



# Mokoia Intermediate



## Matua Rawiri's Shout Out

### Tēnā Koutou Parents and Caregivers

We officially blessed and opened our refurbished technology block (Utuhina), Waiteti toilets and the food technology classroom early on Wednesday morning. Thanks to **Reverend Joe Huta** and **Reverend Vicki Tamati**, supported by our local kaumatua, **Koro Paraone Pirika**. A small group of staff attended. There will be an opportunity for parents and caregivers to view the refurbishments at our **'Meet the Teacher'** evening this **Wednesday 15 February at 5.30pm**.

Our localised curriculum is important and we are planning an overnight noho marae at Owhata, a waka experience, a hike up maunga Whakapoungakau and a trip to Mokoia Island for every student this term. We are keen to learn and teach our students about our local iwi Te Roro o Te Rangī. More information will be sent home soon. Our staff will lead the way with their own noho marae experience, next Friday.

On **Monday 13th February**, our staff, along with all Rotorua Eastside Kāhui Ako schools, will be participating in a **Teachers Only Day at Lynmore School**. We have six local experts from Te Roro o Te Rangī, our haukainga or local iwi) sharing kaupapa around cultural responsiveness. Have a nice weekend.

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

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

## Key dates for Term 1 2023

**Rotorua Eastern Kāhui Ako  
Teacher Only Day  
MONDAY 13th February  
Lynmore, Owhata, Rotokawa,  
Mokoia and RLHS  
(all schools closed for students)**

- Mokoia Intermediate  
Meet the Teacher Evening  
Wednesday 15th February**
- Meet in the Mokoia Intermediate School Hall at 5.30.
  - After introductions, you will go up to your kainga ako to see your child's teacher and classroom.
  - There will be an opportunity to book a further individual meeting should you wish.

### Term 1 Week 3

- **Monday 13th February** - Teacher Only day with Rotorua East Kāhui Ako schools
- Client Schools at Technology
- **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

### 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

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

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## Term 1 Week 10

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

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

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

Our learning centres, often known as teams in other schools, are now known as **kāinga ako**.

**kāinga** = home    **ako** = learning

Our five **kāinga ako** are named after local **awa** (rivers): **Kaituna, Puarenga, Utuhina, Waiteti** and **Waingaehe**.

## Science Extension

We are in the process of organising the 2023 Science extension group,

The intention of creating extension time is to offer the student support, time and lab space to engage in any scientific investigation they may show interest in.

The following has been organised thus far:

- Science extension times are aimed for Thursday afternoons.
- At this point the group is large, so two sessions may be offered initially.
- There is a focus on creating a science fair submission, aimed for two science fair opportunities in the middle of the year.

Please support your child with idea incubation. Thinking and developing an idea at this point would be great.

We do require parental assistance and expertise to ensure a successful programme:

- Support with industry knowledge, specifically with onsite visits or 'in class' industry expertise.
- Provide skills based training for our teams. (Teacher supervised)

- *Whaea Lisa Te Whare, TIC Science, [ltewhare@mokoia.school.nz](mailto:ltewhare@mokoia.school.nz)*

## Sports Opportunities

Futsal, soccer, netball, basketball and orienteering opportunities have been advertised on our Facebook group page. Please go to: <http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

## 2023 KIWI English, Mathematics and Science Competitions

The University of Canterbury is offering the annual Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions for Primary, Intermediate and Secondary schools. The skills based Kiwi competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and closely align with the New Zealand Curriculum.

The online competitions will be run in the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3. The competitions take place at school under exam conditions. Parents/caregivers will be provided with an individual student report outlining student performance. All participating students will be awarded a certificate and a prize will be awarded to the top student in each competition. The cost for a student to participate is \$9.90 per competition entered.

Look out for the entry forms which will be available in the next few weeks.

- Mrs Hyde, DP Curriculum, [ahyde@mokoia.school.nz](mailto:ahyde@mokoia.school.nz)

## Scholastic Book Orders

Issue 1 of Scholastic (Lucky) Book club brochures have gone into classes this week. If your student did not receive one, and you would like them to bring one home, please see their classroom teacher or alternatively they can pick one up from the school Library. (or email [library@mokoia.school.nz](mailto:library@mokoia.school.nz) and I will ensure your student gets one).

On the back of the latest catalogue is a barcode to scan which takes you directly to the online Book Club page, for easier selection and ordering.

Book prices start as low as \$3.50.

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Our school also earns 15% in Scholastic Rewards on all Book Club orders, which means more new books for the Library.

- Mrs Lind, Resource Manager, [library@mokoia.school.nz](mailto:library@mokoia.school.nz)

## Asthma Research

I am a Study coordinator at Pacific Clinical Research Network (PCRN) in Rotorua and we currently have a Childhood asthma clinical Trial running.

**Complete Protocol Title: An open-label Randomised Controlled Trial of as-needed budesonide-formoterol vs salbutamol reliever therapy in mild childhood asthma.**

Trial participants are children aged 5-15 years old at commencement of the study, and are recruited from sites throughout NZ. PCRN is proud to be one of those participating sites.

The primary objective of the CARE study is to determine the efficacy and safety of budesonide-formoterol reliever (Symbicort Rapihaler) therapy compared with salbutamol reliever (Ventolin) therapy. I would like to clarify that budesonide is NOT an experimental medication. The Asthma and Respiratory foundation of NZ explains that combination inhalers contain both preventer and reliever medications. There are a few different combination inhalers available, but the budesonide/formoterol combination inhaler (Symbicort or DuoResp Spiromax ) is now the recommended asthma treatment for people aged 12 years and over.

I look forward to hearing from you.

- Heather Boyce, Study Coordinator, PCRN Rotorua. Email: [heatherboyce@pcrn.co.nz](mailto:heatherboyce@pcrn.co.nz)

## Merit Awards

K1	<b>Poppy Hutchison</b> - For you positive contributions during K1 duty week.
Rūmaki	<b>Storm Yorke</b> - Kua hoki rewarewa mai ra e koe!
K3	<b>Kilarhn Fitzell</b> - For applying your focus during our NZ histories lessons, taking notes and clarifying facts. Your interest inspired others to pay closer attention. Well done for being a great role model.
K4	<b>Rosalie Reidpath</b> - For having a really good week with your learning and participation in k4 this Week.
K5	<b>Jake Russ</b> - For the effort that you have been putting into all of your work this week. You are an active participant in class discussions and have lots of thoughts to share.

	Keep it up!
P1	<b>Luke Bertrand</b> - For your focus on your work. You have really impressed me with how diligently you have made sure all your work is completed. Keep it up Luke!
P2	<b>Rossi Edwards</b> - You have such an inquiring mind and wonderfully positive attitude, you seek clarification when you require it and consistently give everything your best effort. Thank you for being you.
P3	<b>Maximus Lorigan</b> - For always trying your very best with all of your work. You have beautiful manners and you ask for help when you need it. We are so lucky to have you in P3 Max. Keep up the amazing work.
P4	<b>Dylan Rennie</b> -Your kind, friendly, energetic approach to life is a wonderful thing to see. Keep on being you!
W1	<b>Tyler Graham</b> - Tyler you have impressed me with your positive attitude this year. You have been incredibly helpful to me and your classmates, you have also been completing your learning tasks. Keep up the great attitude.
W2	<b>Clodagh McCann</b> - You have shown a lot of effort and aroha in your work this week. While also having a fantastic can do attitude I am extremely impressed that you are already showing our school values upoko pakaru and komaitanga. Thank you for being such an awesome student Clodagh.
W3	<b>Michael Cannon</b> - Well done on a nice settled start to the year Michael. You have used your manners well and have completed a lot of the work set for you. Keep up the good work.
W4	<b>Serenity-Rose Taiatini-Rae</b> - For being the beautiful, kind mannered, respectful young lady you are. You have impressed me with how considerate and polite you are. You always have a smile on your face and brighten up our day. We are super lucky to have you in W4 this year. Keep being amazing!
Multi/ Digital	<b>Tyler Graham (W1), Nathanael Barter (K1), Elsie Papps (P4)</b> - Congratulations on a fantastic start in Multi Materials. You listened, shared your ideas and made the learning interesting.
Digital Tech	<b>Cohen Frost (W2), Teina-Jean Taipeti-Cribb (K2), Harper Moore (P3), Hunter Pohatu (K5)</b> - Congratulations on a fantastic start in DigiTech. You listened, shared your ideas and made the learning interesting.
Art/Toi Ataata	<b>Tama Samuel (W4)</b> - For your positive contribution to classroom discussion. Tama, in a short time your academic outlook and self management has developed immensely and you are very deserving of this award.
Science	<b>Georgia Davies (P1)</b> - For your fantastic contribution to class discussion in science. Georgia, your ability to articulate and express your ideas clearly, are an asset in class.
Food Tech	<b>Cate Phipps (W3)</b> - You were an amazing chef this week. What a treat to be the first class in our newly renovated Food Technology room! I really appreciate your attention to detail when cooking your dish and your super tidy skills. I bet you are a wonderful

help at home. Thanks Cate.

## Celebrations

👍 Congratulations to this week's recipient of our values trophy, **Nathaniel Barter, K1**, for leading karakia, enhancing our learning by contributing his thoughts appropriately, and working hard at everything. This award is given out each week to a role model student. *"All that I value I will uphold - he tohu whakamanawa."*

Well done to all merit award winners.

It was lovely to hear that **Pareamio** and **Piarimu Pukepuke-Taurua** are both in the cast of the musical "Eight Scott Ave Sequel". They were both invited to attend a presentation with Jack Grace on the Te Arawa radio station this morning.

Well done today to everyone for heading out today for the unplanned fire drill. The technician fixing an alarm fault set it off, but we all know that emergencies are never planned or convenient! It is good to practise these protocols at the start of the year.

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

<http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

## Our School Values

The first pillar of our values system is **ūpoko pakaru** - **resilience**. **Matua Rawiri** talked about this in the assembly today.

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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## Pita Pita Lunch Orders

Pita Pit has advised the order cut off time for ordering your Pita Pit lunches will be **8:45am** on our days: **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**.

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