



Mokoia Intermediate



Matua Rawiri's Shout Out

Tēnā Koutou Parents and Caregivers

Firstly, a huge thank you to all parents and caregivers who came along to the 'Meet the Teacher' evening. I hope you enjoyed meeting the staff and your child's teacher as well as seeing their classroom environments and the new technology centre. Welcome again to you and your whanau and thank you for choosing Mokoia Intermediate as your choice of school. Health and safety, building relationships and learning are three key areas we focus on. If your child is having a problem or concern at school, direct them to talk to their teacher, learning centre leader or one of the management team.

Our first noho marae takes place next week: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with K2 then K1 and K4. Notices have been sent home from Kaituna. We are looking forward to giving our students an opportunity to experience our local Owhata marae and learn about some of the history and tikanga on the marae. The staff are staying overnight tonight at Owhata Marae as part of our experience in preparation for the whole school noho marae. We are all looking forward to it and also doing some team building as a staff.

Have a good weekend everyone.

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 2023

Term 1 Week 4

- **Wednesday 22nd February** - noho marae - K2
- **Thursday 23rd February** - noho marae - K1/K4
- **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
- **Monday 6th March** - noho marae - K3/K5
- **Tuesday 7th March** - noho marae - P1/P4
- **Thursday 9th March** - P2/P3 Museum visit
- **Friday 10th March** - School Swimming Sports

Term 1 Week 7

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

Term 1 Week 8

- **Tuesday 21st March** - noho marae - W2/W4
- **Wednesday 22nd March** - noho marae - W1/W3
- **Friday 24th March** - Super 11 Touch

Term 1 Week 9

- **Monday 27th March** - noho marae - P2/P3
- **Tuesday 28th March** - Year 7 vision testing
- Client Schools at Technology

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 terms used in our school?

Whaea - (noun) mother, aunt, aunty. Now commonly used in a number of New Zealand schools as an alternative to Miss, Ms or Mrs.

Matua - (noun) father, parent, uncle. Now commonly used in a number of New Zealand schools as an alternative to Mr or Sir.

Tamariki - (noun) children - normally used only in the plural

Akōnga - (noun) student, pupil, learner, protégé

Marae - (noun) courtyard - the open area in front of the wharenuī, where formal greetings and discussions take place. Often also used to include the complex of buildings around the marae.

Noho - (verb) (-ia, nōhia, -ngia) to sit, stay, remain, settle, dwell, live, inhabit, reside, occupy, located

Pepeha - (noun) tribal saying, tribal motto, proverb (especially about a tribe), set form of words, formulaic expression, saying of the ancestors

Waiata - (noun) song, chant, psalm

Pūrākau - (noun) myth, ancient legend, story

Tititorea - (noun) stick games

Mau Rakau - (noun) Māori weaponry

Poi - a light ball on a string of varying length which is swung or twirled rhythmically to sung accompaniment. Traditionally the ball was made of raupō leaves.

Tikanga - (noun) the customary system of values and practices that have developed over time and are deeply embedded in the social context

Mokoia Intermediate Noho Marae Programme 2023 - Owhata Marae

Term 1/Week 4	9.00am - Wednesday 22/02	1.00pm - Thursday 23/02	3.00pm - Friday 24/02
	K2	K2	
		K1/K4	K1/K4
Term 1/Week 6	9.00am - Monday 06/03	1.00pm - Tuesday 07/03	3.00pm - Wednesday 08/03
	K3/K5	K3/K5	
		P1/P4	P1/P4
Term 1/Week 8	9.00am - Tuesday 21/03	1.00pm - Wednesday 22/03	3.00pm - Thursday 23/03

	W2/W4	W2/W4	
		W1/W3	W1/W3
Term 1/Week 9	9.00am - Monday 27/03	1.00pm - Tuesday 28/03	
	P2/P3	P2/P3	

Please note: 1 night stay over, day and a half activities
Tamariki to take their own sheet, pillow slip and blanket(s)

Activities: Pūrākau, Tititorea-Stick games, Mau Rakau, Poi, Tikanga, History, Hikoi, Waiata

9.00am - Lunch, Dinner, Breakfast, Lunch
1.00pm - Dinner, Breakfast, Lunch

Important! Year 8 Seesaw Portfolios

Seesaw will no longer be available after February 28th. Your child still has access to last year's class (we haven't set up Seesaw for 20123 classes). At the top of their portfolio there is a tab to print off a pdf. This can be printed or downloaded into the student's school or personal drive.

@School Parent App

Next week, once this has been introduced to the staff, you will be sent an email with details about downloading and logging into the @School Parent App. This will give you access to message the classroom teacher, receive notices, complete permission slips and contact the school office.

As we start using the school functions over the school term, we will add in the ability to receive accounts, book school interview times, receive student reports and see into your student's portfolio. Download the app from Google Play or the App store and look out for our email.



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

Scholastic Book Orders

Issue 1 of Scholastic (Lucky) Book club brochures went into classes last 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 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.

Take advantage of the amazing promotion in this issue.

'Free Books' Loop (online) orders only.

Spend \$30 = 1 free book

\$50 = 2 free books

\$70 = 3 free books.

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

Orders will be closed off next **Thursday, 23 Feb 2023**.

All orders will need to be placed online through the Loop ordering system, via the Scholastic website: <https://www.scholastic.co.nz>

- Mrs Lind, Resource Manager, library@mokoia.school.nz

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Sports Opportunities

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

RATS Kids Duathlon 2023

When: Tuesday 21st March (Thursday 23rd March)

Where: Waipa MTB Car Park

Cost: \$10 per student (schools will be invoiced after the event)

Entries Close: Wednesday 8th March, 5pm (Entries must be made through your school)

Course options:

- Short Course 500m run – 3km MTB – 500m run.

- Long Course 1.5k run – 8km MTB – 500m run.

(There are no team entries, all athletes will compete as individuals)

Age Groups:

- Year 7 and 8 children must enter the long course.

Whaea Deana has already held a student meeting - this is to keep parents up to date. Please tell your child to go to Whaea Deana if they haven't got a notice.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13azDurEmcPMKJpiiQnn1NjMgjegXmLJd/view?usp=sharing>

- Whaea Deana Turner, TIC, dturner@mokoia.school.nz

Merit Awards

K1	Josh Ford - Your diligence and attention to putting your best effort into everything you do is admirable. You are an excellent role model of the school values.
Rūmaki	Te Arikinui Heretaunga - Pūmau tonu koe i te kawa whakaiti o Mokoia! Riihaana Tūhakaraina - He momo koe nō te Mahira!
K3	Zavier Hodge-Roberts - For being a protector and a helper to your peers who needed support. You are such an asset to our kura.
K4	Soul Hati-Stansbury - For working hard with Whaea Karyn this week.
K5	Eddie Lewis - For the way that you participate in all of our classroom learning opportunities. Your contributions to our class discussions are valuable and appreciated. Keep up the fabulous work!

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P1	Letong Chen - For going above and beyond to create a powerpoint to help our Year 7s get to know Mokoia Intermediate a little more. Your caring nature and support of your fellow students is lovely.
P2	Niko Weir - For all of your impressive hard work and dedication. You are a caring and passionate student who works consistently at a high level that meets both your and my expectations. You delivered a confident speech to your peers in P2. Congratulations on being selected as P2's 2023 class councillor.
P3	Leana Gaugler - For the impressive speech you made to the class sharing why you would make an amazing class councillor. Congratulations for being elected as P3's 2023 class councillor. Fraser Barclay, Remi Vade - For the impressive speech you made to the class sharing why you would make an amazing class councillor. Congratulations for being elected to the role of P3's 2023 deputy class councillor.
P4	-
W1	Lydia O'Callaghan, Charlee Thornborough, Max Stratford - For having the courage to stand up in front of your peers and present a speech for the role of kāinga ako leader. I am extremely proud of you for standing up and giving it a go.
W2	Piarimu Pukepuke-Taurua - For having the courage to stand up in front of the class to read your speech for class councillor. You showed the values ūpoko pakaru and komaitanga while also sharing a very impressive speech. All of W2 are extremely excited to have you represent our class this year. Keep up the wonderful work, Piarimu.
W3	Noah Croucher - For having the courage to stand up in front of your peers and present a speech for the role of student leader. Awesome work mate and congrats for being voted in as Waiteti's student leader for 2023. Jack Parsons - For having the courage to stand up in front of your peers and present a speech for the role of student leader. I am extremely proud of you for standing up and giving it a go.
W4	Claudia Dunn, Trojhan Grey-Tamiti, Taine Dyson, Maddy Newcombe, Harriet Wright, Rangituahiahi Barrett - For being brave and courageous by delivering a successful speech to our class about why you would make a great student councillor. You spoke clearly and confidently and showcased your skills as a leader. We are lucky to have you in W4.
Multi/ Digital	Client schools

Digital Tech	Client schools
Art/Toi Ataata	Client schools
Science	Client schools
Food Tech	Client schools

Celebrations

👍 Congratulations to this week's recipient of our values trophy, **Zavier Hodge-Roberts, K3**, for being a protector and a helper to your peers who needed support. You are such an asset to our kura. 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 this week.

It is outstanding to see so many students putting themselves forward for leadership. What a great year it is going to be!

A huge thanks to the large number of whānau who made the effort to come to our Meet the Teacher night. You said so many nice things to us about our staff and school. We do work hard and it's nice when people step forward to tell us.

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

<http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

Our School Values

The second pillar of our values system is **whakaiti - humility**. **Matua Rawiri** talked about this in the assembly today.

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

Last week we introduced our value system, "**Te Tihi O Mana**". This week we will look at the first of the values, "**Whakaiti**" - **humility**. Being humble means to acknowledge that your achievements are not just your own.



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We need to remember that we are what we are because of our whakapapa (genealogy) and our tupuna (ancestors). Our beliefs, values, social situation, status and advantages can all be because of our ancestors.

The support of others, such as whānau (family) and kaiako (teachers), is also a major factor in our successes: those who encourage, pay, transport and generally help us as we grow and develop. Our teachers and coaches help us with the skills and attitudes we need to achieve. We can't forget their role. And there are our chosen role models : those people whose lead we choose to follow.

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**.

Children's Day

Join us on Saturday 4 March, for a tamariki celebration festival at the Village Green, Rotorua Lakefront, designed to bring whānau together and show how important children are in our rohe! The kaupapa is supported by our community organisations and local businesses to awahi our whānau.

We have activities ranging from bouncy castles, inflatable games, pony rides and unicycles- and so much more for the whole whānau!

Dress up in fancy dress and bring along a picnic lunch and enjoy our live performances! Giveaways and prizes for best dressed!

Nau mai- Haere Mai- Come along for an amazing day!

School Loop App

The Skool Loop app is available on Google Play or the App store. The Skool Loop app is updated weekly with all our newsletters. It is NOT the @School Parent App we will be using to replace Seesaw.



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