

# MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER



TERM 1 WEEK 7 | 15 MARCH 2024

## MATUA RAWIRI'S SHOUT OUT

### Tena Koutou Parents & Caregivers

Last Friday, the Te Arawa Senior Kapa Haka groups participated in a memorable and enriching competition. 'Congratulations' to any parents of Mokoia Intermediate that may have represented a roopu. A huge mihi to Matua Hori who performed for Pikiaorangi, a new roopu that entered this year.

### Noho Marae - Rumaki

Our students immersed themselves in the cultural practices and traditions of the marae, deepening their understanding and appreciation of our Māori heritage. It was a couple of days filled with learning, unity, and pride as our students showcased their talents and dedication to our cultural values. We extend our gratitude to all the whānau and staff who supported this event and helped make it a success. Our whole school have completed noho marae for 2024.

### Principal's Absence and Acting Principal

We would like to inform our school community that our Principal, Matua Rawiri, will be on medical leave until the end of this term and will hopefully return at the beginning of Term 2. During this time, Deputy Principal Mrs Jackie Jones will be Acting Principal. We have full confidence in Mrs Jones's leadership and abilities to ensure the smooth operation of our school. We wish Matua Rawiri a speedy recovery and look forward to welcoming him back next term.

### Important Reminders

- Please ensure that all permission slips and forms are returned promptly.
- Encourage your child to participate in school activities and clubs.
- Stay updated with school news and events through our website and newsletters.

### Thank You

Thank you to our students, staff, whānau, and community for your ongoing support and commitment. Together, we continue to celebrate our culture, nurture our students' talents, and create a positive learning environment for all.

### 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 8

- Tuesday 19th March - NZEI PUM Hui - School Shuts 1:10pm
- Tuesday 19th March - Nth Island MTB champs
- 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/MokCa1>

## Little Heart Day - Fun Funky Footwear Day

Today we had a great fun funky footwear day to raise funds for the Little Heart Day. We raised an amazing \$261.

About Little Heart Day from the organisers;

*Little Heart Day is Heart Kids NZ's national annual fundraising campaign where kind-hearted Kiwis come together at ECE's, schools and workplaces to raise money and help support the thousands of children and whānau impacted by childhood heart conditions in Aotearoa. Each week, 12 babies are born with a congenital heart condition and other previously healthy children are diagnosed with a heart condition following an illness such as rheumatic fever. These children and their whānau need support as they navigate the huge challenges of living with a childhood heart condition. Heart Kids New Zealand is here for every step of their heart journeys - from when the heart condition is diagnosed through to the teenage years and into adulthood. Heart Kids New Zealand is the only national organisation in Aotearoa NZ dedicated to supporting heart children and their whānau, providing vital support services which include information, training, education, psycho-social support, specialist equipment, camps, family matching, social affiliation and financial assistance.*

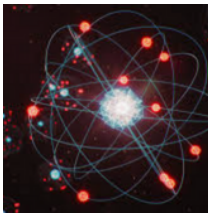
Check out our fun, funky footwear;





## MEET THE TEAM - Kāinga o Utuhina

### Utuhina Rangatira / Science and Multi Materials – Whaea Lisa




I like working at Mokoia because we have really thoughtful students that want to make a difference in the world. Hopefully I'm supporting them to do so. In my spare time I like to play my guitar, I also like to weave, make taaniko, and fix things...or pull machines apart. I love to grow new plants in my garden, and I spend time at the marae learning from the nannies. I read a lot, and love art and design and like to visit art galleries when I can. I keep in touch with other tech teachers in Rotorua and across NZ and always try to improve our tech offer at Mokoia. I also have 2 dogs called Bella and Korra.

### Food Technology – Whaea Claire

Mokoia and its Akonga are at the heart of my community. I started relieving here 5 years ago. I am currently cooking up a storm each week in the Food Tech room, which means I get to know the whole school. Without a doubt my favourite thing about Mokoia is the Akonga, the smiles, greetings, hugs, laughs, jokes and the positive learning attitudes. We (and they) are very lucky to share such experiences. When I am not at work, I am spending time DIYing my house and garden, I'm now as good with a hammer as I am with a whisk! I love colour and creativity so enjoy wandering around markets throughout the Bay of Plenty to admire and be inspired by the the creative and unique talents of local artistries, and buy funky earrings!



### Art – Whaea Fiona



Kia ora, I am lucky to be the Visual Arts Specialist Teacher at Mokoia Intermediate. A strong advocate for supporting the creative thinking and visual expression of our young people. I hope to inspire and empower your tamariki through creative hands on learning experiences. I love living in Rotorua where the arts are a thriving and rich part of our beautiful rohe. I enjoy living here with my musical husband, energetic son, and three very affectionate cats.

## Tech Tidbits

What's happening in Science?

The students are learning material science, specifically the structure of atoms. The students have also been allocated an atomic diagram of an element, and must find 5 examples of how their element is used in industry, manufacturing or in nature. We have already studied the periodic table, and learned to define material science concepts. We have learned the correct terms for laboratory apparatus and have practiced how to safely use the apparatus by completing various tasks in our lab groups. Eventually we will safely create a wood stain in the lab to use on our wood project.

## Celebrations

👍 Congratulations to this week's recipient of our He Tohu Whakamanawa – All that I value I will uphold award, Olivia Filipo in W4 for being an all round amazing student. You have embraced Year 7 life and are getting involved in numerous activities offered. You are constantly doing the right thing and always polite, respectful and willing to help others. A fantastic role model

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





## Mr Upston's Turf Talk

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Busy couple of weeks. We had great success at the Top School competition coming away with first and second. Surfing was a fun and exciting event, we entered two teams of four. The waves were small but the students were buzzing just being out in the water competing in the unique team surfing event. A lot of fun.

### Next Week

We have a strong contingent of 19 students competing across the XC, Downhill and Enduro North Island Mountain Biking Champs. This is one of the pinnacle events for students of this age group for Mountain Biking.

**Crankworx** is next week, plenty of opportunities for students to see the world's best.

**Interschool** Swimming sports is on Friday 22nd March. Those involved will be notified on Hero.



An early start but a fantastic day at the Waikato-BOP Schools XC MTB Champs. A lot of schools entered from all over, in fact the boys Yr 7/8 group had to be split because the numbers were so high.

A huge congratulations to our 8 competitors. You definitely showed all our values!

An even bigger congratulations to Mathew Wallace who took out 1st place for the Year 8 Boys. Millie Coull-Roberts who took out 1st place for the Year 7 Girls and Laksmi Leuchs who took out 3rd place for the Year 7 girls.

A big thank you to the parents who traveled and helped. It was a huge support.

-Whaea Kathryn

## Extra Information.....

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! Does your child still need stationery? There are about 10 packs left at Bay Office Products made up of everything you need. Get in quick before they are broken apart and used for individual items.

! We have a number of activities coming up on offer and students need to keep an eye out on Hero for any information.

! This is just a brief health message to let you know we currently have cases of both Impetigo (school sores) and head lice in the school. I have attached some links to the Te Whata Ora, Health New Zealand site below for more information. If you or your child are concerned they are welcome to fill out a slip at the office and the health nurse can also have a conversation with them privately.

# Swimming Sports Results

Freestyle 50m			
Year 7 girls	Year 7 boys	Year 8 girls	Year 8 boys
1st- Sofia Chapman 41.66sec K 2nd- Olivia Filipo 42.66sec W 3rd- Charlotte Hodge 42.80 P 4th- Abbey Garden 43.59 P	1st- Matthew Fowler 42.05sec W 2nd- Mac Hereford 51.62sec K 3rd- Reuben Barter 51.72sec K 4th- Jayon Davies 55.28sec K	1st- Maddy Newcombe 42.16sec W 2nd- Riah Anderson 49.17sec K 3rd- Hanna Palfery 49.63sec W 4th- Alyvia Charity 50.78sec K	1st- Xavier Peters 37.38sec K 2nd- Gideon Swart 38.16sec P 3rd- Niko Weir 38.77sec P 4th- Noah Evans 39.32sec W
Freestyle 100m			
1st- Sofia Chapman 1.32.72 min K 2nd- Abbey Garden 1.35.37min P 3rd- Charlotte Hodge 1.42.63min P 4th- Laurel Papps 1.49.41 min W	1st- Matthew Fowler 1.39.25min W 2nd- Finlay Jarmey 2.48.00min W 3rd- Campbell Porter 3.04.91 min K 4th- Eben Shaw 4.04.18 min P	1st- Alyvia Charity 1.54.56 min K 2nd- Rongomai Paul 1.58.40min K 3rd- Riah Anderson 2.02.47min K 4th- Claudia Dunn 2.22.73min W	1st- Xavier Peters 1.26.94 min K 2nd- Evan Steer 1.38.75min W 3rd- Luke Robson 1.43.40min W 4th- Foster Boyce 1.51.29 W
Backstroke 50m			
1st- Charlotte Hodge 50.62sec P 2nd- Abbey Garden 54.10sec P 3rd- Sofia Chapman 54.15sec K 4th- Olivia Filipo 54.91 sec W	1st- Matthew Fowler 53.60sec W 2nd- Fergus Herries 59.12sec W 3rd- Mac Hereford 1.05.81 min K 4th- Jayon Davies 1.06.75 min K	1st- Hanna Palfery 1.00.12min W 2nd- Clodagh Mccann 1.05.31min W 3rd- Devon Murray 1.04.37min P 4th- Harriet Wright 1.12.75min W	1st- Xavier Peters 45.82sec K 2nd- Niko Weir 47.70sec P 3rd- Luke Robson 55.66sec W 4th- Foster Boyce 58.41sec W
Backstroke 100m			
1st- Sofia Chapman 1.55.80min K 2nd- Charlotte Hodge 1.59.19min P 3rd- Sienna Shoebridge 2.28.84min K 4th- Esme Symon 2.30.85min K	1st- Matthew Fowler 2.00.57min W 2nd- Fergus Herries 2.17.75min W 3rd- Mac Hereford 2.26.91min K	1st- Hanna Palfery 2.20.31min W 2nd- Harriet Wright 2.49.65 W	1st- Xavier Peters 1.45.19min K 2nd- Evan Steers 2.00.74min W 3rd- Cohen Frost 2.13.34min W 4th Luke Robson 2.14.81 W
Breaststroke 50m			
1st- Sofia Chapman 55.90sec K 2nd- Lilly Uhl 1.01.53min W 3rd- Abbey Garden 1.02.15min P 4th- Laksmi Leuchs 1.12.25min W	1st- Matthew Fowler 57.94sec W 2nd- Jonty Macpherson 59.03sec P 3rd- Thomas Maginess 1.04.80min P 4th- Mac Hereford 1.09.25min K	1st- Charlotte Woerd 53.53sec W 2nd- Maddy Newcombe 59.41sec W 3rd- Loralie Packham 1.04.16min P 4th- Hollie Bowyer 1.05.25min P	1st- Niko Weir 57.25sec P 2nd- Evan Steers 1.00.28min W 3rd- Xavier Peters 1.03.50min K 4th- Noah Evans 1.07.32min W
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# MERIT AWARDS

<b>K1</b>	<b>Braiden Kerrison</b> - for showing fantastic effort and determination to do well in writing. You use a variety of sentence structures to make your writing interesting to the reader. Keep up the good mahi!
<b>Rūmaki</b>	<b>Phoenix Waldren</b> - ka kite i te hurōtanga I tōhau mahinga Ako. Maitaki nui ki a koe.
<b>K3</b>	<b>Alexandria Kolsen-Lodge</b> - your newspaper report on the Titanic is outstanding. You put in a lot of time and effort and as a result your work is of a very high standard.
<b>K4</b>	<b>Sofia Chapman</b> - For showing Whakaiti in helping your fellow peers with their Poi making in inquiry. Well done!
<b>K5</b>	<b>Alexis White</b> - Upoko Pakaru, you have shown fantastic effort and determination to do well in Math. Your bright and infectious attitude makes learning fun. Ka rawe!
<b>P1</b>	-
<b>P2</b>	<b>Chance Kemp</b> - You have been an absolute star this week. I have enjoyed your contributions during our classroom discussions. You have shown perseverance and determination towards your mahi. Well done Chance, keep it up. 😊
<b>P3</b>	<b>Eden Revill</b> - You are an amazing role model in our classroom. You have beautiful manners and you set yourself very high standards. You work independently and often help your peers if they need it. We are so impressed with the quality of your work. Thank you Eden. <b>Sara Pineda Rodriguez</b> - You have settled into our classroom so well. You are polite, friendly and always try your best. We are lucky to have you in our classroom Sara. Muy bien hecho!
<b>P4</b>	-
<b>W1</b>	<b>Sophie Judd</b> - You have shown our school values in your actions each day. You are working hard in the classroom and are achieving great results. Keep up the great work Sophie! You are a valued member of W1 and we are lucky to have you in our classroom. Ka Rawe! <b>Ejay Ireland</b> - Wow! You are working so hard with all of your mahi and achieving great things! Keep up the amazing work Ejay! We are lucky to have you with us in W1! Keep up the amazing work Ejay! Ka Rawe!
<b>W2</b>	<b>Jaiden Ah-Wong Edwards - Ūpoko Pakaru</b> - Jaiden is making her learning number one priority when she is at school. Making good choices around her learning and who she sits with to help her with her learning. <b>Gurparteeek Singh - Whakaiti</b> - He is gracious and considerate towards his classmates and enjoys being in our school setting.
<b>W3</b>	<b>Amiria Tupara-Tonihi</b> - Manaanikitanga- This week when we had a new student arrive in our class you were the first to jump up and offer your help to this student by showing them around the school and making them feel comfortable in our class. You are kind, caring and empathetic to all those around you and it doesn't go unnoticed.
<b>W4</b>	<b>Amber Beattie</b> - For the fantastic effort you are putting into all areas of your learning, in particular handwriting. You are forming your letters beautifully and always ensure your work is presented to a high standard. Keep up the excellent work Amber.
<b>Multi/Digital</b>	-
<b>Art/Toi Ataata</b>	<b>Aria Leonard-Robinson W4, Ashley Crengle P1, Barnaby Button K4, Ellie Smith P4, Emily Rossiter K3, Gurparteeek Singh W2, Hana Palfrey W1, Jasper Leuchs P1, Jessica Wardhaugh W4, Kiri Riley K5, Lakshmi Leuchs W4, Laurel Papps W4, Layla-Rose Wiringi P3, Luka Biggs K5, Manawa Te Moni-Walmsley K3, Matt Bishop P1, Mikayla Botha K3, Niko Weir P4, Oaklee Snowling W4, Olivia Filipo W4, Ollie Pemberton W4, Rangituahiahi Barrett W2, Rihari Riley W2, Simon Lescheid W1, Trojan Grey Tamiti W2, Yhana Ilaio W2:</b> <i>Congratulations on being selected to join Art Extension 2024! I'm excited to have such a thoughtful and talented student in our creative team. He whetū koe!</i>
<b>Science</b>	-
<b>Food Technology</b>	<b>Zee Graham K3</b> - For the Upoko Pakaru you show in food tech. I am impressed with the determination and resilience you have as well as a sense of curiosity. <b>Southern Meremere W3</b> - You obviously enjoy cooking and are happy to share your skills with others. You show Komaitanga through a sense of achievement, confidence & joy! <b>Jayden Moldenhauer P4</b> - You have such a positive attitude towards learning, you're not afraid to get stuck into all aspects of food tech mahi. Ka mau te wehi!
<b>Health and Physical Education</b>	<b>W1</b> - the sport leaders within this class, Taine, Elliot, Maddy and Harriet lead from the front and demonstrated the games they learnt during the PALs leadership course

## 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](mailto:kmcmurdo@mokoia.school.nz)

👍 School closes at 1:10pm on Tuesday 19th of March for the teachers PUM (Paid Union Meeting)

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

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