



Mokoia Intermediate



Matua Rawiri's Shout Out

Tēnā Koutou Parents and Caregivers

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Thanks to all that came to our open evening. Our student leaders were fantastic, the learning centres were awesome and all the classrooms were outstanding. What a successful evening. We are looking forward to 2024.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday.

Matua Rawiri & The Mokoia 'A' Team

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

Key dates for Term 4 2023

Term 4 Week 1

- **Monday 9th October** - Term 4 begins
- **Tuesday 10th October** - Year 8 class group of 8 students to Mokoia Island
- **Tuesday 10th October** - Kaituna camp
- **Wednesday 11th October** - Kaituna camp
- **Thursday 12th October** - Kaituna camp
- **Friday 13th October** - Kaituna camp returns
- **Saturday 14th October** - General election

Term 4 Week 2

- **Monday 16th October** - Clued Up Camper St John's course - P2, P3 and P4
- **Tuesday 17th October** - Year 8 class group of 8 students to Mokoia Island
- **Tuesday 17th October** - Puarenga camp
- **Wednesday 18th October** - Puarenga camp
- **Wednesday 18th October** - WMEET year 7 - 8 Maths, 6pm, Otumoetai Intermediate, 6.00pm-8.15pm.
- **Thursday 19th October** - Puarenga camp
- **Thursday 19th October** - NZ Shake Out
- **Friday 20th October** - Puarenga camp returns

Term 4 Week 3

- **Monday 23rd October** - Labour Day
- **Tuesday 24th October** - Year 8 class group of 8 students to Mokoia Island
- **Tuesday 24th October** - Clued Up Camper St John's course, W1 and W3
- **Wednesday 25th October** - Clued Up Camper St John's course, W2 and W4
- **Friday 27th October** - Kids Lit Quiz, 9.30am-1pm, Tauranga Intermediate

Term 4 Week 4

- **Tuesday 31st October** - Year 8 class group of 8 students to Mokoia Island

Term 4 Week 5

- **Tuesday 7th November** - school athletics day
- **Tuesday 7th November** - Year 8 class group of 8 students to Mokoia Island?
- **Tuesday 7th November** - Finance and Board Hui

Term 4 Week 6

- **Monday 13th November** - Teacher only day (Ministry of Education on revised curriculum)
- **Tuesday 14th November** - Year 8 class group of 8 students to Mokoia Island

Term 4 Week 7

- **Monday 20th November** - Waiteti camp
- **Tuesday 21st November** - Year 8 class group of 8 students to Mokoia Island
- **Tuesday 21st November** - Waiteti camp
- **Wednesday 22nd November** - Waiteti camp
- **Thursday 23rd November** - Waiteti returns from camp

Term 4 Week 8

- **Tuesday 28th November** - Year 8 class group of 8 students to Mokoia Island
- **Tuesday 28th November** - RBHS orientation day

Term 4 Week 9

- **Tuesday 5th December** - Year 8 class group of 8 students to Mokoia Island
- **Tuesday 5th December** - W3 Tarawera Trail trip 1.30pm
- **Friday 8th December** - Battle of the Houses

Term 4 Week 10

- **Tuesday 12th December** - Year 8 class group of 8 students to Mokoia Island
- **Tuesday 12th December** - school prom
- **Thursday 14th December** - school prizegiving 10am. Last student day of year
- **Friday 15th December** - Teacher only day

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

Open Days and Evening

We welcomed the Year 6 students from our contributing schools, Lynmore, Owata and Rotokawa as well as individuals and groups from other town schools.

What a great bunch and good questions. Thank you to their k̄iako and to our k̄iako, student leaders and rumaki r̄opu. Rihari Walden spoke during our whakatau; what a star!

This was capped with the best ever open evening. I'm so proud of our students who are amazing ambassadors for the school. Our year 8s are wonderful leaders, speakers and advocates for what is happening in our kura. The year 7s are emulating the year 8s.

Last night something spectacular happened. A huge bunch of students turned up to help with whānau tours. They held a spontaneous whakatau with the school waiata and haka. Rihari Walden welcomed everyone with a mihi. And the student leaders talked about their areas of leadership. Totally unscripted and student led. What stars!

- Mrs Hyde, DP Curriculum, ahyde@mokoia.school.nz

Protest Poetry to be Proud of

P1 has been looking at Protest through poetry. **Maya Angelou** was a civil rights activist, writer, editor, essayist, playwright, and poet. Her poem 'Caged Bird' is filled with powerful themes protesting racial oppression, freedom/captivity, and happiness/sorrow. These themes are all wrapped together in 'Caged Bird' through Angelou's depiction of the two birds, one free and one caged. Here are some of our own versions:

The Caged Monkey

The free Monkey swings from branch to branch, sniffing fresh jungle air from day until the start of night.

But a caged, hopeless Monkey has no need to swing about, as it is imprisoned and trapped from the thriving outside world. Instead it is in a concrete jungle with nothing new.

The free Monkey can adventure about, with no worries in the world, being playful around its peers.

The caged Monkey drinks filtered water and breathes vented air. It's lonely and missing out, longing for freedom.

By **Amelia Tarplett**

The Caged Chameleon

The free Chameleon jumped from tree to tree, Adapting his scale colours to the bark.

The caged Chameleon hopelessly stood in the middle of a small, glass room forcibly changing his colours for the staring eyes to clap at.

The free Chameleon meets up with his partner, they both turn pink with true feelings, the sunlight shines on them.

The caged Chameleon has nothing but a stone Ceiling and man-made lights, he lost his appetite, just looking at the mushed up food. He silently longed for freedom.

By **Te Awatea Sherman**

- Whaea Kathryn McMurdo, P1 Teacher, kmcmurdo@mokoia.school.nz

House Haka and Chant Competition

Another excellent house competition where our students look great in their colours and perform as a team.

First Place - **Puarenga**

Second Place - **Kaituna**

Third Place - **Waiteti**, who also took best dressed.

We are super proud of where we have reached in our vision to create a school where all children can step up to demonstrate te reo Māori and tikanga.

Our house competitions and the deeds of our students during open week have demonstrated how far we have come.

- Mrs Annemarie Hyde, TIC Student Leadership, ahyde@mokoia.school.nz

Shave For A Cure and Crazy Hair Day

Thank you to everyone who donated on our Shave for a Cure site. This goes to raising money for leukaemia sufferers. We have a student who is currently undergoing treatment.

Thank you to everyone who went the extra mile to decorate their heads with a wig or hairstyle and brought a gold coin to support the Child Cancer Foundation. We have a second student who is recovering from bone cancer.

Also thanks to those who paid another gold coin to watch our five “shavees” lose their locks!

Well done to **Khan Yong, Jayden Moldenhauer, Xander de Beer, Max Stratford** and **Mr Law**, who shaved their heads to raise money for cancer treatment today. Not to mention our hairdresser, **Whaea Ellen** who shaved her own head first! (And **Matua Rawiri** who did his after class started.)

You could still support Mr Law and the students who had their heads shaved yesterday. Please donate here: <https://www.shaveforacure.co.nz/t/mokoia-intermediate-rotorua>

- Mrs Annemarie Hyde, TIC Student Leadership, ahyde@mokoia.school.nz

2023 School Camp - We need your help!

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- Mrs Janet Du Fall, Executive Officer, accounts@mokoia.school.nz

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Māori Language Moment

Last week we celebrated Māori Language Week and commemorated the very moment the Māori Language Petition was presented to Parliament in 1972, on the first Māori Language Day. Three years later, it became what we now know as Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. All of Aotearoa are invited to stop what they're doing and celebrate te reo Māori at 12pm, on 14 September.

Some of our "moments" are posted on our Facebook group page.

Rotorua Interschool Gymnastics

What an incredible day we had at the Rotorua Interschool Gymnastics competition last Friday. Our team of twenty represented Mokoia beautifully and every single athlete came home with at least one medal or ribbon placing. I couldn't be more proud of this wonderful bunch of gymnasts, trampolinists and tumblers. Congratulations.

The full lists of results will be shared once we have gone through the official lists as there were so many for Mokoia that I'd hate to miss something.

- Mrs Tineke O'Callaghan, TIC Gymnastics, tocallaghan@mokoia.school.nz

Rip, Grip and Whip

What an epic day. A massive thank you to the organisers, parents, **Mr Upston** and of course our Mokoia students. Thank you to **Georgia Davies** for opening and closing the day with karakia. As usual our mountain bikers behaved impeccably, they represented our school well and can definitely be proud of themselves today.

Congratulations to Keira (JPC) first, **Cate Phipps** who came second and **Georgia Davies** for coming third in the intermediate girls division. The boys intermediate division went to **Matthew Wallace** first, **Noah Croucher** second and **Jasper Leuchs**, third.

Mokoia won both the year 7 and the year 8 relay. These must be mixed and schools may only enter one team per year group. Year 7 relay team **Matthew, Jasper** and **Maddie Newcombe**. The year 8 relay team competitors were **Noah, Cate** and **Lachlan Mead**. A special mention to **Georgia** for substituting herself to help JPC out for their relay due to low numbers.

This is a fantastic event to participate in as it caters to all levels of ability. Give it a go next year.

Merit Awards

K1	Nathanael Barter - You are a fantastic role model of humble leadership through your actions and mature thinking. He tama whakaiti!
Rūmaki	Ohomairangi Rangirangi-Tamati - He wairua hīkaka, he wairua hīamo tāhau e hiki nei i Ngā Pōtiki Ngau Papawai!
K3	Manawa Te Moni-Walmsley - Always works well and helps around the classroom without being asked.
K4	K4 - We are so proud of how you have all worked together to create and develop your classroom production. You all have shown Kōmaitanga and Ūpoko pakaru over the last few weeks. Well done!
K5	Chloe Pabst - For your amazing mahi and resilience in Maths! You are doing your best and reaping the rewards. Well done!
P1	Te Awatea Sherman - For your beautifully crafted protest poetry. You used great descriptive language to create a fantastic image.
P2	Grace Fry and Niko Weir - You were a wonderful role model for our open week. It was fantastic to see you speaking confidently to visiting adults and answering questions. I am very proud of you.
P3	Jeremy Collier-Baker - For being a fantastic digital support person. You often help others when they need it and you are an amazing problem solver. Thank you for your patience and kindness Jeremy. Charlie Kemp - For the way you complete your work to a high standard. You have turned into an independent learner Charlie. We appreciate your unique sense of humour. Keep up the fantastic work. Leana Gaugler and Remi Vade - for the wonderful job you did as hosts at our open evening. You were polite, welcoming and you spoke confidently. Thank you for being superb role models. We appreciate it.
P4	Lizzie Entage - The care and accuracy you used when designing and creating your Geocity was impressive. Superb effort! I am proud of the effort you have put into your learning. Xander de Beer and Khan Yong - Thank you for having the courage and resilience to have your head shaved for cancer. That is a really brave thing to do and shows a lot of character. I am proud of you.
W1	Eyjar Nelson - Ka Rawe Eyjar! You have been working so hard and your hard work

	is paying off. You are a valued member of our classroom and we are lucky to have you with us. You show the school values each and every day Eyjar. Keep being you!
W2	Neal Palmero - Giving new things a try at least once. Owning his learning and supporting others around him with their learning. Alex Curran - Always supporting his peers, staying on task with his work and always having a positive attitude to his learning.
W3	Emmett Gouws - For making a conscious effort to stay on task as well as completing extra maths work for homework.
W4	Cyrus Smith - You have had an amazing week this week Cyrus, it has been challenging at times to sit down and get your work done with other distractions going on in the classroom. But you sat down and powered through and completed all your must do's this week. Ka pai to mahi Cyrus!
Multi Materials	Talisin Kyd W4 - For your resilience and perseverance. Talisin, thank you for rethinking your research assignment, and rewriting it with more detail and clarity. Your research was important to inform and direct your design work. Quality research aids solution based thinking, which ensures great design. Well done. Amber van Schalkwyk K5 - For your fantastic design skills. Amber, you fulfilled the design brief with excellence. Your balance of research, addressing needs and adding imaginative concepts, is proof that you are a very capable designer. Most importantly, you added an element of fun. Well done! Jax Fyhn P2 - For your dedication to completing your tasks. Jax, thank you for completing your hard materials project with care and attention. Understanding design, respecting the material, and taking care when using tools, ensures a quality product. Always aim for quality. Well done. Tama Samuel W4 - For your enthusiasm and engagement in Hard materials. Tama, you shine positively in the multi materials room, and you are quick to find solutions to some challenging problems. Your strategic mind, and ability to apply your mathematical knowledge in coding, engineering and design, are great life skills to possess. Thank you for a positive term.
Art/Toi Ataata	Angus Macklin K5 - For the thought, care and effort that you've put into your work in Art this term. You have a wonderful creative mind and it is always exciting to hear your original and innovative ideas. We will miss you! Yoda Davidson W4 - For the positive energy and enthusiasm that you've brought to Art this term! You are not afraid to explore new ideas, experiment and take creative risks. Thank you for always inspiring those around you! Kaydence Cassidy P3 - For the positive energy and enthusiasm that you've brought to Art this term! You are always one of the first people to support and encourage others in the class. Thank you for your kindness!

	<p>Maddison Young P2- For the thought, care and effort that you've put into your work in Art this term. You have created some beautiful mahi toi and should be very proud of your efforts. Ka rawe!</p> <p>Kilarhn Fitzell K3 - Thank you for the wonderful manaakitanga you've shown in Toi Ataata to the year 6 manuhiri visiting out kura. We are lucky to have you as one of our inspiring leaders!</p> <p>Trixie Dayken-Hoy W1- Thank you for the wonderful manaakitanga you've shown in Toi Ataata to the year 6 manuhiri visiting out kura. We are lucky to have you as one of our inspiring leaders!</p> <p>Charlee Thornborough W1- Thank you for the wonderful manaakitanga you've shown in Toi Ataata to the year 6 manuhiri visiting out kura. We are lucky to have you as one of our inspiring leaders!</p>
<p><i>Food Technology</i></p>	<p>Rumaki Roopu Rua - When you are not trying to eat the entire contents of my kāuta, you have all refined your cooking skills, appreciate food preparation processes and understand the respect and aroha that is required when presenting kai to others. It has been a pleasure! Nga mihi.</p> <p>Sophie Hurahanganui K4 - You truly encompass what leadership is all about. The awahi and mahi you put into helping our Yr6 visitors was truly appreciated. With your help the food tech room ran like a well oiled machine!</p> <p>Noah Croucher W3 - You truly encompass what leadership is all about. The awahi and mahi you put into helping our Yr6 visitors was truly appreciated. With your help the food tech room ran like a well oiled machine!</p> <p>Lydia Graham P4- You truly encompass what leadership is all about. The awahi and mahi you put into helping our Yr6 visitors was truly appreciated. With your help the food tech room ran like a well oiled machine!</p> <p>Niko Weir & Grace Fry P2 - You truly encompass what leadership is all about. The awahi and mahi you put into helping our Yr6 visitors was truly appreciated. With your help the food tech room ran like a well oiled machine!</p>

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 is helping with our open days. She did the karakia to open Rip, Whip and Grip, and volunteered to ride with the John Paul College team when they could not field sufficient numbers.

👍 Congratulations to this week's merit award winners.

👍 What amazing open days we had. Thank you to **Mrs Jones** for her organisation and to our student leaders and other students, who were cooks, guides and helpers for our visitors.

👍 Thank you to our amazing technology staff, **Whaea Lisa, Whaea Claire** and **Whaea Fiona**, who ran end on end workshops on our open days.

👍 Excellent work to the Rip, Whip and Grip and students who represented our school.

👍 Thank you to everyone for a busy and fulfilling term

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

<http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

Our School Values

Whanaungatanga

Ko koe ki tēnā, ko ahau ki tēnei kīwai o te kete.

You take that handle of the kete and I'll take this one.

We all work together to make things run smoothly. Such was the way for our open days and evening!

<https://www.twinkl.co.nz/teaching-wiki/whakatauki>



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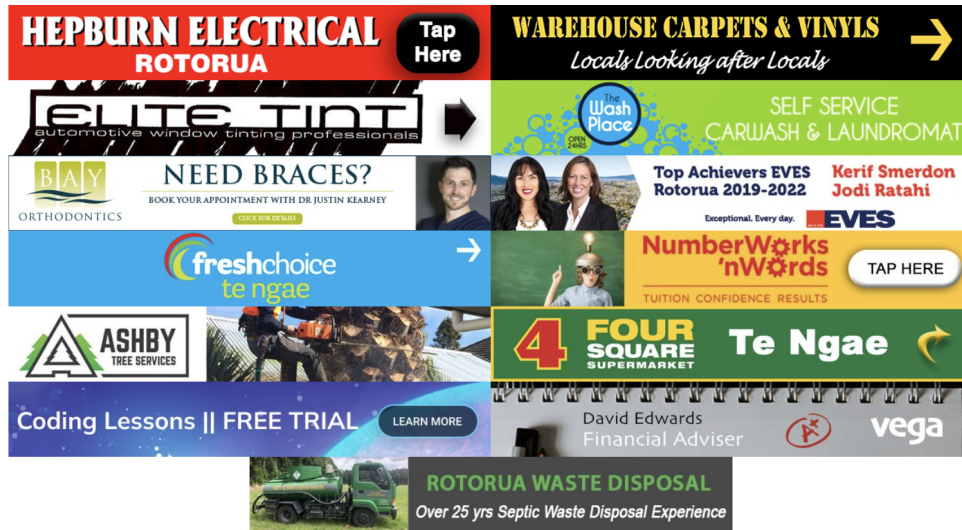
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