



Mokoia Intermediate



Matua Rawiri's Shout Out

Tēnā Koutou Parents and Caregivers

Thank you to the **Mayor Tania Tapsell**, seen above, who supported the Science Roadshow hosted here on Monday and Tuesday. Thank you to the parents who have supported AIMs fundraising efforts like the bake sale this week. And a further thanks to **Marc Gaugler, Amanda Davies** and the other members of the Scion team, who came to help our extension scientists with their exhibits for the NIWA Scion BOP Science and Technology Fair, coming up next week. We need our community to make things happen.

So we ask for help on a concerning trend that has found its way into Mokoia Intermediate: vaping. You may have seen the article in the Daily Post yesterday, or highlighted in the TV3 Paddy Gower episode. As educators, it's also our responsibility to address this issue and raise awareness about the potential risks associated with it.

Vaping poses significant health risks to young adolescents. The misconception that it's safer than traditional smoking is dangerous. The bright, appealing vaping devices contain nicotine, a highly addictive substance that can disrupt brain development and lead to a lifelong addiction. Intermediate students, whose brains are still developing, are especially vulnerable.

The enticing flavours of vape products might seem appealing, but they mask the harsh reality of their contents. Many e-liquids contain harmful chemicals that can harm the lungs, causing breathing difficulties and long-term health issues.

The urge to fit in, experiment, and defy authority can be particularly strong during these formative years, making it essential to address the reasons why vaping should be avoided. The risk of addiction and health problems far outweigh any momentary satisfaction.

Our school is committed to creating a safe learning environment for all students. It is mandated that we have signs up showing that vaping and smoking is banned from the school grounds. But as highlighted in the Daily Post, we are seeing students feeling intimidated by students using our toilet blocks to vape. Some are asked to hide the vapes, and we can't search students. Others are being threatened not to tell. We still think it's a relatively small group.

Please take the time to have conversations at home about the risks of vaping, emphasising the importance of making healthy choices. And don't let your children access these devices.

Let's work together to protect our children's well-being and guide them towards a future where they can thrive without the harmful influence of vaping. Thank you for your partnership in this critical endeavour.

The Mokoia 'A' Team

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

Key dates for Term 3 2023

Term 3 Week 5

- **Monday 14th August** - Bandquest
- **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 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. Any bus students who can not be collected early will go to the library with support staff. Please let the office know so that we can ensure adequate cover.

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 or Jackie at 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

AIMs

Medical waivers and consent forms

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

AIMs Fundraising weeks

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

Basketball

Basketball Results - Wednesday 9 August

Mokoia Whakaiti Year 7 Boys 12 vs RIS Taeotu 29. Player of the Day - **Maximus Lorigan**

Mokoia Passion Year 8 Boys 14 vs Ruamata Tamaora 40. Player of the Day - **Asante Conley**

Mokoia Achieve vs RIS Kotiro - no score

Mokoia Girls 38 Year 8 Girls vs Te Koutu Ruru 22. Player of the Day - **Pareamio Pukepuke-Taurua**

Mokoia Ūpoko Pakaru 5 vs Hurunga Kotiro Waenganui 46. Player of the Day - **Kalicia Pohatu** and **Claudia Dunn**

Mokoia Limitless Year 8 Boys 40 vs Te Koutu Pekapeka 26. Player of the Day - **Perez O'Brien** and **Ty Van Doorne**

Mokoia Komaitanga Year 8 Boys 16 vs JPC Whio 14. Player of the Day - **Toby Sutton**

Mokoia Integrity Year 7 Boys 4 vs JPC Weka 21. Player of the Day - **Cohen Frost**

- *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)

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Mokoia Magic

Mokoia Magic played against RIS Mana this week. The first quarter was quite testing with a lot of errors from the girls and they were down, but in the second quarter, the girls came out firing. Combinations were gelling and they were working as a team and came away with the win of 16-10! Ka mau te wehi, Magic. Player of the day was **Ziera**, for her defensive work in the circle and **Tayla** for her assist in the mid court. Bring on finals next week.

- *Shilani Anderson*

Mokoia Majestics

Mokoia Majestics netball team were scheduled to play against Kaharoa Kererū this week and won by default as Kaharoa were unable to put forward a team. It was a bit of an anticlimax to finish the season but the girls, as has been their manner throughout the season, remained upbeat.

Thank you girls for a wonderful season of playing this awesome sport. It has been such fun coaching you all and I am so proud of the way you have grown as players, but even more so of the way you conducted yourselves. You displayed our school values of ūpoko pakaru (resilience), whakaiti (humility), and kōmaitanga (sense of achievement) with class. You have been excellent ambassadors of our kura.

Thank you to the whānau for supporting the team. I have really enjoyed meeting you all and being courtside with you as we cheered the girls on.

A special thank you to Antonia Wright for managing the team. What would we have done without you?

Blessings to you all for the rest of the year, and I hope to see all of you beautiful netball players on court next season.

Ngā mihi nui.

- *Whaea Jann Kieck, coach.*

Mokoia Mana

Game 2 against Rotorua Intermediate Taonga on Tuesday evening was testing; not quite World Cup Netball, but close. Each quarter our girls were making gains and played outstandingly.

1st quarter 7-6 to Mokoia

2nd quarter 17- 11 to Mokoia

3rd quarter 25 - 17 to Mokoia

4th quarter and final score 34 - 23 to our girls

Player of the day goes to the whole team: **Pareamio , Sophie , Hailey, Kayley , Piarimu , Isabelle, Darcie, Taya and Jahziah**. We needed to stay in the competition and we needed this win. Well done girls. Our team spirit was up, sideline support was wicked and we all trusted one another on and off the court.

- *Whaea Lorraine and Te Urukeiha Pukepuke, coaches*

Super 11 Cross Country 4th August

Well done to the 7 students who ran last week at the Super 11 cross country event at Waipuna Park in Tauranga. It was a beautiful day and the students ran extremely well. All placing in the top half of their respective age groups.

Our stand out performance was **Amelia Tarplett** who came third in the year 8 girls.

Our year 8 girls: **Amelia Tarplett, Lotti Tarplett, Charlotte Bradcock and Tayla Fry** came third in the team event.

Merit Awards

K1	Blake Flintoff - You have worked diligently at completing your speech. I love that you have selected a topic you have much passion for! I agree, "Children should spend less time on their devices and more time outside!" Ka wani ke!
Rūmaki	Storm Yorke - Kai reira tonu koe kai te pītau whakareia o tā tātou waka!
K3	Danni Lee Heke - I am proud of the initiative you showed when working on your commercial even though all of your teammates were away. You showed ūpoko pakaru by getting the job done. Thank you for being instrumental in arranging the details of my farewell. You are very thoughtful and showed excellent organisational skills.
K4	Puarenga - Thank you so much for making my birthday so incredibly special. You all showed Te Tihi O Mana, all three of our school values. You all are so extremely kind and will always be special to me! Thank you PUARENGA. Kaituna - Thank you so much for making my birthday so incredibly special. You all showed Te Tihi O Mana, all three of our school values. You all are so extremely kind and will always be special to me!! Thank you

K5	Kiera Fleming - For diligently working on her speech and being brave enough to be the first one saying it. You are a great team player!
P1	Kaedence Williams - For always persevering with your mahi. You have been trying really hard lately and are always open to teacher help and unpacking things you don't quite understand.
P2	Hayley Gribble, Jessica Ward, Niko Weir, Izzy Walmsley - You consistently make great choices both in the classroom and in the playground. You are kind, caring and respectful to not only your teachers but your peers. You are a pleasure to have and a delight to know you belong to P2. Thank you for all you do.
P3	Rida Ramadan - for settling into P3 and new routines so quickly. You ask for help when needed and you are always polite and cheerful. You have worked really hard solving some tricky maths problems this week. Keep up the fantastic work Rida.
P4	Seridy Wirihana - I appreciate your reliability with looking after the library devices. I know that with you, they will be delivered safely and on time. Cale Sydney - I appreciate your reliability with looking after the library devices. I know that with you they will be delivered safely and on time.
W1	Max Stafford - You have had a great week and are working so hard. Max you are always willing to share ideas and you are a fantastic part of W1. You are so organised and very diligent with your mahi - keep it up Max!! Ka Rawe! Jordan Clough - You have been working so hard at kura and it is so nice to see your hard work paying off. The effort you have been putting into your reading has been tremendous and the progress you are making is massive. Keep up the amazing work and keep being you. We are lucky to have you in W1 with us. Ka Mau Te Wehi!
W2	Katara Daniella - For being focused on her learning and staying on task with her work. Ka Mau Te Wehi Katara. Amaia Grant - For giving new things a go! Making sure she stays on task with her work! Ka pai koe Amaia! Keira Baker - Overcoming a few challenges last week and learning that it is OK to give things a try at least once. MIHARO Keira!
W3	Axle Whitehead - For your new enthusiasm for daily reading, it's great to see you show awareness that reading is an important part of schooling
W4	Trojhan Grey-Tamiti - For the excellent effort you have been putting into your information report about the effects humans are having on our planet. You have tried very hard to find important facts to include in your writing in order to inform your reader. Keep up the awesome work Rihari.
Multi Materials	Charlee Thornborough W1 - for finding your voice in hard materials class. Charlee, we need more input from our female students in hard materials and engineering. You have set a great example for others by articulating your ideas and understanding the need for accuracy in Hard Materials. Well done. Nahniah W1 - for finding your voice in hard materials class. Nahniah, we need more input from our female students in hard materials and engineering. You have

	<p>set a great example for others by articulating your ideas and understanding the need for accuracy in Hard Materials. Well done.</p> <p>Connor Bennett K1 - for your focussed engagement and your fantastic contribution in hard materials. Connor, you have set a great example for others by articulating your ideas and understanding the need for accuracy in Hard Materials. Well done.</p> <p>Ziera Campbell K5 - For finding your voice in hard materials class. Ziera, we need more input from our female students in hard materials and engineering. You have set a great example for others by articulating your ideas and understanding the need for accuracy in Hard Materials. Well done.</p> <p>Phillip Swart K3 - A fantastic day Phillip. You were focussed, positive and happy. I couldn't have asked for anything more. Well done!</p> <p>Felix Poole P1- For your focussed engagement and your fantastic contribution in hard materials. Felix, you have set a great example for others by articulating your ideas and understanding the need for accuracy in Hard Materials. Well done.</p>
Art/Toi Ataata	<p>Manawa Te Moni-Walmsley K3 - For the thought, care, and effort that you put into your work during Art. It is great to have you in our class. Ka rawe!</p> <p>Lakeisha Herewini K3 - Your calm and thoughtful approach towards you mahi in Art is excellent. Well done!</p> <p>Gregory Kameta-Marsden K3 - You always focus on your work and work hard to complete tasks. Thank you for being a thoughtful member of the class. Ka rawe!</p>
Food Technology	<p>Angel Xiong and Yhana Ilaio W4 - Every week you show up to food tech ready to listen, follow instructions, work hard and are super organised. Thank you for being such a delight to work with.</p> <p>Blake Flintoff K1 - You impressed me this week, while working on your own you stayed on task, followed instructions and made some incredible cookies! Ka rawe!</p> <p>Shyna Reddy and Xavier Reuben P2 - Thank you for showing respect, dedication and a strong work ethic, you stayed to finish your clean up as well as helping to clean up others kitchen mess. These are great qualities to have. You are awesome!</p> <p>Isabelle Paul, Jurij Firm and Khelan Shors P3 - Thank you for showing respect, dedication and a strong work ethic, you stayed to finish your clean up as well as helping to clean up others kitchen mess. These are great qualities to have. You are awesome!</p>

Celebrations

👍 Congratulations to this week's recipient of our values trophy **Nathan Lye, P4**. This award is given out each week to a role model student. *"All that I value I will uphold - he tohu whakamanawa."* Nathan is our audio visual leader, checking in with the senior leadership team and the duty class on the theme and itinerary for our Friday assembly. He is an amazing troubleshooter. Those technology glitches that never fail to appear, are dealt with calmly and with aplomb.

👍 Well done to our merit award winners this week.

👍 Our student leaders did amazingly well as the “explainers” over the two days of the Science Roadshow, guiding students from other schools.

👍 Our student council were great ambassadors for the school, welcoming the mayor with a whakatau, with the assistance of **Matua Hori**.

👍 Congratulations to **Maddy Newcombe**, who got 4th, 3rd, and 2nd in the BMX World Championships. This was enough to qualify for the quarter finals. She got 7th in that so that was the end of racing. She did well and loved it and has some things to work on. Maddy ended up 25th out of 50 super fast riders from around the world.

👍 Thank you to all our students for supporting our AIMs ra kakahu kāinga. We raised \$273.30.

👍 Well done to all the Super 11 sports competitors who were awarded certificates this afternoon.

👍 Congratulations to the Toi/Wearable Arts students who were awarded certificates this afternoon.

👍 Congratulations to Te Tukohu Ngawha Science and Design Fair 2023 participants who were awarded certificates this afternoon.

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

<http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

Our School Values

Whakaiti

He hono tangata e kore e motu; kāpā he taura waka e motu.

Connections between people cannot be severed whereas those of a canoe-ropes can.



Maintaining strong relationships is vital for the wellbeing of all whānau. Regardless of the ups and downs of life and the many difficulties we encounter, this whakataukī reminds us to cherish and appreciate our loved ones to ensure that we do not take one another for granted. When we understand this it can assure individuals that they are not alone or isolated in times of need.

https://www.waikato.ac.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/480788/He-Kare-aa-roto-Full-Booklet-for-download.pdf

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