humility, **Ūpoko pakaru** - resilience and **Kōmaitanga** - a sense of achievement.

At the centre is **Te Au** - the self.

Just as a triangle as a geometric shape, has no integrity without each of its pillars, so it is with our values. To have **Tūturutanga** - integrity, we must ensure that we are mindful of the pillars.

**Whakawhanaungatanga** - relationships, is the cement or glue which keeps the whole together.

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



## School App

Our Skool Loop app is available on Google Play or the App store. The Skool Loop app is updated weekly with all our notices.

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