

MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER



TERM 1 WEEK 8 | 22 MARCH 2024

MRS JONES'S SHOUT OUT

Tena Koutou Parents & Caregivers

As I view our Facebook page and our student learning portfolios in Hero I cannot help feeling so incredibly proud. I look around and see such a diverse group of people, young and old. Working and learning together. Our school is a community of learners, a group that comes together to learn with and from each other. At Mokoia Intermediate we enable young people to engage with the world within them as well as the world around them, to understand their own cultures and to respect the diversity of others.

Congratulations to our Mountain bikers. What an amazing week in our beautiful backyard. How lucky we are to have the Redwoods, our stunning Lakes and Crankworx. The Touch team, Art extension, Legend of the Lake, BMXNZ Nationals, EPRO8, Merit award winners, Science extension and Show Quest, to name but a few. All making a successful impact.

This week we have introduced a Positive Play award. Students who are playing, having fun, being inclusive and doing the right thing will get a ticket, which will then go in a weekly draw for a treat. This is to support, encourage and promote positive play at break times. By implementing these rewards for positive play, we aim to create a culture that values sportsmanship, teamwork, and cultural appreciation, fostering a positive and inclusive environment for all participants.

Mrs Jones and The Mokoia 'A' Team *We are Limitless! We are Passionate! We are Mokoia!*





KEY DATES FOR TERM 1 2024

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>

MEET THE TEAM



Caretaker – Matua Bert Hollis

Matua Bert is an integral part of our school. He makes sure we are safe, the environment is beautiful for the students and solves just about any problem the teachers find. He takes his role very seriously and is appreciated by all the staff and students at Mokoia.

Grounds Assistant – Mr Gregg Hyde

Gregg has worked at Mokoia Intermediate for a large number of years and is always a familiar face around the school. He works tirelessly to keep our grounds looking beautiful and clean. When he is not working at Mokoia.



Dental Therapist – Mrs Wendy Mitchell

The best part about working at Mokoia is the staff are so friendly and approachable, the students are interesting and come from so many different backgrounds. I feel valued and appreciated. In my spare time I enjoy reading, movies, travel and spending time with family and friends.



Dental Assistant – Miss Sara Gardiner

I love working at Mokoia because of the amazing family feel the school has. It is always so positive and friendly. When I'm not in the Dental Clinic, I'm spending my time getting ready for my baby boy to arrive very soon.



Tech Tidbits

What's happening in Toi/Art?

In Toi Ataata / Art Tech this week ākonga have been reflecting on The Lost thing, an animated short film by artist Shaun Tan. Ākonga have learnt a variety of formal drawing techniques and have used these to develop their own strange and wonderful Lost Thing characters. Through our drawings we have been exploring ideas around identity, belonging, and finding our place in the world. - Whaea Fiona

What's cooking in Food Technology?

My favourite part of teaching food tech is when I hear the students have made the recipe at home. My main goal is to teach the skills that our students need to do just this

Thank you Elle for showing me the Pretzel that you made over the weekend. - Whaea Claire



Celebrations

👍 Congratulations to this week's recipient of our He Tohu Whakamanawa - All that I value I will uphold award, Rangituahiahi Barrett in W2 for being a hard worker, always giving your best in all you do. Being humble and showing her true Manaakitanga and Whanaungatanga.

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

👍 Congratulations to all those students who have represented the school in all the different sports over the last few weeks. You have made us so proud.

Extra Information.....

! 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.



Mr Upston's Turf Talk

North Island Mountain Bike Schools 2024 took place this week and what an event it was. Mokoia showed up with our biggest team to date. Mokoia continues to grow in Mountain Biking and without a doubt was the most successful Intermediate school with the most podiums in the U13 and U14 age groups.

<p>Cross Country Results U13 Girls 1st - Laksmi Leuchs 6th - Millie Coull-Roberts</p>	<p>Cross Country Results U13 Boys 13th - Arlo Gray 28th - Marlowe Alton 30th - Manfred Loof DNF - Reuben Barter DNF - Jasper Herbert</p>	<p>Downhill Results U14 Boys 1st- Matthew Wallace 2nd- Noah Evans 3rd- Jasper Leuchs</p>
<p>Cross Country Results U14 Boys 22nd- Fraser Barclay</p>	<p>Downhill Results U13 Girls 1st - Laksmi Leuchs</p>	<p>Downhill Results U13 Boys 8th - Morgan Ambrose</p>
<p>Downhill Results U14 Boys 1st- Matthew Wallace 2nd- Noah Evans 3rd- Jasper Leuchs</p>	<p>Enduro Results U13 Girls 1st- Laksmi Leuchs 5th - Maddy Newcombe 6th - Millie Coull-Roberts</p>	<p>Enduro Results U13 Boys 13th - Flynn Hurihanganui 18th - Jonty Macpherson 23rd - Marlowe Alton 29th - Barnby Button 31st- Christian Joseph</p>
<p>Enduro Results U14 Boys 1st- Matthew Wallace 3rd- Jasper Leuchs 7th - Noah Evans 17th - Elliot Atkinson 18th - Fraser Barclay 24th -Foster Boyce</p>		





MERIT AWARDS

K1	Eason Pearce - You have had a great week and I love the way that you always try your best. Keep up the fantastic work Eason and keep being you! We are lucky to have you in K1.
Rūmaki	-
K3	Paige Ramson - For her outstanding leadership and excellent work ethic in the classroom.
K4	Arlo Gray - for showing Upoko pakaru when participating In MTBXC last week. He continued and pushed himself to complete his heat. Ka rawe!
K5	Greg Kameta-Marsden - You consistently demonstrate good work ethic in your learning. Your ' Haiku Poem' based on the school values was well constructed with some personal examples reflected on. Tau ke!
P1	-
P2	Charlie Cutforth - Charlie has been an amazing role model this week volunteering to help where he can and has been super helpful to Whaea Deana and Whaea Shabilia. We are very grateful and appreciate you Charlie.
P3	Renāda-Jay Clayton Kent - for the determination and skill you showed during maths. You worked hard and shared some clever strategies to solve number problems. Thank you for being such an enthusiastic learner Renāda-Jay. Tumeke!
P4	-
W1	Alia Conley - You have had a fantastic week and I love the way that you go about your work. You have a great work ethic. Keep up the fantastic work Alia and keep being you! We are lucky to have you in W1 with us! Ka Rawe!
W2	Rangituahiahi Barrett - Manaakitanga - Rangi is able to recognise when things go wrong and acts to make it right. She knows that being an upstander is a sign of strength. Ka Mau te WEHI Rangituahiahi! Serenity- Rose Taiatini- Rae - Wairuatanga - Serenity shows compassion to others and to herself. Mauri Ora Serenity!
W3	
W4	Karlie Takuira - For the fantastic effort you have been putting into your reading. I love how positive and proactive you are towards reading with me each day. It is awesome to see the progress you are making, and to hear you sounding out words when they become tricky. Keep up the fantastic work Karlie.
Multi/Digital	-
Art/Toi Ataata	Ruben Barter K4 - For the thought and care that you put into your work in Art. You are not afraid to explore new ideas, experiment and take creative risks. I am excited to see the wonderful art that you create this term. Ka rawe! Arlo Gray K4 - For the positive energy and enthusiasm that you bring to Art. You are not afraid to explore new ideas, experiment and take creative risks. Thank you for always inspiring those around you! Evan Steere W1 - For the thought, care and effort that you put into your work in Art. You have created some outstanding drawings this term and should be very proud of your efforts. Ka rawe! Kingston Jones P4 - For the positive energy and enthusiasm that you bring to Art. You are not afraid to explore new ideas, experiment and take creative risks with your work. The way you get stuck in is brilliant! He whetū koe! Cataleya Wrigley-Pari K2 - The effort and care that you put into your mahi toi in Toi Ataata is excellent! Thank you for being such a hardworking and thoughtful member of the class. He whetū koe!
Science	Eddie Twiddy P1 - for your developing academic resilience. Eddie, you are a capable student, and you have proven that you have the ability to understand unfamiliar scientific concepts. Keep your approach to learning positive, as this will ensure positive outcomes. Raphael O'Brien P1 - for your enthusiastic engagement in class. Raphael, your confidence to speak up and contribute to classroom discussion is admirable. You set a high standard for others to follow. Caden Warren P1 - for your ability to understand scientific concepts very quickly, yet share your knowledge with others. Caden, your academic confidence is impressive, however, you have earned this award for your humility and empathy towards your fellow Lab group team. A great life skill to possess. Kalicia Pohatu W2 - for your kindness and gentle support towards your fellow classmates. Kalicia, not only did you have to juggle your workload, but manage the added stress of supporting your Lab team. Your kind encouragement ensured your team moved forward positively.
Food Technology	Tamajah -Li Kinnaird K1 - Your passion for any kind of learning is refreshing to see and always completed with a smile on your face. Thank you! Ellie Smith P4 - For Komaitanga, you continuously come to Tech ready to learn whether its a practical or theory lesson, the smile never wanes from your face. You gladly help & assist myself or others all while keeping you learning to a very high standard. Thank you for being you! Leana Gaugler P4 - For Komaitanga, you continuously come to Tech ready to learn whether it's a practical or theory lesson, the cheeky grin never wanes from your face. You gladly help & assist myself or others all while keeping you learning to a very high standard. Thank you for being you!

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


👍 School is closed Thursday 28th March for a Teacher Only Day and closed Tuesday for Easter Tuesday.

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

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