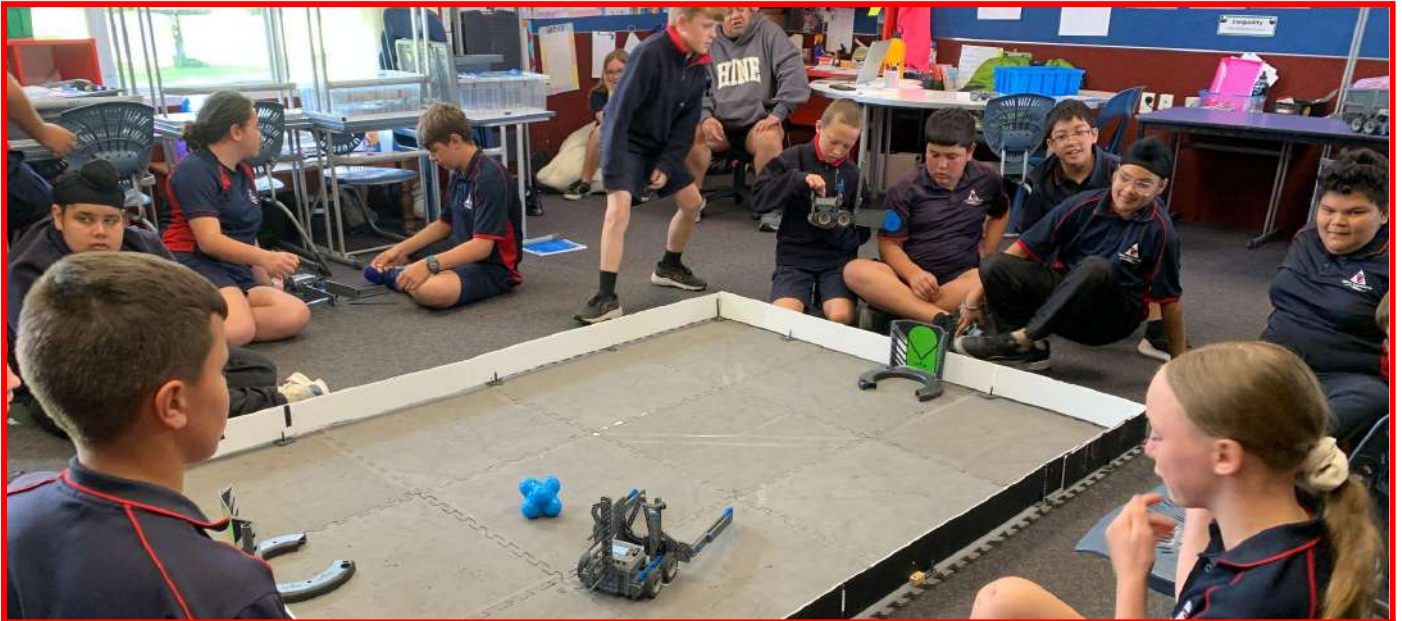




Mokoia Intermediate



Matua Rawiri's Shout Out

Tēnā Koutou Parents and Caregivers

Taking a Stand Against Student Bullying: Contacting the School for Action

Kia ora koutou parents and caregivers

We hope this newsletter finds you well. Today, we would like to discuss a matter of utmost importance that affects the well-being and educational experience of every student: bullying. We believe it is crucial to address this issue head-on and empower our community to take action against it.

Bullying, in all its forms, is a deeply concerning problem that can have a lasting impact on the physical, emotional, and psychological well-being of those involved. As a school, we are committed to fostering a safe and inclusive environment where students can learn, grow, and flourish. We firmly believe that no student should have to endure bullying or harassment of any kind.

If you or someone you know is being subjected to bullying, it is essential to take immediate action. We strongly encourage students, parents, and staff members to report any incidents of bullying, whether witnessed or experienced, to the appropriate authorities within the school community. By reporting these incidents, we can initiate a comprehensive response that addresses the issue and supports those affected.

Here are the steps you can take if you believe bullying is occurring:

- 1. Recognise the signs: Be aware of the signs of bullying, which may include physical altercations, verbal abuse, social exclusion, cyberbullying, changes in behaviour, and declining academic performance. Early recognition is key to addressing the problem effectively.*
- 2. Document the incidents: Keep a record of any instances of bullying, including dates, times, locations, descriptions of the events, and any witnesses involved. This documentation will be invaluable when reporting the incidents to the school administration.*
- 3. Reach out for support: If you or someone you know is being bullied, it is essential to talk to a trusted adult, such as a parent, teacher, counsellor, or school administrator. They can provide guidance, support, and help you navigate the appropriate channels for reporting the bullying.*
- 4. Contact the school: Report the bullying incidents to the designated authorities within your school. This may involve contacting the principal, one of the deputy principals, or the class teacher. Provide them with the documented evidence and a detailed account of the bullying incidents.*
- 5. Work with the school: Collaborate with the school administration to develop a comprehensive plan to address the bullying. This may involve interventions, counselling, disciplinary actions, and educational initiatives to promote a positive and respectful school environment.*
- 6. Encourage open dialogue: Encourage students to speak up and report any incidents they witness or experience.*

Remember, by taking action against bullying, you are not only helping those directly affected but also contributing to the creation of a safer and more nurturing educational environment for all students. Let us stand together as a united school community and send a clear message that bullying will not be tolerated.

If you have any concerns, questions, or suggestions regarding bullying prevention or the school's policies, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Together, we can make a difference and ensure that our school remains a safe place for all.

Matua Rawiri and The Mokoia 'A' Team

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

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Key dates for Term 4 2023

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>

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

Tummy Bugs and Cold Viruses

We have noticed that these are prevalent right now, with ten away in one class. Teachers aren't immune either.

Please ensure that if your child has symptoms, you need to keep them at home. We are very stretched for relieving teachers. We don't want to reach the stage of some classes working from home.

Remind your child about washing hands after toilet use and using the hand sanitiser which we have available in all classrooms.

Wig Wednesday Results

From the organisers:

Thank you for a record-breaking result!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who took part in Wig Wednesday this year!

Thanks to your hard work and generosity, a whopping \$276,861 was raised – a new Wig Wednesday record! What an amazing effort – the funds will make a real difference for Kiwi families impacted by childhood cancer.

If you still have cash donations that you need to deposit, please do so as soon as possible via one of these payment methods:

- Hand over the counter at any ASB branch. Our account details are: Bank: ASB Bank Account Name: Child Cancer Foundation Account Number: 12-3191-0041879-01. Please present photo identification. Please do not be offended, this is a legal requirement across all banks.
- Donate through our website at this link: <http://childcancer.org.nz/donate>. In the 'Reason for donation' drop-down menu, please select 'Wig Wednesday'.
- Donate by internet banking. Our account details are: Bank: ASB Bank Account Name: Child Cancer Foundation Account Number: 12-3191-0041879-01. Please include your full name as a reference and 'WIG' in particulars so we can place this payment against your account in our records.

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!

Our 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

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Fill the Bus

We are asking students to bring cans and dried goods for the collection which goes to the salvation Army to support families in need. The class which brings the most, gets to go and greet the bus and get the publicity!

Fill the Bus will be at Mokoia Intermediate on Wednesday 6 December.

Merit Awards

This term we collected student voice about how merit awards are given out. The consensus across the school was that merit awards needed to be given out because the recipient was acknowledged as deserving that week and that if there was not someone that stood out, the awards would not be made.

K1	Te Pua Te Pairi-Felise - You are exceptional in our structured literacy and have fantastic vocabulary knowledge. Ka rawe!
Rūmaki	Kennadi Raureti - Kua eke mārika koe i tēnei wiki!
K3	Mia Prinsloo - For working diligently on her recount and for her general attitude in class. Zavier Hodge-Roberts - For stepping up and being a leader in the classroom
K4	Mari Te Pairi-Felise - It has been so wonderful having you as part of our K4 whanau. We wish you all the luck with your next adventure.
K5	-
P1	Blake Fraser - Your comedic timing and ability to lighten up the class brings me pure joy - From Whaea Casey.
P2	-
P3	Juvan Van Staden - For the amazing progress you have made this year in maths. You are the most improved mathematician in our class. It has been wonderful to see your confidence grow Juvan. Keep up the fantastic work. We are extremely proud of you.
P4	-
W1	Lucia Joseph - It has been great to have you back at school with us after your trip away. We missed you. You have such a positive attitude and we are lucky to have you with us in W1! Keep being your amazing self Lucia! Ka Rawe!
W2	Alia Conley - Your confidence in being strong and independent has definitely

	shown in and out of class. Kia kaha, Alia! Kase Lochhead - Your ability to shine where others need that extra support. You have a heart of gold Kase, mauri ora!
W3	Owen McGrath - For your outstanding efforts at the recent school Athletics day. Awesome achievement. Pareamio Pukepuke Tuarua - For your outstanding efforts at the recent school Athletics day. Awesome achievement.
W4	Diva Green - It was awesome to see you deliver a strong argument for why strawberries are the best fruit yesterday in our class debate challenge. You have grown a lot in confidence this year and I am extremely pleased with the fantastic effort you have been putting into your learning. Keep it up Diva!
Multi Materials/ Science	Ohomairangi Rangirangi-Tamaiti K2 - For being awesome and positive in the woodroom, and having the ability to correct mistakes without any drama. You listened to instruction and just got the job done. Well done Oho. Trixie Daiken-Hoy W1 - Trixie, your science notes were chosen as an example of excellence at the recent NZSE science teacher meeting. Well done for taking care and attention when creating your notes. I hope they serve you well in the future.
Art/Toi Ataata	Hadleigh Collinson-Smith K1 - Well done for the amazing artwork that you are creating in Art Extension. You are hardworking and thoughtful. Your ability to problem solve, and preserve with challenging techniques is a real strength! Amelia Tarplet P1 - Well done for the beautiful work that you're creating in both Art and Art Extension. You are immensely creative and always approach your work with such thought and care. It is inspiring having you in the art room!
Food Technology	Violet Leeke P1 - Thank you for stepping up and helping Whaea Claire this week. Your build was also very impressive. Nga mihi nui.

Celebrations

👍 Congratulations to this week's recipient of our values trophy, **Piarimu Pukepuke-Taurua, W2**. 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.

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

<http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

Our School Values

Ūpoko Pakaru

Tū whitia te hopo.

Overcome your fear.

While fear has the potential to paralyse us, it can also be acknowledged and embraced in order to move forward. We are encouraged here to be brave and to not let our fear get the better of us. 'Tū whitia te hopo, mairangatia te angitū' is another extended version of this saying that urges the individual to eliminate the negative, and by doing so, accentuate the positive.



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