

# MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER



TERM 1 WEEK 5 | 1 MARCH 2024

## MATUA RAWIRI'S SHOUT OUT

### Tena Koutou Parents & Caregivers

Yesterday I was fortunate enough to listen to the Minister of Education Erica Stanford, it was a good opportunity to hear her views and share ideas around Education. The noho marae for Puarenga Learning Centre was very successful, giving the students lots of experiences and opportunities. The last noho marae for Rumaki will take place in Week 7. After 5 weeks at school things seem to be settling down and students are starting to show an understanding of the culture within our school.

### Property Update:

The loft above the hall has been fully refurbished and completed with new carpet, air conditioning, repainted and autex wall. This will be a space used for small group learning and a space for Mr Upston.

Work has begun on the refurbishment of the Rumaki class, this includes new carpet, autexing all walls and leveling the floor, this should be completed in a couple of weeks.

Removal of coal bunker building and replaced with a brand new skyline shed for our caretaker, which will be happening in the school holidays.

### Board News:

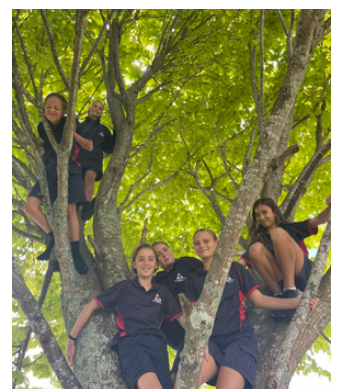
On Monday we had a Board hui, we hosted Louix Waru - Senior Advisor Network Ministry of Education who was invited to talk to the Board around roll growth and housing developments on Eastside - Wharenui Rise, Mansfield Road, Ngati Whakaue and TPB Vaughans Road. He discussed an enrolment zone scheme for Mokoia Intermediate. Our roll last year was 381, it is now 341. Mokoia has a capacity for a roll of 400 students. RLHS, RIS and Owhata Primary have enrolment schemes in place. Louix shared a draft enrolment zone map for Mokoia Intermediate. The first step to prepare for having an enrolment scheme in place for 2025 is a 6 week community consultation. Anyone within zone has access to Mokoia Intermediate and any current students from out of zone can remain at Mokoia when an enrolment zone scheme is put in place. Watch this space for more information.

### Paid Union Meeting - Tuesday 19th March - School closing early

School will close at 1.10pm on Tuesday 19th March to allow our teachers an opportunity to attend this important meeting which is being held in our school hall.

### 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 6

- Monday 4th March - Tahiti Group Visit
- 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 P1/P2 and P3/P4 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.

As Mrs Bocock said "We have had a lovely day, starting with an impressive whakatau from P1 & P2 to welcome us to Owhata Marae. Matua Hori has shared a range of fascinating stories and we are loving spending time together. It is a beautiful Marae where we all feel at home".

Thank you to Matua Hori, 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 - Kāinga o Waiteti



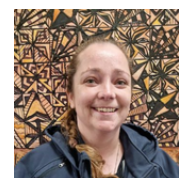
### **Team Leader / W4 Kaiako – Mrs Tineke O'Callaghan**

I love teaching at Mokoia Intermediate because every day brings new adventures and opportunities to inspire young minds. The school is buzzing with energy, creativity, and a real sense of community. I love the challenge of making learning exciting and watching those lightbulb moments when students really get it. The camaraderie among the teachers and the enthusiasm of the students create this awesome atmosphere that makes every class an adventure. I am the proud mum of two girls who are now both at high school. I spend most of my spare time being their taxi to their different dancing and sports clubs. I absolutely love bright colours, especially bright pink and glitter! I am very active and creative and love to make and design things, and do a spot of interior design. My favourite ice-cream is marshmallow and coconut and I really like licorice – especially Dutch salty licorice. When I'm not teaching I love to spend time with my family, read a good book, travel, or go camping at the beach.

### **LSA W4 – Matua Renata**



I like working at Mokoia and interacting with all the staff and students. When I'm not at kura I enjoy fishing, watching the rugby and getting ready for my new baby to arrive.



### **W1 Kaiako – Whaea Jess**

Kia Ora – I am Whaea Jess and I am loving being a part of our Mokoia Community. I have a passion for helping to ensure that your child has the best year they can in my classroom and take advantage of all of the opportunities our school has to offer. I have two boys of own and when I am not at kura I am spending time with my family.

### **LSA W1 – Whaea Rika**

This is Whaea Rika's second year in W1 and she is a fantastic support for Whaea Jess. Her lovely bright smile brightens everyones day and we are so lucky to have her.



### **W2 Kaiako – Whaea Isabel**

Tena Koutou Katoa, Ko Isabel Katene ahau. I am the pouako/ kaiako of Waiteti 2.

I get to work with some amazing tamariki daily, listening to their interesting outlook on life and that they are at kura to learn and be around positive people. When I'm not at Mokoia Whānau time is important – so we like to chill out at home, eat, talk, laugh and hang out!

### **LSA W2 – Whaea Cheyla**



What I love about working at Mokoia is having many opportunities to do what I love which is teach music and waiata. When I'm not at work I love to relax and rejuvenate, and spend quality time with loved ones or myself.



### **W3 Kaiako – Whaea Casey**

I have lived in Rotorua my whole life. I'm a mum to two gorgeous children and have a wonderfully supportive partner. When I'm not teaching, I'm at CrossFit, or spending time down the coast with whānau. The thing I love the most about Mokoia is the whanaungatanga within the school.

### **LSA W5 – Whaea Anna**

I love working as a learning support assistant at mokoia intermediate because I find it rewarding to help support students in their learning and build relationships. The kaiako at mokoia make it an awesome place to work! When I'm not at work I enjoy spending time making memories with my beautiful little whanau.



**And as I did his last week, Matua Jerome would like to add ...**



### **LSA K5 – Matua Jerome**

Firstly, I love the connections and whanaungatanga built in the staff room with teachers. Secondly I am in a place where I get to do things that I love which are music and hanging out with good people – students and teachers.

## Mr Upston's Turf Talk

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Due to the weather we had our first Health classes this week. The students worked in small groups and worked on gaining a greater understanding of the internal organs and their functions within our digestive systems. There were some rich conversations had by many of the classes.

This week saw a small team of students compete at the Waka Ama regatta, they joined forces with Te Koutu Kura and paddled extremely well. The wind was up and conditions were challenging.



Futsal and Touch continue their weekly competition. Check Hero and Facebook for draws.

### Touch

#### Yr 8 Mixed Touch

Another afternoon of grading for our Yr 8 MIXED TOUCH team. First game awesome mahi running in tries on the edges only letting the opposition score once on the full time whistle. The second game was nice and even, a very close game and ended in a 1 all draw. Too much alright. Thanks to all the players for your efforts and your whanau support.

#### Yr 7 Mixed Touch

Played 2 games tonight. First game was a win against Reporoa 5-2 and a narrow loss against Rotorua Intermediate 3-2. Good effort tonight whanau.

### BMX

Whaea Kathryn had the chance to see some of our students racing in Taupō last weekend. They gave a fantastic effort and there were some really nail-biting finishes.

**North Island MTB is now closed. We have a total of 19 students registered to compete, amazing numbers.**

**Next week - TOP schools-** we have two teams of 12 representing Mokoia on Wednesday. Parents please ensure you transport your child to and from the event at Rotorua Intermediate. 4pm-6pm.

## Tech Tidbits

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This week was our last week of client schools and we had Horohoro, Lake Rotoiti and Lake Rotoma kura visiting us. In cooking they got to cook linguine with cherry tomatoes, sweet and savoury crepes and lemon and coconut slice.

In Toi we've explored different formal drawing techniques using a variety of mediums and have created a tonal creature drawing inspired by artist Shaun Tan. We've taken our tonal drawing designs into three dimensions by creating papier mache sculptures. Some students have had an alternative project creating a 3D paper wheku inspired by the artworks of The Dream Girls Art collective

## Stationery Packs

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In need of stationery for school. Office Max still has some of our school packs available. All your child needs in one convenient pack. Get one today from Bay Office Products - 8 Old Taupo Road.



## MERIT AWARDS

<b>K1</b>	<b>Makayla Smith</b> - for being a superstar in class. You show all the school values and take your learning very seriously. We are very lucky to have you in K1.
<b>Rūmaki</b>	<b>Cataleya Wrigley-Pari</b> - Ko te korou kia ako. Ko te mātauranga. Kia whakahurō. Ko koe.
<b>K3</b>	<b>Tori Harvey</b> - Tori receives a merit award for her outstanding attitude. She always settles quickly to work and puts in a 100% effort.
<b>K4</b>	<b>Jade Quirk</b> - you put a lot of thought and effort into your Wordle sentences. Well done, keep it up! Ka rawe.
<b>K5</b>	-
<b>P1</b>	-
<b>P2</b>	<b>Ella-Jay Rangirangi</b> - You have shown resilience, perseverance and upoko pakaru this week in every aspect of your learning. You were impressive at Ōwhata Marae, it was lovely to see you shine bright. Well done Ella-Jay 😊 <b>Israel Moka-Walters</b> - It has been fantastic to watch you shine this week. You didn't stop smiling the entire time we were at Ōwhata Marae. Thank you for being you 😊
<b>P3</b>	<b>Lagan Nora</b> - for your enthusiasm at our Marae Noho. You were 'pumped' from the moment we arrived. I loved watching you join in with every activity and encourage others in your group. You are amazing Lagan. We are so lucky to have you in P3. Keep being you.
<b>P4</b>	<b>Fraser Barclay</b> - I appreciate the effort you put into all you do. I also appreciate your consistently cheerful approach. Keep on being you. <b>Natalee Jefferies</b> - I was impressed by the leadership you demonstrated during the Noho Marae. I really appreciate your efforts.
<b>W1</b>	<b>Luke Robson</b> - Thank you for your hard work that you put into your mahi each day. We are lucky to have you with us in W1 and you are a leader in our classroom. Keep up the great work Luke! Ka pai you mahi!
<b>W2</b>	<b>Tama Samuel</b> - Great work ethics at Ōwhata Marae last week. He showed determination and hard work while we were at noho marae. Ka pai tou mahi Tama! <b>Matenga Cooper - Galvin</b> - Good leadership and work ethic while at Noho Marae last week. Ka Mau Te Wehi e Matenga!
<b>W3</b>	<b>Matthew Fowler</b> - Your presence at Noho was truly remarkable, especially the way you took charge and led the Haka Powhiri. Your passion and immense pride were evident, and I couldn't be prouder of you!
<b>W4</b>	<b>Olivia Filipo</b> - For the constant hardwork and dedication you have been putting into all areas of your learning. You are a terrific role model to have in W4 and it is great to see you embracing Mokoia life and making the most of your time here. Keep up the amazing work Liv!
<b>Multi/Digital</b>	-
<b>Art/Toi Ataata</b>	-
<b>Science</b>	-
<b>Food Technology</b>	-
<b>Health and Physical Education</b>	<b>W4</b> - Fantastic diligent class environment. All students were focused on completing their health posters on internal organs with informative accuracy.



## CELEBRATIONS

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👍 Congratulations to this week's recipient of our He Tohu Whakamanawa - *All that I value I will uphold* award, **Rawiri Wall** in W2 for his outstanding behaviour at NOHO as he stood and represented our Waiteti whānau and spoke on our behalf. He has been asked to take a few leadership roles in our LC.

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

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

👍 Congratulations to **Paige Ramson** and **Xavier Peters** who were chosen to be the Kaituna Kāinga Ako leaders and **Riah Anderson** and **Teina-Jean Taipeti-Cribb** who were chosen to be the Ngā Pōtiki o Papawai. Well done to all the students who presented a speech as to why they would make an excellent Kāinga Ako leader.

👍 Congratulations to all the students who put themselves forward to be sports leaders. Congratulations to those students chosen as sports leaders;

Taine Dyson  
Rawiri Wall  
Elliot Atkinson  
Hayley Gribble  
Grace Fry  
Loralie Packham  
Josh Myburgh  
Matthew Wallace  
Fraser Barclay  
Harriet Wright  
Jasper Leuchs  
Caleb Williams

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




**HARIKOHA**  
 Rotorua Children's Day  
**FREE**  
 Sunday 3 March  
 Rotorua Village Green and Lakefront  
 10am - 2pm  
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