

MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER



TERM 1 WEEK 3 | 16 FEBRUARY 2024

MATUA RAWIRI'S SHOUT OUT

Tena Koutou Parents & Caregivers

It has been another productive week here at Mokoia Intermediate. As we progress through the term, we would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some important updates and reminders regarding our school community.

Strategic Plan Update: We are pleased to inform you that the school's strategic plan is well underway, with our focus firmly set on providing the best possible learning environment for our students. Over the past weeks, our leadership team have been diligently reviewing and refining our strategic objectives to ensure they align with our vision for the future of education at Mokoia Intermediate. We are excited about the progress we are making and look forward to sharing more details with you in the coming weeks.

Expected Behavior at School: As members of the Mokoia School community, we all play a crucial role in maintaining a positive and respectful learning environment. We kindly remind students to adhere to our school's code of conduct and expectations for behavior. This includes treating all staff and fellow students with kindness and respect, following classroom rules, and contributing to a safe and inclusive atmosphere for everyone. By upholding these standards, we can create a supportive environment where every student can thrive academically and socially.

Respect for Staff and Other Students: We would like to emphasize the importance of showing respect towards our dedicated staff members and fellow students. Our teachers and support staff work tirelessly to provide the best possible education and support for all students, and it is essential that we appreciate their efforts. Additionally, fostering a culture of kindness and understanding towards one another promotes a positive school climate and enhances the overall learning experience for everyone.

Success of the Noho Marae Experience: We are thrilled to report that the recent Noho Marae experience was a resounding success! Students had the opportunity to immerse themselves in Maori culture, participate in traditional activities, and forge meaningful connections with their peers and the wider community. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all staff, students, and community members who contributed to making this event a memorable and enriching experience for all involved.

As always, we appreciate your ongoing support and cooperation in helping us maintain a thriving school community. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Matua Rawiri and The Mokoia 'A' Team

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

KEY DATES FOR TERM 1 2024

Term 1 Week 4

- Wednesday 21st - Thursday 22nd February Noho Marae W3/W4
- Thursday 22nd - Friday 23rd February - Noho Marae W1/W2

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

Noho Marae

This week K1/K3 and K4/K5 had a chance to stay and take part in a range of activities at Ōwhata Marae. They learnt the school Haka and Waiata, Poi, Mau Rakau, Tikanga/Kawa, Pepeha a Kura and Kāinga Ako Pepeha. It is a fantastic opportunity for the staff and students to get to know each other as well as have new experiences. We thank Matua Hori for all his organisation and running of our Noho. Thank you to Matua Jireh, Whaea Shelley, Whaea Cheyla for running each of the rotations and giving our students such a variety of knowledge.

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 - Waengaehae Administration Centre

Office Manager – Mrs Sue Rasdall

I have four adult children and three grandchildren. I enjoy the outdoors especially camping, walking my dog, swimming and time in the coromandel. I have been at Mokoia for 19 years, starting off in the classroom and then later into the office to gain full time employment. I love the school environment and the relationships that I build with the students. Mokoia is a great place to work, each day brings different challenges and rewards.

Executive Officer – Mrs Janet Dufall

I am proud to be the longest serving staff member of Mokoia Intermediate with the school having been a big part of my life for the last 24 years. I love my job and working in the school environment.

Resource Manager – Mrs Heather Lind

I have been a Staff member of the Mokoia Intermediate whanau for almost 20 years. Prior to that both my children attended Mokoia Intermediate School. Outside of work I enjoy spending quality time with family and friends. I am passionate about my job and love encouraging reading and literacy in the students at Mokoia. I believe 'Reading is the key to Learning'.

Learning Support Coordinator – Whaea Frances Wharerahi

Ko Ngongotaha me Whakapunake ōku maunga,
Ko Rotorua nui ā Kahumatamomoe me Te Wairoa Hōpūpū Hōnengenenge Mātangi Rau ōku wai kaukau,
Ko Te Arawa me Takitimu ōku waka,
Ko Te Arawa me Ngāti Kahungunu ōku iwi,
Ko Tuhourangi, Tuwharetoa, Ngāti Whakaue, Ngāti Pikiao me Ngāti Kurupakiaka ōku hapū,
Ko Te Papaiouru, Te Pākira, Takitimu me Taihoa ōku marae,
Ko Frances Wharerahi ahau,
Ko Mererahi Te Akau taku tamāhine
No reira tēnā tātou katoa.

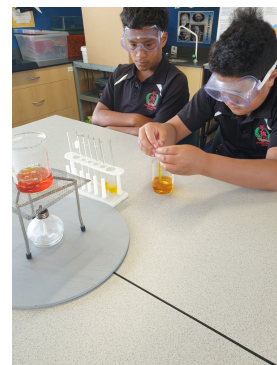
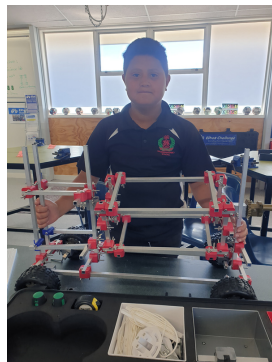
I'm Frances Wharerahi, a teacher with 17 years of experience, currently serving as the Learning Support Coordinator for Rotokawa School and Mokoia Intermediate. Proudly of Te Arawa and Ngati Kahungunu descent, I'm passionate about Te Ao Māori, Kapahaka, and contributing to my community. As the eldest of three and a mother to a 7-year-old attending Te Kura o Te Koutu, family is a priority. Recently appointed as a trustee for Te Taumata o Ngāti Whakaue Iho Ake. I'm excited to be involved in making decisions for our future generations. Looking forward to the opportunities and challenges of 2024.

Sports Coordinator – Gareth Upston

I have worked as an Intermediate teacher for 8 years. It's a fantastic age group to teach, for many it's a chance to gain independence. I enjoy the great sense of humour many intermediate students have along with their eagerness to be involved and take more ownership of their academic and sporting successes. Outside of teaching my partner and I have a 7 month lad named Otis. Besides being a new dad I love my "sports" in particular my Golf and Mountain Biking. When the sea is flat, fishing is my favorite pastime

TECH TIDBITS

For three weeks of each term, Year 7 and 8's from schools in and around Rotorua come and do technology. These are our client schools and this week we hosted Whangamarino. They have had a wonderful week focusing on Shaun Tan in Art and making sculptures. In Food Technology they have made cupcakes and crepes. And in Hard Materials they have done EPro8 engineering and doing some Chemistry, gathering an understanding of the topic and the correct names of the apparatus, as well as making a propagation station.



Mr Upston's Turf Talk

The weather has been beautiful, this is a real summer for a change :-). This week we have been learning the art of Rippa Rugby. A relatively new age sport. The students have shown resilience and perseverance while collectively working as a team. It has been great to see the less confident students stepping up and giving it go.

Current sports here at Mokoia

Futsal - starts this Sunday 18th February (Girls High, Lakes High) Please check HERO for more information, teams and draws. We are still looking for a coach for the Mokoia 3 boys team.

Touch Rugby - we have one Y8 Mixed team and one Y7 Mixed team, this commences on Tuesday the 20th February. Draw is yet to be published. Please check HERO for more information.

Girls GOLF - Introduction to golf for girls Tuesday 20th February (numbers exhausted) check HERO for information for those girls attending.

Surfing - Registrations are open, limited to the first 8 students. The event takes place on the 8th March.

North Island MTB- Registrations are open and I am entering students as I receive all the valid information. Please get back the notices completed ASAP.

Please consider coaching/managing for any sports codes, we are limited to teams we can enter especially if we do not have coaches/managers.

Cheers
Mr Upston





MERIT AWARDS

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| K1 | <p>Mac- You are a great role model in class and we really appreciate how you help everyone around you.</p> <p>Tamajah-Li - You did amazing at noho marae. You blew us away with your beautiful voice singing the waiata.</p> |
| Rūmaki | <p>Ko ngā tau whitu - kua oko ngā toki i tō kōtou pūkenga haka, I tō kōtou pūkenga waiata. Māuruuru maitaki.</p> |
| K3 | <p>Zavier Hodge-Roberts- for stepping up and being a leader at noho marae.</p> |
| K4 | <p>K4 - You all made us so proud. You all did amazing at noho marae. You blew us away with how you showed Ūpoko pakaru, Kōmaitanga and whakaiti, especially during your haka powhiri welcoming on k1 and k3. Well done, what a great way to start the year.</p> |
| K5 | <p>K5 - You all made us so proud. You all did amazing at noho marae. You blew us away with how you showed Ūpoko pakaru, Kōmaitanga and whakaiti, especially during your haka powhiri welcoming on k1 and k3. Well done, what a great way to start the year.</p> |
| P1 | - |
| P2 | <p>Wiremu Hughes - You show confidence in class everyday, from leading our karakia or Pepeha, to contributing thoughtful, and carefully considered contributions to our classroom discussions. You are an honest, polite and humble person Wiremu, thank you ☺</p> |
| P3 | <p>Ryan Stevens & Parker Moulin - for presenting a well thought out, honest and persuasive speech to the class about why you would be an amazing Class Councillor. Congratulations on winning the role. We know you will do a fantastic job of representing P3</p> |
| P4 | <p>Niko Weir-I am very proud of how you have taken control of the Show Quest group. You have shown real leadership. Very well done.</p> <p>Caleb Williams-thank you for being so helpful with Hero. It is really appreciated.</p> |
| W1 | <p>Charlotte Woerd - You have settled into W1 and have had a great start to the year! You are a great role model within our classroom and learning centre. Keep up the amazing work Charlotte. Keep being you!! Ka Rawe!</p> <p>Lincoln Wainohu - Lincoln you have had a great start to the year. You have risen to the challenge of being a year 8 and continue to show our school values in everything that you do. You are working hard in class in your learning too. Keep up the great work Lincoln and keep being you! Ka Rawe!</p> |
| W2 | <p>Markus Langendoen - Settling into W2. Learning to ask questions if he is in doubt. Ka pai tou mahi Markus!</p> <p>Trojhan Grey-Tamiti - Settling into W2. Challenging himself to new things in our room.</p> |
| W3 | <p>Daniel Alexander-For continuously showing Whanaungatanga and supporting those around you all while doing so with a smile on your face. You are a great role model to have in W3</p> |
| W4 | <p>Oaklee Snowling - For the amazing start you have made at Mokoia Intermediate. You are a polite, respectful and helpful member of our classroom and you have been wonderful at making your peers feel welcomed and settled in our class. Keep up the awesome work Oaklee.</p> |
| Multi/Digital | - |
| Art/Toi Ataata | - |
| Science | - |
| Food Technology | - |
| Health and Physical Education | <p>P3 - For being supportive and inclusive of all students in the class.</p> |



CELEBRATIONS

👍 Congratulations to this week's recipient of our He Tohu Whakamanawa - *All that I value I will uphold* award, Evie Dove Wl. You consistently show all our school values and are an excellent role model for your peers.

👍 A huge well done to all our Kaituna students on their Noho Marae.

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

👍 Well done to all our students who continue to display all our school values, are excellent role models, and continue to show the behaviour that we know Mokoia students exceed. Remember; Manners Matter! Curtesy Counts!

👍 For more information go to our Facebook group page, Mokoia Intermediate 2024.
<http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

