

MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER



TERM 1 WEEK 4 | 23 FEBRUARY 2024

MATUA RAWIRI'S SHOUT OUT

Tena Koutou Parents & Caregivers

Welcome to Week 4, we have had another successful Noho marae with W3/4 and W1/2. It is wonderful for our staff and students to be able to have an experience like this. Thanks to all staff who have helped in some way. Teaching our school values is important and embedding the use of these in everyday life is necessary, you can support us by talking with your child/ren each day about values, behaviour and having a great attitude.

Arrival at school

We advise that students don't arrive before 8:00am as any time before that creates a health and safety issue as there are no teachers available before this time unless in exceptional circumstances. Children will not be allowed into the classrooms until after 8:30am.

Phones away for the day

All state schools | kura are required to implement a phone rule that has student phones 'away for the day' as soon as possible in Term 1 2024.

The Government has introduced regulations to put this requirement in place. These can be found at: Education (School Boards) Amendment Regulations 2023 - Parliamentary Counsel Office.

The regulations require that schools must ensure students do not use or access a phone while they are attending school, including during lunch time and breaks. This includes students who are on a school course or visit outside the school grounds.

This must be in effect no later than the start of Term 2, 29 April 2024.

Schools must allow students to use or access a phone when:

- a phone is needed for health reasons (for example, to monitor insulin levels); or
- a phone is needed to help a student with a disability or learning support need (for example, to assist with impaired communication); or
- a teacher requires students to use **phones** for a specific educational task or purpose (for example, for a class assignment); or
- the principal decides that they are needed for special circumstances (for example, the student is a teenage parent).

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 5

- Monday 26th – Board Hui – 6.00pm
- 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 dose one
- Thursday 7th March – Swimming Sports
- Friday 8th March – Super 11 Surfing

Term 1 Week 7

- Tuesday 12th March – Wednesday 13th March – Noho Marae K2
- Friday 15th March – Fun Footwear Friday Fundraiser for Little Hearts

Term 1 Week 8

- Tuesday 19th March – NZEI PUM Hui
- Thursday 21st March – Revolution Tour Group
- Friday 22nd March – Inter-school Swimming Sports

Term 1 Week 9

- Wednesday 27th March – Y7 Vision and Hearing Testing
- Wednesday 27th March – Super 11 Touch Tournament
- 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 W3/W4 and W1/W2 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>

Tech Tidbits

Carrying on with our client schools this week we hosted Te Wharekura o Ngati Rongomai and Whakarewarewa. They have had a wonderful week focusing on Shaun Tan in Art and making sculptures. In Food Technology they have made Cherry Tomato Linguine, Sweet & savoury crepes, Chicken nibbles & baked potatoes, Lemon & Coconut slice and designed & hand sewed 3d food characters. And in Hard Materials they have done EPro8 engineering and some Chemistry, gathering an understanding of the topic and the correct names of the apparatus, as well as finishing as designers on tinkercad, creating a 'fit for purpose' habitat for a manu of their choosing. They had to consider the birds needs as we designed our structures.



MEET THE TEAM - Kāinga o Kaituna



Team Leader / K3 Kaiako – Mrs Lisa Vos

I love the people. The students reactions when they understand a concept and the joy they get when things make sense. When I'm not at school I'm swimming, waterskiing or anything that involves being outside.

LSA K3 – Whaea Antonia

I love seeing tamariki flourish at Mokoia with all of the awesome support and opportunities available to them, and working with an incredible team of staff. When I'm not working at Mokoia I am a part-time artist, seamstress, and enjoy walks in the forest with my 2 kids and husband.

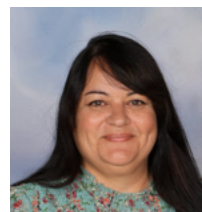


K1 Kaiako – Whaea Leandi

I love teaching at Mokoia Intermediate School because we have the most incredible staff and students. Our dedicated learning support assistants make a huge difference in class supporting those who would otherwise struggle to keep up with the mahi. I believe that each of our students are destined for success and love to be a part of that journey. When I am not teaching, I spend time with my whanau and my new little puppy! I love going on road trips and spending time on the beach.

LSA Kaituna Tahī – Whaea Donella

I enjoy working at Mokoia School because no 2 days are the same. There's always something new and different every day. The kids and staff are all wonderful, were like one big family. When not there I love spending time with family and friends and doing renovations on my home.



K4 Kaiako – Whaea Evelyn

Kia Ora Mokoia whanau, this is my 4th year at Mokoia, I am based in the most amazing Kaituna, in K4 with a beautiful class of year 7s. I am a Mama of 3 boys and 1 girl. I am a Rotorua girl and love our community.

LSA K4 – Whaea Karyn

I love being part of Mokoia Intermediate School, the staff and students are amazing and I really enjoy helping the students on their learning journey. My family and I have been living in Rotorua for 9 years now and we love the lakes, the forest and the people.



K5 Kaiako – Matua Richie

Kia ora koutou, I am Matua Richie and I am the classroom teacher of the wonderfully talented students in Kaituna. I believe in creating a supportive and caring learning environment where all my students can feel confident to achieve their best. I love teaching and I enjoy the challenges and rewards the profession comes with. My students will engage regularly in fitness and P.E and experience all sporting codes and movement concepts. I also enjoy teaching literacy such as writing where students can express their ideas across all writing genre. In the weekend and holidays, I love chilling with my beautiful wife Becs, and tamariki Kaya, Keanu, Aria & Eli. "This is the Way" Mandalorian 2019.

LSA K5 – Matua Jerome

Jerome has been an LSA within Kaituna for the last three years. He also oversees our school band who compete at Band Quest every year. A very talented musician, when he is not at school he is playing a range of instruments.



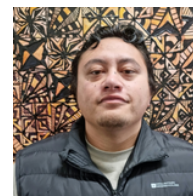
MEET THE TEAM - Ngā Pōtiki Ngau Papawai



Rangatira o Rumaki K2 - Matua Regan

E whakaako ana ahau i te whare o ngā pōtiki ngau papawai. He akomanga rūmaki. Māuruuru roa.

K2 - Matua Pene



Maitaki nui
Maitaki roa
Manuia te rangi me te whenua

He toki ahau i te whare o Ngā Pōtiki Ngau Papawai(Rūmaki). E Tere ana ngā mātauranga, ngā kawa me ngā tikanga o wōku tūpuna matua e titi ki te rae. Koia te tūapapa o te taku tuakiri. Ko rātou e whakamūhiri ana i waku akoranga i te whare kia eke ngā ākongā ki te pae angitū.
Ā mokori ano.



LSA K2 - Whaea Shelley

This is Whaea Shelley's third year in Rumaki and she is a valuable asset. Supporting the kaiako with learning and her excellent guitar playing skills.

Mr Upston's Turf Talk

PE classes have either engaged in softball or touch rugby this week, we have been so fortunate with the weather to date, so we are making the most of being outside for the majority of PE classes.

Softball is a great game, with a proud history in New Zealand, however, lately has fallen away locally. We have started with the basics this week learning to use mits and the basic fundamentals of the sport.

Weekday/Weekend results

Futsal started on Sunday afternoon and this year we have 3 boys teams and 2 girls teams competing. I will endeavour to get full results for future newsletters. Please check the Lakes FC Futsal Facebook page for weekly draws.

Touch On Tuesday our Year 8 and Year 7 mixed Touch teams competed. The Y8s won both their games convincingly while the Y7s had a win/loss. Draws are posted weekly on HERO.

Girls Golf - On Tuesday 24 girls had the privilege of attending the "She Loves Golf" day at Rotorua Golf Club.





MERIT AWARDS

K1	Amy Hill - for being a kind friend to others. You are a good listener and always focused on your mahi. We love having you in K1.
Rūmaki	Hunter Taia - Ka whai koe i te tūpuna a Uenukukōpako. Ka pakarū i tōhau ūpoko. Kia ako
K3	Kiera Fleming - Keira, you showed incredible resilience this week. You modelled to others how to 'bounce back'. Congratulations on your leadership position, it is well deserved.
K4	-
K5	Kiri Riley - You are a great role model and nominated leader for Kaituna, Room 5. I love your can-do attitude and enthusiasm for learning. An awesome start for 2024. Ka rawe!
P1	Matt Bishop - In addition to being an all round upstanding human, you have recently shown great determination and persistence with your literacy work. The result was commendable and your description took us on the mountain with you.
P2	Sam Jensen - You step up and consistently support your peers with their digital uploading of work to Hero. Thank you for being a wonderful technology expert in P2.
P3	Andrew Lee - for being the first student in P3 to lead the class with our karakia to start our day. Your pronunciation was excellent. Keep being brave Andrew. Thank you! Eden Revill - for being a super focused, self motivated learner. Your Bio Poem is honest and fascinating. You set yourself high standards and you are always ready to help others. Thank you Eden. Whaea Moana - for working so hard in P3. You are extremely patient and always have a smile on your face. We love the way you help and support anyone who needs it. Thank you for our little treats too. We are lucky to have you.
P4	
W1	Elliot Atkinson - Elliot you have had an incredible week and start to the school year. You have the ability to settle into your mahi when asked too and also ask questions when needed too. Keep up the great work Elliot - these are awesome skills to have. Ka Rawe!
W2	-
W3	Sehaj Bairagi - For your incredible mahi you did at noho. You were a standout during the Haka and helping to clean up your stations.
W4	Ollie Pemberton - for being an absolute stand out role model in W4. You are extremely polite, respectful and diligent and we all appreciate your contributions to our class. We love having you in Waiteti and can't wait to see you continue to shine this year. Keep being awesome Ollie!
Multi/Digital	-
Art/Toi Ataata	-
Science	-
Food Technology	-
Health and Physical Education	K2 - Passionate and eager to be involved. Competitive but fair when competing in a game of Rippa Rugby.



CELEBRATIONS

👍 Congratulations to this week's recipient of our He Tohu Whakamanawa - *All that I value I will uphold* award, **Jake Russ** in K3 for consistently demonstrates our school values and supporting your fellow learners.

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

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

👍 Congratulations to **Niko Weir** and **Ellie Smith** who were chosen to be the **Puarenga Kāinga Ako leaders**, and to **Clodagh McCann** and **Gurparteeek Singh** who were chosen to be the **Waiteti Kāinga Ako leaders**. Well done to all the students who presented a speech as to why they would make an excellent Kāinga Ako leader.

👍 Congratulations to our class councillors;

K1 - Caylin von Loggenburg and Lockie Thom K2 - Lennox Waldron and Noah Thompson

K3 - Maya Gebert and Emma Salisbury K4 - Roxanne Cocker and Kona Edwards

K5 - Kiri Riley and Kilarhn Fitzell

P1 - Remi Vade and Grace Fry P2 - Jonty Macpherson and Macy Green

P3 - Ryan Stevens and Parker Moulin P4 - Leana Gaugler and Isabelle Walmsley

W1 - Simon Lescheid and Harriet Wright W2 - Noah Evans and Claudia Dunn

W3 - Hannah Rossiter and Paige Harrison W4 - Olivia Filipo and Anika Greyling

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