

MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER



TERM 1 WEEK 6 | 8 MARCH 2024

MATUA RAWIRI'S SHOUT OUT

Tena Koutou Parents & Caregivers

We are excited to share with you the latest happenings at Mokoia Intermediate in our recent newsletter. Here are some highlights from the past week:

Tahiti Group Visit:

We were honored to welcome a group from Tahiti to our school with a traditional pōhiri ceremony. The students greeted our visitors with beautiful singing and a heartfelt welcome, showcasing our school's commitment to cultural exchange and hospitality. It was amazing listening to their beautiful singing too. As part of the Tahiti Group Visit, our students had the opportunity to exchange gifts with our visitors, fostering connections and friendships across cultures. It was a wonderful experience of sharing and learning from one another.

Rūmaki Students' Pōhiri:

Our Rūmaki students showcased their cultural pride and leadership skills by performing a pōhiri for a group of Waikato Principals. The students' dedication and poise were truly impressive, highlighting the rich cultural heritage and traditions within our school community.

Awesome School Swimming Sports:

Yesterday our school held an exciting and energetic swimming sports event, with enthusiastic participation from all students. It was fantastic to see our students showcasing their swimming skills, sportsmanship, and team spirit in a fun and supportive environment. The free sausage sizzle went down well as a treat.

We are proud of our students for their achievements and contributions to our school community. Thank you to our dedicated staff, parents, and volunteers for their ongoing support and encouragement.

As we continue to foster a culture of inclusivity, respect, and excellence, we look forward to more exciting events and opportunities for our students to learn, grow, and succeed together.

Stay tuned for more updates and news in our upcoming newsletters.

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 7

- Tuesday 12th March - Wednesday 13th March - Noho Marae K2
- Wednesday 14th March - WAIBOP Mount
- 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

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>

Attendance

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance. **All students are legally required to attend school every day** and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school. As we enter 2024, every day of school matters. **You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent for a day or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.**

If you're struggling at home with getting your child to school, talk to us! Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school and building a culture that fosters excellent attendance by having:

- School staff who have strong relationships with students and whānau.
- A school culture that recognises your child and your family for who they are, where they come from and who they want to be.
- A school community that does everything to make sure students are at school, and they are participating, and progressing in their education.

Parents and caregivers can find more information here: [Policies and Procedures](#) - MOE Attendance Presentation

MEET THE TEAM - Kāinga o Waiteti



Team Leader / P4 Kaiako – Mr Law

I have been teaching at Mokoia since 2010, and really enjoy being part of the Mokoia community. I have three daughters and a gorgeous, (well I think so) schnoodle named ChewwyBarker.

LSA P4 – Matua Hori

Everything I do within the kura is always about the needs of our Akonga. Mauri ora!



P1 Kaiako – Whaea Pam

I've lived in Rotorua for 18 years. When I'm not teaching I like to go kayaking, do gardening, or spend time with family and friends. I have three adult sons and two beautiful granddaughters. Joining Mokoia, I just love the wairua that the school has and being part of that. Caring and patience is something I like to in-still in my students.

LSA P1 – Whaea Ellen

Working at Mokoia Intermediate I like the fun loving staff and the awesome students. I like to dance with friends , ride my bike , garden , catch up with my family, eat and above all sleep in late. It's all about Whānau.



P2 Kaiako – Whaea Deana

Kia ora, I have been working here for 7 years now and absolutely love working at Mokoia Intermediate. I can be found working up in Puarenga this year, with an exceptional team that relates and feels more like a family than a group of colleagues. I love our students and their individual personalities. I am a mum of 5 children of various ages, stages and challenges. In my spare time I find peace at the beach, in the forest and up mountains. Spending time with family is crucial to my inner happiness.

LSA P2 – Matua Jireh

Tēnā Koutou, My name is Jireh Macfarlane-Roach and I am 25 years old, I am from Rotorua born and raised and have been working at Mokoia intermediate for the past 2 and a bit years as a Learning support assistant. I enjoy working at Mokoia intermediate because of the safe environment that has been established here. I enjoy nurturing and guiding our leaders of the future on the best possible path for each individual, and working along side the awesome staff here at Mokoia. In my spare time I spend as much time as I can in the outdoors whether it be fishing, hunting, a round of golf, and basketball. I am also passionate about playing and singing music, my favourite genre is soul R'n'b.

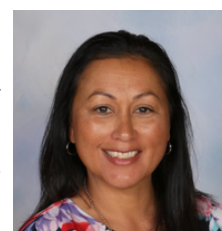


P3 Kaiako – Mrs Bocoek

I started working at Mokoia in 2010. I love the students and the variety of activities and learning we all get to participate in. I grew up in Whakatane and Ohope Beach is my happy place. I also enjoy walking in the forest and horse riding.

LSA P5 – Whaea Moana

Working at Mokoia I am proud to support our students, teachers, staff and school. I love being part of our Mokoia Whanau and have been since 2015. I enjoy supporting our students and seeing their gains in their learning and their personal growth. When I am not at work I love being with my family, dancing and chilling at home to some cool tunes.





Mr Upston's Turf Talk

Congratulations to the following girls Hayley Gribble, Leana Gaugler and Anika Greyling, who have been selected for the Lakes Premiere U14 Girls Academy Football Team. And the following boys for making the U12 and U13 Academy team, Taine Dyson, Xavier Reuben, Elliot Atkinson, Jasper Herbert, Kona Edwards, Mac Herford, Seth Watt, Jack Bray, Jonty Macpherson, Ari Turkington, Jack Bradcock and Reuben Barter. This is a huge achievement and the success is a testament to their commitment, dedication and passion for the sport. We wish these ākonga all the best for the up and coming season



A big congratulations to those students who represented Mokoia at the Super 11 Surf competition today. They did really well and gave it their all.

Well done to all our Mokoia students who took part in swimming sports yesterday. It was a hugely successful day and it was so wonderful to see all the students giving it a go and cheering their classmates on. A real nail-biting finish for our house relay!

Celebrations

👍 Congratulations to this week's recipient of our He Tohu Whakamanawa - All that I value I will uphold award, Claudia Dunn in W2 for putting her head down, getting the mahi done, and for consistently being supportive of her classmates/ LC whānau as a whole.

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

Tech Tidbits

In food tech this term we are focused on food from other countries. This week we mastered sweet and savoury French crepes. So many skills in this simple recipe. Whisking, frying, flipping, the use of the elements, how much oil (not to use hehe) My favourite part is the squeals of delight when the students have achieved a new skill. Lots of deliciousness & stickiness in food tech this week. - Whaea Claire



There has been a huge number of students interested in Art Extension this year, which is really exciting! With around 70 students keen to join, and space for 22, I have an application process in place. Any students who are interested in applying to join can collect a notice from either the art room or the office. Any queries please see Whaea Fiona.



MERIT AWARDS

K1	Jack Hesford - for showing all the school values and doing your mahi to the best of your ability. You are a helpful member or K1 and we appreciate you!
Rūmaki	Tyzell Angel-Mihaka - Ka heke i tōhau hiringa, ka rewa i tōhau māramatanga. Māuruuru nui ki a koe.
K3	Emma Salisbury - consistently putting in 100% effort into everything you do.
K4	Flynn Hurihanganui - For always participating and doing your mahi in Maths. You are really doing amazing, keep it up.
K5	Kiri Riley - Congratulations for being voted as K5's Class Councillor for 2024. You are an amazing young lady who always leads by example. Tau ke!
P1	Harper Moore - For your outstanding commitment and effort at the School Swimming Sports, your sunny nature and diligence in class. Gideon Swart - For showing comendable grit, heart and determination at the School Swimming Sports and for your general reliability in Puarenga.
P2	Eben Shaw - For stepping up and taking the lead in the haka both while we were at noho and for our Tahitian guests. You show passion and enthusiasm Eben. You are an absolute pleasure to watch. Ka mau te wehi Eben 🌞 Charlotte Hodge - The way you challenged yourself and took part in a number of events at swimming sports says a lot about your character. You are determined, driven, competitive and show passion for your sports. Well done Charlotte I am so very proud of you 😊
P3	Abbey Garden - For the enthusiasm, determination and skill you showed at swimming sports. Thank you for encouraging others all day. In class you are extremely well organised, kind and hardworking. We are so lucky to have you in P3 Abbey. 😊
P4	
W1	Amaia Grant - Well done Amaia on having a great week and having had a fantastic start to the year. I appreciate that you are always willing to help others in our classroom and we are all very lucky to have you in W1 with us. Keep being you Amaia! Ka Rawe!
W2	Kalicia Pohatu - Using her initiative and supporting her classmates with work. Ka Mau Te Wehi Kalicia! Noah Evans - Great helper at Noho Marae. Supportive of his classmates and engaging with his learning this week. Mauri Ora Noah!
W3	Hannah Rossiter - Thank you for always being so organised and taking your device role in the class so seriously. You are always on task and finishing your mahi to a high standard. You are a pleasure to have in W3 and I really appreciate your hard work.
W4	Lilly Uhl - For the constant hard work and dedication you are putting into all areas of your learning. You can be relied upon to do the right thing and set a great example for your peers. It is also fantastic to see you grow in confidence and embrace your Year 7 journey. Keep being amazing Lilly.
Multi/Digital	-
Art/Toi Ataata	Puarenga Yr7 - P2 & P3 - For the incredible focus, energy, and enthusiasm that you all brought to Toi Ataata this week. I love the way you support each other with your mahi toi. Your whanaungatanga is brilliant.
Science	Jimmy West - For fully focussing in science and having the capability and maturity to complete the class right to the end of the day, with no additional assistance.
Food Technology	Waiteti Yr 7 - The whole group. For the enthusiasm and passion you show in food tech and on your way to food tech. Your chant and cheering gave me warm fuzzies and teachers need that too! Thank you for a wonderful afternoon of crepe making and giggling. Lockie Thom & Jack Hesford K1 - Thank you for the maturity you showed when we needed to have a partner change, you clearly have wonderful qualities that will set you up well this year. Caleb Williams P4 - Caleb you took on a solo mission this week and you thrived. You managed your time well and produced some beautiful crepes. Tino pai to mahi.
Health and Physical Education	




DON'T FORGET

👍 Make sure you are checking out HERO to see all the fantastic work your child is putting up. If you are still having any issues, please don't hesitate to email Whaea Kathryn at kmcmurdo@mokoia.school.nz

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

Mokoia Intermediate School

Thanks to the below businesses for sponsoring our school app:

If you would like the Mokoia School Skool please email 

Content@skoolloop.com

to advertise on Intermediate Loop App

To download our app: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose School once installed.