



# Mokoia Intermediate



## Matua Rawiri's Shout Out

### Tēnā Koutou Parents and Caregivers

A huge '**Shout Out**' to all students who participated in the **EPIC** show this week, we are very proud of you all. Thanks also to the teachers that were involved. Your commitment and time is much appreciated. It's great to have you all showcasing the best of Mokoia Intermediate. Tau ke!

Attendance is important and having your child/ren at school is important to us. On average in Term 2, 2023 students were present 85.5% of the time. This is reasonable but closer to 100% would be way better. Please get your children to school.

Our school toilets have become a place for some of our students to disrespect. We are going to discuss this further and come up with alternatives to help solve the problems. Other Intermediates in Rotorua lock their toilets during class time and a key has to be collected from a designated teacher and room for use. We may need to have a duty teacher who sits outside the toilets to

monitor the use of the toilet also. We are looking at ways to prevent the problems from occurring. If you have a better solution please let us know.

## **Matua Rawiri & The Mokoia 'A' Team**

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

### **Key dates for Term 3 2023**

#### **Term 3 Week 4**

- **Monday 7th August** - Science Roadshow @ Mokoia - 1.45 - 2.55: Kaituna year 7 students and extension science students
- **Tuesday 8th August** - Science Roadshow @ Mokoia - 1.25: Puarenga and Waiteti year 7 students
- **Thursday 10th August** - RBHS leadership day for Year 8 boys

#### **Term 3 Week 5**

- **Tuesday 15th August** - Cadenza - choir event 10.30am-1.30pm
- **Tuesday 15th August** - School to close at 1.10 to allow staff to visit Epworth Camp
- **Wednesday 16th August** - RBHS open evening 5.30-8.30pm
- **Thursday 17th August** - RLHS Road Show for Year 8 students, 2pm

#### **Term 3 Week 6**

- **Tuesday 22nd August** - RGHS road show 2pm, Year 8 girls
- **Friday 25th August** - Junior Tough Guy and Gal
- **Friday 25th August** - Daffodil Day - ra kakahu kainga for cancer

#### **Term 3 Week 7**

- **Tuesday 29th August** - Chess regionals
- **Thursday 31st August** - HPV Yr 8's final dose, 12:00 – 1:00pm

#### **Term 3 Week 8**

- **AIMs Games all week**

#### **Term 3 Week 9**

- **Tuesday 12th September** - 2023 KIWI Spelling Bee, block 3
- **Wednesday 13th September** - Wig Wednesday and Shave for a Cure
- **Friday 15th September** - RBHS Open Day, 9:00am – 2:45pm

#### **Term 3 Week 10**

- **Tuesday 19th September** - HPV Yr 8 second dose, 9:00 – 11:00 am
- **Wednesday 20th September** - Year 6 Primary Open Day - Lynmore
- **Thursday 21st September** - Year 6 Primary Open Day and Open Evening

- **Friday 22nd September** - Teacher's Only Day

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

## School Early Closure

School will now close early on Tuesday 15th August at 1.10pm so that teachers can visit Epworth Camp in preparation for our camp weeks in Term 4.

## Te Tūkōhu Ngāwhā Mātauranga Māori Science and Art Fair

Whaea Lisa and I attended the prize giving for Te Tūkōhu Ngāwhā Science and Design Fair, this evening. It was so exciting to find out that a number of our Mokoia entrants were receiving prizes!

Well done to all of our extension science students who submitted an entry. These students were called back to the prize giving at the Sudima this evening, at 6pm:

**Asante Conley and Daniel Parker** - 1st place Biosecurity

**Georgia Davies** - 2nd place Biodiversity

**Maya Gebert** - 3rd place Sustainability- Social Equity

**Angus Macklin** - 1st place Sustainability

**Harriet Wright** - 1st place Biodiversity

Thank you to all our participants. The students had to present their research or experimentation visually and be able to talk about it with the four judges who met with them over the morning from 8am until 1pm.

Last year, then Mokoia Year 8 student, **Alex Malcolm** won the grand prize. The fair has now doubled in size and we can be equally proud of our presence this year.

Our students have another opportunity to compete at the Niwa Scion Bay of Plenty Science and Technology Fair this term.

Many thanks to the amazing Whaea Lisa and the whānau who got behind their students.

- Whaea Lisa TIC Science, [ltewhare@mokoia.school.nz](mailto:ltewhare@mokoia.school.nz) and Mrs Annemarie Hyde, DP Curriculum, [ahyde@mokoia.school.nz](mailto:ahyde@mokoia.school.nz)

## Rongoa

Four members of our staff attended a workshop hosted by our kāhui ako at Lynmore School yesterday evening.

Whaea Molly, who is an expert on Māori medicinal plants, encouraged us to gather three samples each from Waitawa Bush, the amazing native bush area and stream attached to the school.

We named and discussed the plant qualities back in a classroom, before creating our own pani pani and bath salts.

It was a very informative session and the group has organised a second session.

We have also discussed bringing this opportunity into our school for our extension science and rumaki rōpu.

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

## Breakfast Club

Kia ora our Mokoia whanau, we would like to thank all of those who have donated to our kura breakfast club! We would appreciate donations of margarine or jam for toast and milo for our students who come in to warm up before heading to class. These can be left at the school office.

Nga mihi 😊

The Breakfast Club Volunteers

## Relieving teachers

Relieving teachers needed for daily contracts to cover sickness and professional development. Friendly staff, beautiful children and a great coffee machine.

Please share with your friends and family.

Contact Sue at [office@mokoia.school.nz](mailto:office@mokoia.school.nz) or Jackie at [jjones@mokoia.school.nz](mailto:jjones@mokoia.school.nz)

## 2023 School Camp - Epworth Retreat and Recreation Centre Cambridge

**Thank you to everyone who has already responded!**

10th - 13th October Kaituna

17th - 20th October Puarenga

20th - 23rd November Waiteti

For many years we have adopted a policy of including an outdoor education camp as a compulsory part of the school curriculum. Each year we apply for funding to subsidise the cost of this camp and have been successful on most occasions. This year the Board has contributed

\$15,000.00 and we will apply for funding of \$16,000.00 from Okataina Outdoor Education Centre and Aotearoa Gaming Trust.

Mokoia Intermediate have opted into the Ministry of Education donation scheme. However, schools and kura can continue to ask for a donation for overnight school camps. This request is for a donation. Families and whānau can choose to pay the donation in full, in part or not at all. All students will attend camp regardless of whether they have contributed.

Due to the increasing costs of accommodation, buses, food and staff overnight allowances, this year we are asking for a contribution from parents of \$125.00

Without your contribution and the funding we receive through trusts we would be unable to continue to provide this valuable opportunity for our students.

- Mrs Janet Du Fall, Executive Officer, [accounts@mokoia.school.nz](mailto:accounts@mokoia.school.nz)

## AIMs

### Medical waivers and consent forms

Parents/caregivers please complete prior to August the 31st.

### AIMs Fundraising weeks

Week 4 - Futsal/Football

Week 5 - Rugby/ Mountain Biking

Week 6 - Basketball

Coaches and managers will be in contact with parents/caregivers of respective teams to ask parents to organise fundraising events for their child/s team. Fundraising is to benefit your children therefore needs to be driven by parents/caregivers. The more effort put in the more return. All the best to all the teams and their fundraising endeavours.

- Mr Gareth Upston, Sports Coordinator, [gupston@mokoia.school.nz](mailto:gupston@mokoia.school.nz)

A big thank you to all who supported the Netball Aims fundraiser at lunchtime yesterday. **Whaea Shelley** apologises for the wait time that you had and hope you all got the food you ordered. Big thanks to the staff who helped and our girls who were amazing in that kitchen with all the pressure from over 100 starving children outside

- Whaea Shelley Pene, AIMs Netball coordinator, [spene@mokoia.school.nz](mailto:spene@mokoia.school.nz)

## Basketball

### Basketball Results - Wednesday 2 August

**Mokoia Komaitanga Year 8 Boys** - 14 vs RIS Te Rangiiwaho 2. Player of the Day - **Michael Cannon**

**Mokoia Passion Year 8 Boys** - 35 vs RIS Taetou 14. Player of the Day - **Asante Conley, Charnz**

**Fraser and Jack Parsons**

**Mokoia Whakaiti Year 7 Boys** - 12 vs RIS Hurunga 27. Player of the Day - **Rossi Edwards**

**Mokoia Integrity Year 7 Boys** - 11 vs Kaharoa Cross Ups 26. Player of the Day - **Zee Graham**

**Mokoia Girls Year 8 Girls vs Mokoia Ūpoko Pakaru** - won by default

**Mokoia Limitless Year 8 Boys** - 18 vs Ngati Rongomai Pawaenga Tama 22. Player of the Day -

**Hamiora Theodore**

**Mokoia Achieve** - 11 vs RIS Kotiro 57. Player of the Day - whole team

- *Matua Rawiri Wihapi, Basketball Coordinator*

## Hockey

The last day for Intermediate hockey is Friday 25th August.

Parents please check the Rotorua Hockey website for draws in the future. They are posted for the next few weeks (Round 1).

Mokoia teams are named 1-4 on the website:

**Mokoia Maddogs** (1)

**Mokoia Mighty Ducks** (2)

**Mokoia Magic** (3)

**Mokoia Madness** (4)

Mr Gareth Upston, Sports Coordinator, [gupston@mokoia.school.nz](mailto:gupston@mokoia.school.nz)

## Netball

### Mokoia Magic

This week Mokoia Magic played RI Manaaki. It was a close game every single quarter and quite a nail biter. The final score was 16-16! Exciting game to watch, girls. Player of the day went to Alia and Kennadi.

- *Shilani Anderson*

## **Mokoia Majestics**

Mokoia Majestics played Te Koutu Pīrere this week. Te Koutu are strong opponents and took the game out 23-4. Mokoia had a shaky start, but settled into a great rhythm for the last half. It was an exciting game to watch as Mokoia continually got the ball back into possession, but Te Koutu's swift intercepts and accurate shooting were hard to beat.

We are super proud of the Majestics for continually showing up with great attitudes and perseverance. Player of the day was **Sophie**, who was excellent in defence! Thanks to Sarah for photos and all of the whānau supporters. Coach, Whaea **Jann Kieck**, we missed you!

- Whaea Antonia Wright, manager, [awright@mokoia.school.nz](mailto:awright@mokoia.school.nz)

## **Mokoia Mana**

What a great battle this evening we had against Rotorua Intermediate Taonga, who sit at the top of the table with us in the Rotorua Intermediate competition grade.

We will face three challenges to round up our competition. This evening was our first.

The half time score was 14-12 to RI Taonga and the finishing score was 34-24 to RI.

Although it was a tough loss, our girls played well to stay in the game. We were challenged from the start, and our Mokoia Mana team had no time to settle and relax. We look forward to our next match, next Tuesday.

Player of the day was awarded to **Kaylee-Jade Jones** for her commitment, strong performance to the ball and playing smart.

Ngā mihi nui, to our whānau and friends for supporting our girls this week.

If you are free to come watch our girls in action, please come on down but dress warmly!

- Whaea Lorraine and Te Urukeiha Pukepuke, coaches

## **2023 Super 11 Winter Tournament BOP/Poverty Bay**

Well done to Hockey, Football and Rugby Girls for competing well last Friday. It was a clear but chilly day.

Hockey - 3rd place overall

Football - 2 wins, 1 draw, 1 loss (awaiting final placing)

Rugby - 7th place overall

Thank you to the staff and parents who supported these teams on Friday.



- Mr Gareth Upston, Sports Coordinator, [gupston@mokoia.school.nz](mailto:gupston@mokoia.school.nz)

### **Basketball**

**Mokoia Boys** v Whakatane - Loss 12-14

**Mokoia Girls** v Te Puke - Win 36-10

**Mokoia Boys** v Tauranga - Loss 46-9

**Mokoia Girls** v Gisborne - Loss 21-19

**Mokoia Boys** v Taupo - Loss 31-29

**Mokoia Girls** v Otumoetai - Win 51-0

**Mokoia Boys** v Kaitao - Win 29-5

**Mokoia Girls** v Tauranga - Win 21-15

**Mokoia Boys** v Ilminster - Loss 34-28.

It was a great day for basketball. We are looking forward to AIMS games.

- Matua Jireh Macfarlane, Coach, [jmacfarlane@mokoia.school.nz](mailto:jmacfarlane@mokoia.school.nz)

## Merit Awards

K1	<b>Passion Westrupp</b> - You are a very focused and quiet achiever in Kaituna 1. You have the ability to complete learning independently and with good expectations of yourself to complete all tasks asked of you. Tau ke!
Rūmaki	<b>Alyvia Charity</b> - Kua eke noa atu koe i ngā taumata manukōrero!
K3	<b>Alexandria Kolsen-Lodge</b> - For managing yourself and getting on with the mahi set for you online without having to be told what to do. You are a responsible and independent learner. <b>Joshua Myburgh</b> - For your contagious enthusiasm and for always being polite to others. You have brought so much positive energy to K3. Thank you
K4	<b>Shiloh Apriana</b> - For always being so polite and always ready to do your work. You are amazing, thank you!
K5	<b>Jessie Lindsay</b> - For your perseverance in Maths. Don't ever give up and keep on believing in yourself. You can do this!
P1	<b>Emelia Kidd</b> - For all the mahi and focus you are putting in. You complete everything you do to an exceptional level. Keep it up!
P2	<b>Rossi Edwards</b> - You have worked extremely hard this week. You have shown perseverance and resilience with your learning of finding fractions of both whole and decimal numbers.
P3	<b>Sophie Bell, Ellie Smith, Emma Hay, Devon Murray, Sammy Carter, Abigail ten Haaf, Juvan van Staden, Kaydence Cassidy, Isabelle Paul</b> - For the dedication,



	perseverance and passion you showed when rehearsing for the Epic Concert. We are super proud of you all.
P4	-
W1	<b>Charlee Thornborough</b> - You have had a great week and have been working so hard in all of your subject areas this term. You will be ready for high school when the time comes. Ka Rawe! Hinewairangi Takuta - You have shown perseverance and resilience this week. You are a valued member of W1 and how lucky are we to have you in our classroom. Keep being you! You are amazing!
W2	<b>Gurparteek Singh</b> - Slowly settling into Mokoia despite jet lag and huge time differences, he manages to show up with a smile and be ready for learning. Ka pai koe Gurparteek!
W3	<b>Kiana Tupara-Tonihi</b> - For overcoming your fear and speaking in front of the class. You were so brave and taught the class lots of facts about white tigers.
W4	<b>Elliot Atkinson</b> - For the fantastic effort you have been putting into your information report. You have been proactive at asking for help, you have taken on feedback and applied it, and you have tried very hard to ignore distractions so that you can stay focused and on task. I am very proud of your effort this week. Keep it up.
Multi Materials	Client school week
Art/Toi Ataata	Client school week
Food Technology	Client school week

## Celebrations

👍 Congratulations to this week's recipient of our values trophy, **Georgia Davies, P1**. This award is given out each week to a role model student. *"All that I value I will uphold - he tohu whakamanawa."* Georgia lives school life to the full, and is involved in everything: student leadership, EPIC, extension science, the band, hockey, athletics; I saw her all over at school activities this week and last. She tells me that she is getting up to go roller skating in Whakatane at 5.30am tomorrow!

👍 Well done to our merit award winners this week.

👍 Our EPIC tamariki were EPIC, as are their tutors **Glen Law, Jerome Namana** and **Whaea Cheyla**. Sweet moves and sweet voices. Well done to our Stagequest performers, the Nonagons Plus One

and the choir. We are also very proud of our ex Mokoia students who performed and ran the show. Truly epic. Thank you!

👍 Good luck to our team at the Super 11 Cross Country today, at Waipuna Park in Tauranga.

👍 For more go to our Facebook group page, Mokoia Intermediate 2023.

<http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

## Our School Values

### Whakaiti and Ūpoko Pakaru

**He riri anō tā te tawa uho, he riri anō tā te tawa parā.**

*The functions of the heartwood are one thing; those of the sapwood (pulp) another.*



A person who is raised well (trained in proper conduct/taught to behave responsibly) is better equipped to deal with their emotions when confronted with conflict. Feeling angry, at times, is as much a part of our lived experience as any other emotion. Anger can be purposeful and can call us to take action when necessary, but should not be invoked lightly.

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