



Mokoia Intermediate



Matua Rawiri's Shout Out

Tēnā Koutou Parents and Caregivers

To our parents, teachers, and most importantly, the incredible students of Mokoia Intermediate. My 'Principal Shout Out' is to celebrate the culmination of another remarkable year filled with growth, achievements, and unforgettable memories. As we reflect on the past year, it is with immense pride and joy that we acknowledge the incredible accomplishments of our students.

First and foremost, I want to express my deepest gratitude to our dedicated and passionate teachers. Your unwavering commitment to our students' education and well-being is truly commendable. You have gone above and beyond, inspiring and nurturing our students to reach their full potential. Your tireless efforts have not only shaped their academic journey but have also instilled in them the values of resilience, perseverance, and a thirst for knowledge.

To our exceptional students, it is a testament to your hard work, determination, and the countless hours you have dedicated to your studies and extracurricular activities. Each one of you has shown

immense growth, both academically and personally, throughout the year. Your achievements, big and small, deserve to be celebrated. Whether it was excelling in the classroom, showcasing your talents in the arts, or demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship on the field, you have made us all incredibly proud.

But let us not forget that success is not solely measured by academic achievements or trophies. It is also about the friendships forged, the lessons learned, and the character developed along the way. At Mokoia Intermediate, we strive to create an environment where every student feels valued, supported, and empowered to be their authentic selves. We celebrate diversity, kindness, and respect, knowing that these qualities will shape you into compassionate and responsible global citizens.

As we bid farewell to another year, let us take a moment to express our gratitude to the parents and caregivers who have been our unwavering support system. Your trust, involvement, and encouragement have played a vital role in the success of our students. Your partnership with our school community is invaluable, and we are grateful for your continued support.

To our departing students, as you embark on the next chapter of your educational journey, remember the lessons you have learned here at Mokoia Intermediate. Embrace new challenges with confidence, embrace failure as an opportunity to grow, and always strive for excellence. You are equipped with the skills, knowledge, and resilience to overcome any obstacle that comes your way.

In closing, I want to express my heartfelt congratulations to all our students for their outstanding achievements this year. Your hard work, dedication, and passion have made Mokoia Intermediate shine brightly. As we look towards the future, I have no doubt that each and every one of you will continue to make a positive impact on the world.

Thank you, and may you all have a safe and joyful holiday season.

Matua Rawiri and The Mokoia 'A' Team

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

Key dates for Term 4 2023

Term 4 Week 10

- **Monday 11th December** - Board Hui - 6.00pm
- **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

Term 1 Week 1 2024

- **Monday 29th January** - Auckland Anniversary
- **Tuesday 30th January** - Teacher's Only Day
- **Wednesday 31st January** - Students first day back

Term 1 Week 2

- **Tuesday 6th February** - Waitangi Day

Term Dates for 2024

Term 1

- **Wednesday 31st Jan - Friday 12th April**
- **Tuesday 6th February** - Waitangi Day observed
- **Thursday 28th March** - Teacher only day
- **Friday 29th March - Tuesday 2nd April** - Easter

Term 2

- **Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July**
- **Monday 27th May** - Teacher only day
- **Monday 3rd June** - King's Birthday
- **Friday 28th June** - Matariki Day

Term 3

- **Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September**

Term 4

- **Monday 14th October - Monday 16th December**
- **Friday 25th October** - Teacher only day
- **Monday 28th October** - Labour Day
- **Monday 16th December** - Last day of year

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

My last newsletter

At the end of this year I will finish after thirteen and a half years at Mokoia Intermediate. I'm sad to go. Over these years we have grown to be a school of choice rather than just the local intermediate. That was my goal.

We constantly ask, how can we do this better? I'm happy to say that there is continuous development of the curriculum and a strong group of leaders to continue my work. I'm proud of what we have already achieved and our community survey and student survey say that so are you.

“He aha te mea nui o te ao? Ko te whanau. What is the most important thing in the world? It is family.” I came to the Bay of Plenty with my husband, who was in the forestry/logging transport world, and my three daughters were born and grew up here. Now my family have moved on; two daughters are in Ōtautahi Christchurch with my two grandsons, as well as my extended whanau. I have made the decision to move back after being away for forty years!

I will be the deputy principal at Oaklands Te Kura o Ōwaka, in Halswell. Make sure you look me up.

- Annemarie Hyde, DP Curriculum, ahyde@mokoia.school.nz,
annemarie.hyde@oaklands.school.nz

Google Drive and Seesaw

Please ensure all students are downloading their Seesaw journal. It's pretty straight forward. Next year we are just using Hero. We will provide all parents with an evening and resources to get involved so that you can communicate with us and share in your child's learning journey.

Year 8s will need to transfer their Google Drive contents too, if they want to keep anything. **Whaea Kathryn** will remove year 8 accounts on 20th January 2024.

2024 Classes

Class placements for 2024 will be announced on the last day next week.

Be aware that the process for class placements is given a lot of thought to ensure a mix of ethnicities, gender and learning needs, as well as looking at the needs of each learner and the personalities of both these learners and their teachers.

Mokoia Island trip - final for year

To complete the year, next week's Mokoia Island trip will be the first eight year 8 students who put up their hands to go as it's the last one for the year.

Reading at Regency

Once a week the Rangatahi services coordinator, **Whaea Karissa Cunningham**, from Mokoia Community Association meets with our Mokoia children and walks down to read with the lovely ladies from Regency Park Estate. This is where the children can socialise with and read beside

someone from a different time. Stories are shared and the rangatahi get to fill their buckets, while contributing to the mental well-being of the elderly within their community.

This is an enjoyable experience for all involved that will continue in the new school year.

Lost Property

We have a box of lost property at the office that consists of school and non school uniform items. Please come and check it - or ensure your child checks it. At the end of the term we will wash and rehome school uniforms and other items will be taken to a charity shop.

Community Strategic Planning Survey

For whānau and community - We are wanting to hear from you about what you think is important to include in the Mokoia Intermediate Strategic Plan 2024 - 2026.

This document will guide the strategic decisions made by the board to support ākongā during their time at school and prepare them for secondary school and beyond.

The strategic plan will continue to be centred around our school vision: *"The needs of ākongā are at the heart of all that we do at Mokoia Intermediate."*

We have prepared this survey which will be sent to ākongā, staff, whānau and the wider community. It is designed to support the board to clarify its strategic directions. The survey will ask you about our current strategic areas and how well you think the school has addressed these. Our current strategic areas are based on the National Education Learning Priorities (NELP's).

Your feedback is important to ensure that our strategic vision aligns with the vision for education and pathways held by our school community. We want to ensure that our strategic plan reflects the wants, needs and aspirations you have for the tamariki attending Mokoia Intermediate. The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete. Your answers can be as brief or as detailed as you would like. The survey link will be open until the 15th of December.

Go to <https://forms.gle/8ck9wjE1GSzyTct37>

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.

School Prom

We are holding our school prom on Tuesday 12th December, in the school hall. 6.00pm-9.00pm.

Students need to be collected between 8.45pm and 9.00pm. Tickets cost \$5. Permission slips need to be filled in and returned to the office with your money, by hand or email: office@mokoia.school.nz. The form has been sent home in paper form and on Seesaw.



There are NO door sales. You need to pay for your ticket by Monday 11th December, 3pm so we have time to get you the tickets on Tuesday.

Semi-formal/formal dress - tidy dresses, trousers and shirts. Dress jeans are acceptable. Each student brings a small plate of supper food to share.

The prom is always regarded as the formal leavers' event and students practise prom dancing in the weeks leading up to the evening.

Mokoia students only. Permission slip needed.

Parents and caregivers only are to collect students from the hall. We don't let students wait down the driveway. Please be prompt!

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

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	Matua Jerome - I appreciate your support with the students learning, and making sure they have fun doing so. Your musical and I.C.T skills have been invaluable. Ko koe te tangata!
Rūmaki	Matua Pene - Kua eke koe i te taumata o āngitu. Ka rere ki te puhikaioreore o te kahikatea.
K3	Hayden Dunlop - For your positive demeanour and for being a good friend to others.
K4	Rosalie Reidpath - I am so impressed with how much you have shone this month. Your phenomenal performance in our Kaituna Dance. Well done!
K5	-
P1	P1 - Thank you for being such a lovely class, for working hard, for the laughs, and for keeping your kaiako on her toes this year. You have been an absolute pleasure to teach this year.
P2	Xavier Reuben - For your wonderful contributions towards Fill the Bus. Your efforts alone placed P2 third. You are a consistent and enthusiastic fundraiser, I look forward to reading your interview in the Daily Post. I thank you young sir.
P3	P3 - Thank you for being such enthusiastic, kind, fun, slightly crazy students. We have had an amazing year together. Enjoy your holidays in a few more days.
P4	-
W1	W1 - For making W1 a great place to be this year! I wish you all the best for the year ahead! Ka rawe!
W2	W2 - Being amazing and supporting each other! Ka mau te wehi!
W3	-
W4	Angel Xiong - For the fantastic effort you have put into your tiny home and Christmas cards. Your creativity and intricate work have been very impressive to see. You are a fantastic role model to have in W4. Well done Angel! Hana Palfrey - For the fantastic effort you have put into your craft activities and tiny home. Your creativity and intricate work have been very impressive to see. You are a fantastic role model to have in W4. Well done Hana!

Multi Materials/ Science	<p>Rihari Walden K2 - For supporting your fellow classmates. Rihari, you were able to understand complex instruction, then transfer your knowledge with unconditional kindness to those who required guidance. This is a natural leadership trait which is deserving of acknowledgment.</p> <p>Angel Xiong W4 - For your attention to detail, and your ability to clarify instruction. Angel, you seek first to understand before moving forward. This is a skill that will ensure success in any future endeavour.</p> <p>Whaea Claire - For taking ownership of food technology, and having the drive to develop the subject further in the future. Your willingness to learn and grow professionally is admirable, however, it is your student centric approach that deserves high praise and acknowledgement. Ka mau te wehi e kui.</p> <p>Whaea Fiona - For taking ownership of Toi Ataata/Art. Fiona, it was a daunting prospect to step into a role that was developed by such an awesome predecessor ;0); however there was never any doubt that you had the capability, training, experience and energy to own the room. Offering quality art learning and outcomes requires training and experience, it is hard work, and you are deserving of acknowledgement for your efforts.</p>
Art/Toi Ataata	<p>Charnz Fraser K2 - For the thought, creativity, and effort that you quietly put into your Mahi Toi. Thank you for being such a positive member of the class! Ka mau te wehi!</p> <p>Darcie Paringatai K4 - Well done for the thought, care and energy that you've put into your work in Art this term. You have created some beautiful Mahi Toi and should be proud of your efforts. He whetū koe!</p> <p>Kiri Riley K5 - Well done for the thought, care and effort that you've put into your work in Art and Art Extension. You have a wonderful creative mind and it is always exciting to see your original and innovative ideas take shape. He whetū koe!</p> <p>Amber Van Schalkwyk K5 - Your work in Art this term has been so expressive and innovative! Thank you for being such a hardworking and thoughtful member of the class.</p> <p>Serenity-Rose Taiatini-Rae W4 - Thank you 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. Your work is beautiful. He whetū koe!</p> <p>Parehe Andersen K2 - Your Mahi Toi in Toi Ataata this year has been so expressive and innovative! Thank you for being such a hardworking and thoughtful member of the class. He whetū koe!</p> <p>Tawhiti Taipeti-Cribb K2 - Well done for the excellent Mahi Toi that you've created in Toi Ataata this year. You always approach your Mahi Toi with thought, care and immense creativity. You are very talented! Ka mau te wehi!</p>
Food Technology	-

Celebrations

👍 Congratulations to this week's recipient of our values trophy, **Rosalie Reidpath, K4**. 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.

👍 The student leaders and councillors enjoyed a celebration pizza lunch on Wednesday, as a reward for their work this year.

👍 Thank you to everyone who supported the Fill the Bus initiative by the Hits Rotorua for the salvation Army. **K4** was our top class, followed by **P3** and then **P2**. **Xavier Reuben**, from **P2**, single handedly brought over 100 items.

👍 Thank you to **Whaea Cheyla** and **Whaea Karissa**, who went down to Regency Park to sing to the residents on Wednesday.

👍 The **Central Bay of Plenty athletics** took place on Tuesday. Once again Mokoia students gave it their all. Mr Upston was also really impressed with their behaviour throughout the day - despite some significant delays.

👍 Well done everyone, for your turn out in house colours for the house competition.

👍 Excellent work from all our staff and students to lead up to yesterday's performances of Waiata a ringa and their dance. **Kaituna** won the day with both their performances and their outfits.

👍 What an amazing final house event: **Battle of the Houses!**

👍 **Waiteti 2** was spoiled this week. We were given the opportunity to decorate gingerbread cookies with icing, sprinkles and a lot of love to our amazing māmā **Mandy** and **Bonnie** who took time out of their day to run this for us. Our amazing W2 tamariki decorated and ate the lot and of course W1 who helped clean up the leftovers too. We are fortunate indeed.

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

<http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

Our School Values

Wairuatanga

Kaua mā te waewae tutuki, engari mā upoko pakaru.

Don't turn back due to a stumbling foot, but a cracked head.

In other words - Don't be dissuaded by little falls, but fight till the end.



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