



Mokoia Intermediate



Matua Rawiri's Shout Out

Tēnā Koutou Parents and Caregivers

This week I was away in Wellington with the Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Poverty Bay Intermediate Principals' Association. We had the opportunity to visit Parliament and meet with the incoming Minister of Education, Erica Stanford. This was valuable as we were able to voice our concerns about the education system and hear her views on what may stay and if any changes will occur.

We visited two schools, Newlands Intermediate and Raroa Normal Intermediate. We were welcomed with a powhiri and Pacific Island dances. We were addressed by the two principals and they told us about their schools.

Last night I attended the Rotorua Lakes High School Senior Prizegiving and it was fantastic. The auditorium was full to capacity. I was so proud to be present and hear the accolades, recognition and awards given to students, the majority of whom were ex-Mokoia students. Congratulations to

Head Girl, Maddy Guptill; Head Boy, Kobe Smith; Deputy Head Girl, Bella Wyatt and Deputy Head Boy, Brock Aitchison for 2024. All are ex-Mokoia students, too.

Matua Rawiri & The Mokoia 'A' Team

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

Key dates for Term 4 2023

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>

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Gumboot Friday

Gumboot Friday, founded by mental health advocate Mike King, is a free counselling service for any young person in New Zealand aged 25 and under.

An overworked, underfunded, and under resourced public mental health service has led to excruciatingly long wait times for young people needing immediate help. Our free counselling platform provides a bridge to rangatahi in need by breaking down the barriers of cost and wait times.

By supporting Gumboot Friday, you're making a real difference, helping us keep up with the rising demand and ensuring every young Kiwi gets the mental health support they deserve.

- <https://www.gumbootfriday.org.nz/2023>

School Athletics Day

As long as the weather is fine, we will hold our school athletics day on Tuesday 7th November. Students may wear house colours. This should involve wearing suitable clothes to participate in the sports, such as PE gear and added colour in the form of ribbons or shirts.

NO FACE PAINT, HAIR SPRAYS OR BANDANNAS PERMITTED.

Students should come prepared with snacks, water bottle, sunscreen and their hats.

School Sports Uniforms

School sports uniforms issued to students this year are required to be returned ASAP. Please ensure all items are washed and that the entire set that was issued is returned. (Including socks) Items need to be returned to Mrs Lind in the School Library.

Camp Financial Donations Please!

Kaituna and Puarenga kāinga ako have both had a great camp experience but we are in danger of running at a loss!

This year we budgeted for our families to contribute \$33,000. So far we have only collected \$18,000. Legally, because of the fact that we joined the government's school fees scheme, we are only allowed to call this a donation from you.

The reality is that the money has to come from somewhere. We would love every student going to camp to pay \$125.

Without this "donation" we will have to stop running camps in future.

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

Fill the Bus

Once again 2023 has provided a range of challenges for an increasing number of our local families. And that is why the team at The Hits Rotorua and I are once again facilitating our successful FILL THE BUS campaign, supporting the Rotorua Salvation Army Christmas Foodbank Appeal.

Just a reminder about what FILL THE BUS is all about; we spend a full day driving all over Rotorua visiting schools, shopping centres and businesses, collecting cans and non-perishable food items. Last year we collected 10,041 items during our day, which equated to a whopping value of just over \$25,000 of food for the cause!

Once again, we would love your school to help us out by organising a school collection, whether it is a mufti day type situation or something similar.

We will then bring the bus to your school on Wednesday 6th December to collect what you have collected. We would be at the school for between 10 and 20 minutes so as not to disturb your students' usual school day too much.

I thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, feel free to call me. My number is 027-515 0061.

- Paul Hickey, On-Air Announcer, THE HITS ROTORUA

We are asking students to bring cans and dried goods for the collection. The class which brings the most, gets to go and greet the bus and get the publicity!

Kiwi Spelling Bee Competition

This year, students from over 130 New Zealand schools participated in multiple year groups of the Kiwi Spelling Bee Competitions.

The national percentiles determine the grade cut offs for each competition year group. The grade boundary between 'Participated' and 'Achieved' has been calculated at the 50th percentile (where 50% of all scores nationally are either below, or above it). Please note the 50th percentile will be different for each competition and year group.

Grade Percentile

Distinction ≥ 99.5

Excellence $\geq 90 < 99.5$

Merit $\geq 75 < 90$

Achieved $\geq 50 < 75$

Participated < 50

Year 7

Barclay	Fraser	50	Achieved
Curran	Alex	55	Achieved
Mccann	Clodagh	57	Achieved
Moore	Callum	50	Achieved
Ward	Jessica	50	Achieved
Firm	Jurij	76	Excellence
Singh	Sidak	76	Excellence

Year 8

Davies	Georgia	63	Achieved
Graham	Tyler	56	Achieved
Chen	Letong	81	Excellence

Merit Awards

K1	Sonny-Lee Mihaka - Your recount about Kaituna Camp was well constructed and very honestly written. 'For dinner we had on the first night we had um spaghetti bolognaise. It was yum because it wasn't burnt like last year's camp. You want to know why it wasn't burnt? Because Whaea Karyn cooked it.' Hangareka ana!
Rūmaki	Ryver Hodge - Nau mai, tahuti mai koe me te momo i a koe na!
K3	Emily Rossiter - For always working hard with an excellent attitude. Keep up the good work Emily!
K4	Lauren Gisby-Hay - For being a good classmate and for being there for your friends when they need you.
K5	Zee Graham - For continuously showing ūpoko pakaru by not giving up when the work gets hard. You are a true friend and kind to those around you.
P1	Aayan Rasheed Khan - For the ūpoko pakaru you have demonstrated in your learning to make sure you are completing all your work.
P2	Jasper Leuchs - You consistently put in time and effort toward your mahi. I am impressed by the way you show dedication and perseverance towards your learning. It is fantastic to see you working to the school values, you consistently show ūpoko pakaru, kōmaitanga and whakaiti. Well played Jasper!
P3	-
P4	-
W1	Eyjar Nelson - You have done some great mahi and you should be proud of your writing about the Rugby World Cup. You have worked hard and produced some great writing. Kia Kaha Eyjar! Ka rawe!
W2	Lincoln Wainohu - Believing in himself, pushing himself in his learning and learning that practice makes perfect. Kia kaha koe Lincoln! KŌMAITANGA! Evan Steere - Making his learning priority, asking those questions to challenge what he is thinking and look at things through a different lens. MIHARO koe Evan!
W3	-
W4	Pacey Bennett: For being a kind and supportive friend. I was very impressed with the compassion and care you showed for a friend in need, ensuring a situation was dealt with sensitively. You showed a lot of aroha and maturity and I am glad

	your friends have someone like you they can rely on. Keep being awesome Pacey.
Multi Materials	-
Art/Toi Ataata	<p>Lulu Morehu K3 - Well done for the thought and care that you're putting into your mahi toi in Art. You are excellent at managing yourself which is a great strength to have and I appreciate the quiet way that you support others in the class. Ka rawe Lulu!</p> <p>Gurpateek Singh W2- Gurpateek, well done for the thought, care and effort that you're putting into your work in Art. It is great to see you discovering new strengths and enjoying working through new art making processes. I'm excited to see what you create this term!</p>
Food Technology	<p>Noah Evans K3 - You involve yourself in every aspect of food tech, you ask questions and think about answers which shows your listening and learning. Tino pai to mahi Noah.</p> <p>Clodagh McCann W2 - Clodagh, it's fantastic to watch you in food tech. You show initiative and understanding of the learning and you make a skilful team mate. Keep being awesome!</p> <p>Remi Vade P3 - Remi, I can see you read, think, then carefully check the process you are about to start. You show initiative and self management in food tech. Tino pai to mahi Remi!</p>

Celebrations

👍 Congratulations to this week's recipient of our values trophy, **Alyvia Charity, K2**. This award is given out each week to a role model student. "All that I value I will uphold - he tohu whakamanawa."

👍 Congratulations to this week's merit award winners.

👍 Well done to everyone who participated in the Gumboot Day fundraiser today. We raised \$191.30.

👍 Tumeke Tumuaki! Yesterday we celebrated our principal with cards, a screensaver, facebook posts, a Mcdonalds breakfast and completed the day with a whole school haka and school song in his honour, in the quad outside of **Matua Rawiri's** office.

👍 Thank you to everyone for contributing to the warm welcome we gave to **Whaea Frances**, our new Learning Support Coordinator. She was straight into work yesterday!

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

<http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

Our School Values

Wairuatanga

Tukua mai he kapunga oneone ki ahau hei tangi māku.

Send me a handful of soil so that I may weep over it.

Māori have an intimate connection to the land and as tangata whenua we see ourselves as kaitiaki of this taonga. This connection to the whenua provides us with a source of identity, spiritual nourishment and emotional healing. Being away from home, one feels a sense of aroha and longing for the land and often feels compelled to return to fill the wairua and nourish the soul. The land absorbs the tears that we may shed and can also provide healing in times of emotional turmoil.



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