

MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER



TERM 1 WEEK 2 | 9 FEBRUARY 2024

MATUA RAWIRI'S SHOUT OUT

Tena Koutou Parents & Caregivers

We hope this newsletter finds you well as we enter the second week back at school. It has been wonderful to see our students settling into their routines and embracing the new academic year with enthusiasm and determination.

We are thrilled to witness the growth and progress our students have already made in such a short time. As we continue on this journey together, we encourage open communication between parents, teachers, and students to ensure a successful and fulfilling year ahead. We look forward to the many exciting opportunities and achievements that await us in the coming weeks.

As we navigate through this journey together, we want to emphasize the importance of open communication and understanding. We encourage parents to reach out to us if they have any concerns regarding their child's experiences at school. By working together, we can ensure that every student receives the support they need to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

At Mokoia Intermediate, we strive to foster an inclusive and compassionate community, where empathy and respect are valued. We believe in the power of building relationships and getting to know each student individually before making any judgments. Our aim is to provide guidance, support, and assistance to all children, ensuring that they feel valued and empowered to succeed.

We kindly request that parents refrain from making assumptions based solely on their child's accounts or information shared by other parents in the community. Privacy laws protect the confidentiality of our students and their personal experiences.

Remember, our role as educators is not to exclude or dismiss children but rather to support and guide them on their educational journey. We are committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment where all students can thrive.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we work together to create a positive and inclusive learning environment for our students.

Matua Rawiri and The Mokoia 'A' Team
We are Limitless! We are Passionate! We are Mokoia!



MOKOIA BOARD OF TRUSTEES PANUI

Kia ora koutou

Mokoia Intermediate SchoolDocs - Policies and Procedures

Here is the link to our SchoolDocs, a website for our policies and procedures.

SchoolDocs maintains, updates, and reviews our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our strategic plan and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc.

SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our board has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review.

We invite you to visit the site at

<https://mokoia.schooldocs.co.nz>

(note that there's no "www.").

Our **username** is "mokoia" and **password** "limitless".

Board Policy Review - Term 1/2024

Te Tiriti o Waitangi

Board Responsibility

Parent Involvement

Communicating with Parents

Community Conduct Expectations

School Character / Special Character *

DOCUMENTATION AND SELF-REVIEW POLICY -

School Planning and Reporting

Reporting to Parents on Student Progress and Achievement

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CELLPHONES POLICY update

New regulations on student cellphone use at school.

As required by new government regulations, schools must have rules about phone use at school that ensure students do not use or access a phone while they are attending school, including during lunch time and breaks. This must be in effect no later than the start of term 2, 2024.

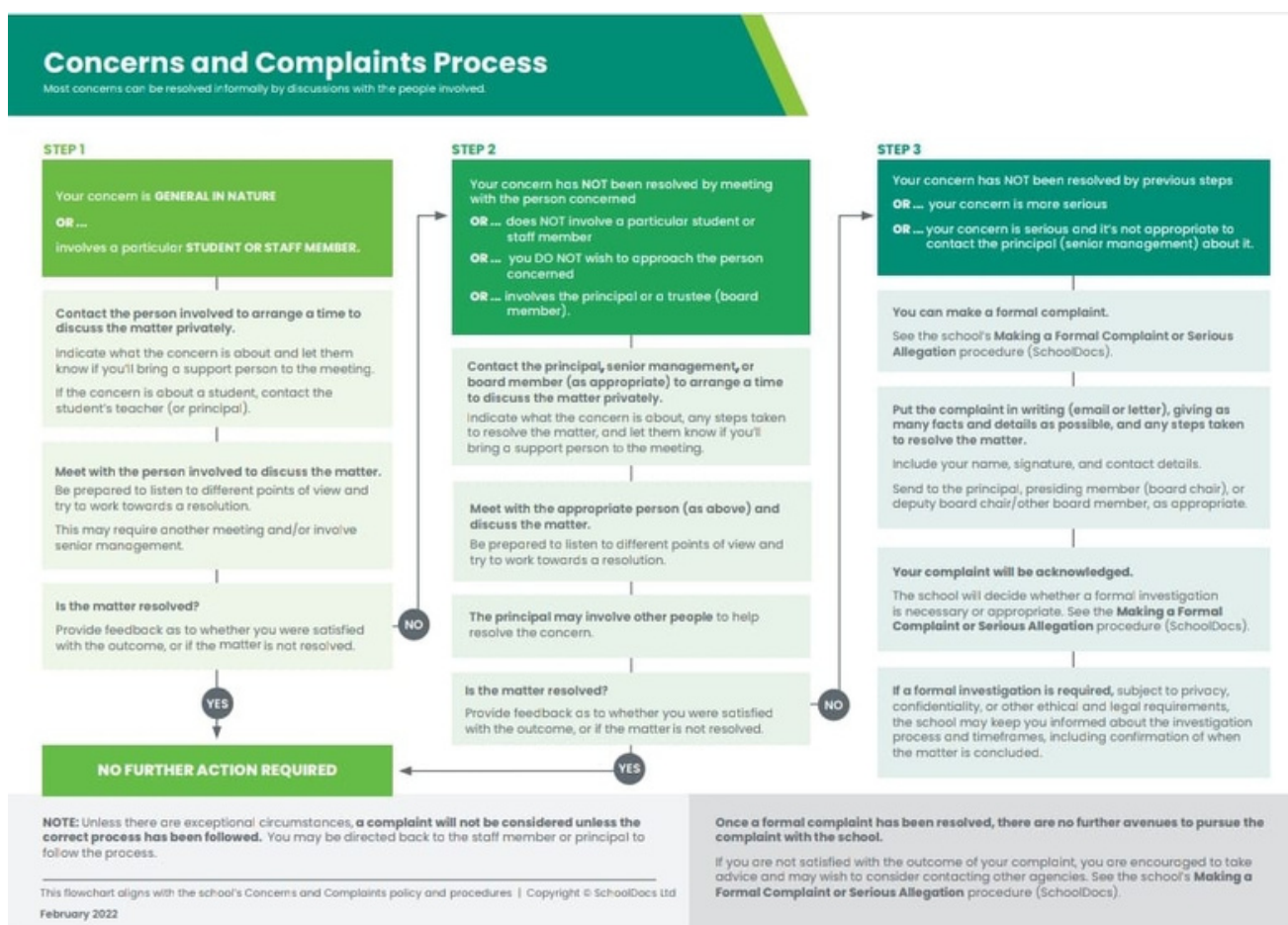
The Ministry of Education has provided guidance on implementing phone rules and will be providing resources to support implementation. Watch this Space!

Attached is our school policy & procedure on 'Concerns and Complaints'.

Please note: depending on the nature of any concern or complaint we would expect clear lines of communication first & foremost with the teacher, the learning centre leader, the senior leadership team, Principal and Board.

Here is the link to our '[Concerns and Complaints](#)' procedures.

If you feel you have a concern or complaint, here is the process that can be gone through. Please remember each step is important so that all involved can have a chance to listen, and resolve the issue.



KEY DATES FOR TERM 1 2024

Term 1 Week 2

- Tuesday 6th February - Waitangi Day - School Closed
- Wednesday 7th February - Meet the teacher 5:30pm - 7:30pm
- Friday 9th February - BMX Worlds Practice Day

Term 1 Week 3

- Monday 12th - Tuesday 13th February - Noho Marae K4/K5
- Tuesday 13th - Wednesday 14th February - Noho Marae K1/K3

Term 1 Week 4

- Monday 19th - Tuesday 20th February - Noho Marae W2/W4
- Tuesday 20th - Wednesday 21st February - Noho Marae W1/W3

Term 1 Week 5

- Tuesday 27th - Wednesday 28th February - Noho Marae P1/P2
- Wednesday 28th - Thursday 29th February - Noho Marae P3/P4

Term 1 Week 6

- Tuesday 5th March - Y8 Vaccinations
- Thursday 7th March - Swimming Sports

Term 1 Week 7

- Tuesday 12th - Wednesday 13th March - Noho Marae K2

Term 1 Week 8

- Tuesday 19th March - NZEI PUM Hui
- Thursday 21st March - Revolution Tour Group

Term 1 Week 9

- Wednesday 27th March - Y7 Vision and Hearing Testing
- Thursday 28th March - Teacher Only Day - School Closed
- Friday 29th March - Good Friday - School Closed

Term 1 Week 10

- Monday 1st April & Tuesday 2nd April - Easter Monday and
- Tuesday - School Closed
- Thursday 4th April - School Photos with Photolife

Term 1 Week 11

- Friday 12th April - End of Term 1



KEY DATES FOR 2024

Term 2

Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July
Monday 27th May - Teacher's 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 - Friday 13th December
Monday 28th October - Labour Day
Friday 13th December - Last day of year
Monday 16th December - Teacher's Only Day

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

MEET THE TEAM



PRINCIPAL MATUA RAWIRI WIHAPI

I have a 'Passion' for education, teaching and learning. I have been a teacher for 32 years, and 21 of those years as a Principal. Making Mokoia Intermediate a safe place for students to learn is the key to building a positive environment. Our staff of 40 play a huge part in nurturing our students to success. We are Limitless! We are Passionate! We are Mokoia!



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MRS JACKIE JONES

Ko Jackie Jones taku ingoa. I am very proud to be a member of the Mokoia Intermediate School whanau. It holds a very special place in my heart. I have responsibility for student well-being and support. I am also SENCo. "The needs of ākonga are at the heart of all that we do at Mokoia Intermediate School".



ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL WHAEA KATHRYN MCMURDO

I have been in teaching for over 15 years and this is my first year stepping into the Deputy Principal role. I have a real passion for teaching and empowering students to believe that they can achieve anything they set their minds too. When i'm not at school, i'm out and about with my husband and my own three boys in the lake or at the forest.

ABSENTEES

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, you have three ways to contact the school and let us know;

Phone directly into the school office - 07 345 9071

Send a text message to the school on 027 528 8910

Send a notification through the Hero app



WALKWAY AND DROP OFF ZONE

Just a reminder.....

All pedestrians, cyclists, scooter riders and skateboarders, ***please use the pathway*** on the Owata School side of our turf.

All caregivers collecting students by car, please follow the arrows to use our drop off zone at the front of the school. Traffic needs to move through smartly. If you need to wait for your child, please park along Brent Road. We ask that you do not expect your child to run across the road, but that you use the pedestrian crossing.

For health and safety reasons, we ask parents ***NOT*** to drive vehicles or walk down the driveway.

Mr Upston's Turf Talk

This week in PE we have been focusing on team work using communication and strategy to reach the common goal. Students have engaged in a range of Movewell games, which are designed to be inclusive of all abilities.



Sporting celebrations

Matthew Wallace competed in the National Downhill Mountain Biking Rotorua series on the weekend. He won the U15 Boys, a huge achievement for Matthew against a strong group of riders. Jasper Leuchs came 7th in the same division, well done Jasper.





School Donations and Fees

School donations scheme

Mokoia Intermediate School have opted into the Ministry of Education school donations scheme. This means **we cannot ask for a donation from parents unless it is for overnight school camps**. Families can choose to pay the donation in full, in part or not at all. All students will attend overnight camps regardless of whether they have made a contribution.

Technology

Schools can charge parents/whānau for the cost of materials when they have agreed that the item can be taken home. **The fee for technology is \$80 and has been charged to student accounts.**

Sports, Trips and Activities

Participation in these activities is optional and **payment must be made in order for your child to participate.**

What families/whānau need to know about school/Kura donations

For information on school/kura donations click the link
<https://www.education.govt.nz/assets/Documents/School/donations/MOE-Donations-Scheme-Info-A3-FA-Web-16-MAR.PDF>

HERO is our new student management system.

Visit: <https://hero.linc-ed.com/parents> or Download the Hero App. You will be directed to our Hero site and the log-in box will appear on the screen. You will be directed to enter your email address. Follow the instructions to sign into your Hero account. From the parent landing page in the app, you will be able to access financial statements, report an absence, and find links to the website, newsletter, social media, lunches and uniform.

Finances

Paying Statements

We will generate statements at the beginning of each month. You will receive an email from Mokoia Intermediate School entitled 'Financial Statement from Mokoia Intermediate School'. Within the body of this email will be a note from the school (usually a general note stating it is the time for the monthly distribution of statements) and then a link to log in to view your statement. If you click on the link, it should open up HERO for you in a web browser and link directly to the Finance page. It will automatically default to the 'Unpaid Line Items.' If you scroll down, you will see each individual item against your child's account.

Pay Online

If you wish to pay online, you can swipe on the 'Pay Online' button next to each item you wish to pay for - at the bottom there will then be a button saying, 'Pay Selected Item'. Clicking on that will give you a summary of the items to be paid for. It will also include a 2.9% processing fee (this is on Stripe's side). If you hit Pay Now, it will take you to a page where you can input your card details and pay directly.

Paying by Bank Transfer

If you wish to pay via bank transfer, you can do so in full or by regular instalment. The details are on the bottom of the Finance page. Please include the student's name as a reference.

School Bank Account number 03 1552 0215901 00



BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS

- Bicycle and scooter stands are in a gated area provided for pupils and they must be locked to the stand at all times.
- While in the school grounds, all pupils must walk their bikes and scooters along the footpath.
- All pupils must wear safety helmets when using bicycles.
- Bicycles and scooters will not be stored in the office area or classrooms.

UNIFORM

Our uniform consists of a range of serviceable items, easily layered for extra warmth, which are readily available at **The Warehouse**.

Additional notes:

- Caps and beanies – **navy blue with no insignia.**
- Socks – **navy blue and black.**
- Tights (winter) – **must be navy blue and not footless tights.**
- Footwear – Black covered-in leather or canvas lace up shoes are permitted. They must have black or white soles and black laces. Covered in shoes are **compulsory for technology classes. No gumboots or crocs!**
- Black roman sandals or other sandals with back strap. **(No jandals or slides.)**
- School uniform to be worn to and from school.
- P.E. uniform to be worn for all fitness and sports.
- **Only jewellery accepted** is a watch, plain studs or a taonga.
- **Hair must be tied up** for physical education and specialist classes for health and safety reasons.
- **Only the school polar fleece and jacket** are permitted to be worn. Non uniform jumpers, hoodies or puffer jackets are **NOT** permitted.

MEET THE TEACHER

It was so wonderful to see so many of our families at our Meet the Teacher evening on Wednesday night. Having a chance to meet you all and for you to meet us. Wandering around all our beautiful rooms it was so great to see all the interactions, laughter and genuine connections being made. Hopefully you also popped into our technology rooms to see the fantastic spaces that have been created for our ākongā.

We really are lucky to have the amazing team we have. Remember if you ever have any questions don't be afraid to ask.



OUR SCHOOL VALUES

As we embark on another vibrant year of learning and growth, we are thrilled to share some exhilarating developments with you all. Over the past few years, our school community has been diligently collaborating with local businesses and esteemed kaumatua to redefine and enrich our core values. This journey has been nothing short of transformative, and we are elated to unveil the outcome.

In alignment with the vibrant tapestry of our East Side Community of Learning, we have meticulously explored three new values that resonate deeply with the ethos of our local community. These values encapsulate the essence of collaboration, resilience, and respect that can be seen throughout our diverse community. Through extensive deliberation and heartfelt discussions, we have seamlessly integrated these values into our existing framework, ensuring a harmonious fusion of tradition and innovation.

Our commitment to fostering a nurturing and inclusive environment remains unwavering, guided by the enduring principles of Ūpoko Pakaru, Kōmaitanga, and Whakaiti. These foundational values continue to serve as pillars of strength, anchoring us in our pursuit of excellence.

But that's not all—exciting announcements lie on the horizon! We invite you to stay tuned and witness the unveiling of our collective vision. Together, we are shaping a future brimming with promise and possibility, where every student is empowered to flourish and thrive.

So, let's embark on this journey together, embracing the spirit of collaboration and innovation that defines us as a community. Watch this space for updates, as we continue to chart new heights of achievement and success!

HERO AND SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

We are now fully up and running on our **Hero** platform. If you have chosen to use the **app**, there are so many things you should now be able to do and I would strongly suggest you have a moment to check out all the fantastic things you can access. This is our **main source of communication** along with our **Mokoia Intermediate 2024** Facebook group. With Hero you will receive **ONE form of notification** when a community post or student learning post is published. If you are logged into the Hero mobile app at the time of posting you will receive an **in-app notification**, otherwise you will **receive an email notification**. If you happen to log out of your mobile device you will still **receive an email notification**. Because of this we will no longer be sending out whole school emails as this will create a lot of double up emails for some. Whatever way you receive your the notification it will direct you to **log into Hero to view the full post**. The wonderful thing for us is we have the ability with every post to see how a parent has received the post, either email or via the app. If you are still having trouble seeing anything or connecting, please contact our Deputy Principal, Kathryn McMurdo for support on **kmcmurdo@mokoia.school.nz**



HERO PARENT PARENT APP

There are so many new things you have access to on our new app. Here are just a few.

Customise your account by adding a profile image.

Select how you wish to receive notifications

Read and comment on posts relating to your child's learning as well as view information on your child's progress and goals. As we progress through the year this will become more visible.

Read and comment on school notices sent to the class, groups your child is part of, or on whole school events. as part of that you will also be able to respond to school notices such as surveys and trip permission requests in the community.

Notify the school if your child is absent or late

Check out the school calendar and any upcoming events.

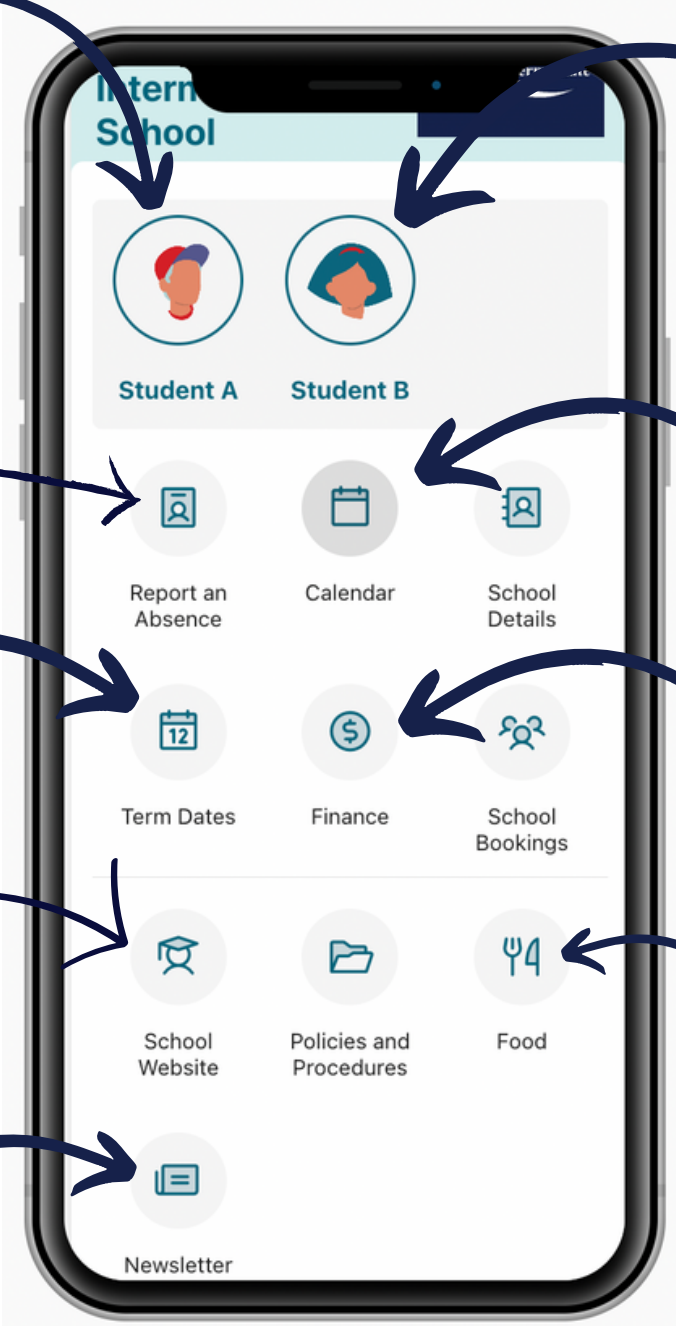
View school term dates

Check your school account and pay directly online.

Navigate to other school-related webpages

Order a students lunch from our partner lunch service.

Have direct access to the newsletter each week.





TECH TIDBITS

Our technology team has been in full swing with classes this week getting started. Over the next few weeks they move into client school mode while our students are on Noho Marae. In week six they will be back to exploring, innovating and creating with our Mokoia ākonga.

EXTENSION CLASSES

Extension classes will not start up until Week 6 due to client schools. This is a good chance for students to think about whether they would like to be part of any extension classes. On offer are;

- **Science Extension** – This is a high level science learning environment and for students attending this it will be **compulsory for them to enter the Te Arawa Science fair in July and NIWA Science fair in August**. Students participating do not have to have competed in a science fair before, but there will be a lot of independent work involved with support. **Whaea Lisa is in charge of this extension class.**
- **Art Extension** – This is an opportunity for students who love art to push their skills even further. **Whaea Fiona is in charge of this extension class.**
- **EPro8** – This is an engineering extension which will provide the opportunity for students to work in teams to earn a place at the EPro8 inter school competition. All students will be welcome to put a team together, and then an in-school competition will be held where the **top 4 teams will be selected to represent the school. Whaea Lisa is in charge of this.**
- **Aquabots** – We are more than happy if there are students who have taken part in Aquabots previously and would be very keen to carry on. However, as you can understand, our teachers are jam packed at the moment. **If a parent would be happy to take charge of this, Whaea Lisa would be happy to support with the administration side.**

A gentle reminder that our Technology teachers taking these extension classes are doing this above and beyond their current classes. Students wishing to attend are expected to remain in the class, have clear communication with their teacher if they are unable to attend for any reason, and complete all the work set both in the class, and sometimes outside class.

We do require parental assistance and expertise to ensure a successful programme:

- Support with industry knowledge, specifically with onsite visits or 'in class' industry expertise.
- Provide skills based training for our teams. (Teacher supervised)

If you would like to offer your assistance please email Whaea Lisa; ltewhare@mokoia.school.nz



MERIT AWARDS

K1	Emily Thomas - for being a helpful member in class. I am also proud of how well you have settled in after your first week in K1.
Rūmaki	Ko ngā tuakana o Ngā Pōtiki Ngau Papawai - Kua hoki tau kōtou ki tō tātou whare. Ka whai kōtou i ngā kawa me ngā tikanga a Ngā Pōtiki Ngau Papawai.
K3	Imogen Horgan-Smith - thank you for your wonderful work filming and editing our class item for assembly, and showing great resilience under pressure!
K4	Kona Edwards - You have been a Rockstar this week and I really appreciate you helping your peers with setting up with devices. Well done!!
K5	-
P1	-
P2	Salara Fitzell - You have settled extremely well both into Mokoia Intermediate, and P2. You have adapted to our daily routines, and are an extremely helpful, polite and kind young person. I thank you Salara 😊 Jack Bradcock - Not only did you smash the beep test giving it everything you had, you have had a wonderful start to your learning journey here at Mokoia Intermediate. You have such a cheerful and fun personality, yet you are able to focus and get the job done. Fabulous start Jack 😊
P3	Parker Moulin - You have had a fantastic start in P3. Thank you for being super organised, polite, caring and full of enthusiasm. We are lucky to have you. Thomas Maginness - You greet me with an enthusiastic good morning every day. You listen beautifully and have lovely manners. You did a wonderful job of introducing your whole whanau at our Meet the Teacher evening. Thank you Thomas.
P4	-
W1	Simon Lescheid - You have had a great start to your time here at Mokoia. You have settled into W1 with ease. Keep up the great work Simon! Ka Rawe! Foster Boyce - You have had a great start to your time here at Mokoia. You have settled into W1 with ease. Keep up the great work Foster! Ka Rawe!
W2	Claudia Dunn - Settling into W2 with ease. Thanks for being a great helper this week! Yhana Ilao - Settling into W2 with ease. A great worker and always supporting her peers.
W3	Jin Tao - For your incredible attention to detail when it comes to completing work. You have a beautiful art style and complete your work to such a high detail and within a reasonable timeframe. Jin you have settled into Mokoia Intermediate so seamlessly and are such a pleasure to have in our class.
W4	Manfred Loof: For the outstanding start you have made at Mokoia Intermediate. You are incredibly polite, respectful, and diligent and we are so lucky to have you in W4. You have settled in beautifully and I can't wait to support you in your Year 7 learning journey.
Multi/Digital	
Art/Toi Ataata	Ikimoke Uerata K2 - For the care, creativity and effort that you put into your mahi in your first session of Toi Ataata. What an excellent start to the year! I can't wait to see the toi you create. He whetū koe! Jimmy Walker K2 - For the positive energy and effort that you put into your mahi in Toi Ataata. What a great attitude! Fearless and thoughtful. Ka Mau te whehi! Brodie Waitoa P3 - For the positive attitude, creativity and effort that you brought to your first lesson in Toi Ataata / Visual Art Tech. What an excellent way to start the year! I can't wait to see the art you create. Ka rawe!
Science	-
Food Technology	-
Health and Physical Education	P4 - For your enthusiasm and participation in PE this week.



CELEBRATIONS

👍 Congratulations to this week's recipient of our He Tohu Whakamanawa - *All that I value I will uphold* award, Logan Morgan P2, for your respectful understanding and being an excellent role model to others.

👍 A huge well done to all our students on their first two weeks back. It has been so lovely to see them all in the playground having fun.

👍 Well done to all our students who received merit awards this week.

👍 For more information go to our Facebook group page, Mokoia Intermediate 2024.

<http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

SCHOLASTIC / LUCKY BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic/Lucky Book brochures (Issue 1) were distributed to classes on Friday. If your student did not receive one please ask them to check with their teacher or alternatively one maybe uplifted from the school Library.

LOOP Orders are placed online using the scholastic link under Mokoia Intermediate.

Happy Reading.

<https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent/Login.aspx>



KICK-START READING FOR 2024!



Look out for the catalogue in your child's school bag!

Welcome back to school. Make sure you order from this Issue for a \$5 credit to spend on the next issue! (Valid for LOOP Parent online orders only. See Terms & conditions [here](#)).

Check out the EXTRA BARGAIN BOOKS online. See the back page for more!