

MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER



TERM 2 WEEK 5 | 30TH MAY 2025

WHAEA KATHRYN'S SHOUT OUT

Kia ora e te whānau,

It's hard to believe we're already over halfway through the term! We've accomplished so much already, and there's still plenty more ahead to look forward to.

Last week, our students had the incredible opportunity to take part in **Clued Up Camper** – a free programme that equips our tamariki with essential safety skills. Our Year 7 students learned the basics of first aid, helping them feel confident in looking after themselves and others when out and about. Meanwhile, our Year 8s had the life-saving opportunity to learn CPR – an invaluable skill that could one day make all the difference. While this programme is generously provided to us at no cost, we always offer a koha using funds raised through our fluoro dress up day as a way of showing our deep appreciation. It's a beautiful example of how our community comes together to give our students opportunities that truly matter.

Last night, Matua Dean and I had the privilege of attending the ShowQuest and Wearable Arts event at the Sir Howard Morrison Centre, alongside other proud staff members. What an unforgettable evening! Our ShowQuest students told a powerful, emotional story through movement, visuals, and collaboration – a performance that left many of us with tears in our eyes and hearts full of pride. Their incredible efforts were rewarded with third place, as well as a number of special awards. A special mention must go to Mr Law, whose tireless dedication and support of our students was also acknowledged on the night with a well-deserved award.

Our Wearable Arts students were equally outstanding. The creativity and craftsmanship in their designs were absolutely breathtaking. The amount of time, commitment, and passion that went into each piece – from both our students and the wonderful Whaea Fiona and Whaea Ellen – was evident in every detail. We celebrated a fantastic win in this category too, along with a host of other well-earned accolades.

We are incredibly proud of each and every one of our students who took part, as well as the staff who continue to go above and beyond to support them in reaching their potential. Thank you all for being part of this journey – your support helps us create opportunities where our students can dream big, aim high, and shine bright.

Ngā mihi nui,

Whaea Kathryn on behalf of Matua Rawiri & the Mokoia 'A' Team

We are limitless! We are passionate! We are Mokoia!



KEY DATES FOR TERM 2 2025

Term 2 Week 6

- **Monday 2nd June - Kings Birthday**
- Wednesday 4th June - Yr 7 Boostrix
- Friday 6th June - Mountain Biking Super 11

Term 2 Week 7

- Monday 9th June - Mokoia Wifi Switchover
- Tuesday 10th June - RGHS Production - **Puarenga and W2**
- Tuesday 10th June - BOP Cross Country / Epro8 Semi Finals
- Wednesday 11th June - Epro8 Semi Finals / Epro8 Grand Finals
- Thursday 12th June - Epro8 Grand Finals
- Friday 13th June - Epro8 Grand Finals / **RGHS Production - Waiteti, and Kaituna and Puarenga Cross Country Students**

Term 2 Week 8

- Monday 16th June - Board Hui 6pm - 8pm
- Thursday 19th June - Super 11 Rock Climbing
- **Friday 20th June - Matariki**

Term 2 Week 9

- **Tuesday 24th June - Mokoia Whānau Conferences from 8:30am - 5:30pm**
- Wednesday 25th June - RGHS Leadership Day
- Thursday 26th June - RLHS Leadership Day
- Friday 27th June - Haka Competition
- **Friday 27th June - Last Day of Term**

KEY DATES FOR 2025

Term 3

Starts - Monday 14 July

Ends - Friday 19 September

Term 4

Starts - Monday 6 October

Ends - Thursday 11th Dec

A few important reminders coming up

We just wanted to highlight some events coming up over the next few weeks;

- **Wifi Switch Over** - We are on the next part of our school wide Wifi upgrade. This will mean students will register their individual devices through their school login to access the wifi. All students with BYOD need to have them ready and charged on the day please.
- **RGHS Production** - We have had an unprecedented 250 students register to go and thanks to the amazing RGHS, we have managed to get extra seats to accomodate everyone who has registered. Please note that because of this Puarenga and W2 will go on the Tuesday 10th and the rest of Waiteti, Kaituna and Puarenga students attending cross country will go on the Friday.
- **Mokoia Whānau Conferences** - These are Tuesday 27th June. Please take a moment to read the page about these and about booking. Remember the school is open that day, but students only attend for their conferences with you.
- **Rotorua Lakes High Leadership Day** - A full-day leadership and identity-building experience for Year 8 ākonga, hosted by Rotorua Lakes High School. Students will take part in workshops, team challenges, shared kai, and inspiring kōrero with student leaders and alumni - all while building confidence, connection, and pride. If this is something your Year 8 would like to do please indicate with the survey on hero.



Congratulations to all the amazingly talented students who represented Mokoia this week. We are proud of you all.

Show Quest, Wearable Arts, Epro8





MERIT AWARD WINNERS

K1 Rumaki	Kiah-May Rancelaud: He kōtiro kaha ana ia ki te whakaoti i āna mahi katoa ia rā. He rawe ia ki te tāpiri hautau ā-ira, kia kōtahi te mati ā-ira (hautekau). Ka taea e ia ki te aro ki ngā āhuatanga reo hāngai pū ana ki te pūtake tuhituhi. Ka tautohu ia ki te whakamahi i ētahi kupu, o ētahi kīpeha tūhono whakaaro i roto i te tuhinga. Ka wani kē Kiah-May.
K2 Rumaki	Mana Collier: Mokori anō ngā mihi ki tēnei tama ka tae mai ki te kura ia te rā, ia te rā rite mō ngā mahi. He ngākau māhaki ki te tautoko i ō hoa ki te oti pai i o rātou ake mahi. He pukumahi ki te oti i ngā mahi pāngarau, ā, kua kite hoki au i tō whanake i ngā meka matua me tō māramatanga ki ngā uarā tū. Kei runga noa atu koe Mana!
K3	Emily Harford - Well done on a fantastic week!! You have crafted a fantastic information report on the middle ages and are putting amazing effort into your mahi! Keep up the great work Emily! Ka Rawe!
K4	Saffron Corlett - Well done on an amazing week! The way that you have gone about ensuring your mahi is completed to the best of your efforts is appreciated! Keep up the great work Saffron! Ka Rawe! Jack McLean - You have had a great week at school! You can always be relied upon to get your mahi done and you are always doing the right thing. Keep being you Jack and keep up the great work. Ka Rawe!
K5	Blake Quirk, Tristan Collier, Lucas Brightwell - Amazing job gentlemen! Winners of the Wearable Arts 2025 competition for intermediate grade. Weta workshop should have their eyes on you three for their next movie. Tau ke!
P1	Alexander Jansen van Vuuren - Thank you for being an upstander last week and being brave enough to speak up when others wouldn't. Keep it up Alexander! Israel Moka-Walters - Awesome mahi with your testing and the hard work you have been putting in lately Israel. With continued effort, you will make great gains. Well done! Kalissa Fitzell - It has been a pleasure to work with you one on one and get to know you better outside of what I see at school. You always strive to do your best and you do so with humour and fun along the way. Thank you for being you, we're lucky to have you in P1.
P2	Koda Harris - For the dedication and perseverance you showed while practicing for the Show Quest. The love and enthusiasm you have for telling a story through dance translated beautifully on stage in one jaw dropping, emotional performance. I am so incredibly proud of you 🍀🍀🍀 Dexter Coull-Roberts - For the dedication and perseverance you showed while practicing for the Show Quest. The love and enthusiasm you have for telling a story through dance translated beautifully on stage in one jaw dropping, emotional performance. I am so incredibly proud of you 🍀🍀🍀 Ben Ford - For the dedication and perseverance you showed while practicing for the Show Quest. The love and enthusiasm you have for telling a story through dance translated beautifully on stage in one jaw dropping, emotional performance. I am so incredibly proud of you 🍀🍀🍀 Jessica Christoffersen - For the dedication and perseverance you showed while practicing for the Show Quest. The love and enthusiasm you have for telling a story through dance translated beautifully on stage in one jaw dropping, emotional performance. I am so incredibly proud of you 🍀🍀🍀 Nixon Sears - For the dedication and perseverance you showed while practicing for the Show Quest. The love and enthusiasm you have for telling a story through dance translated beautifully on stage in one jaw dropping, emotional performance. I am so incredibly proud of you 🍀🍀🍀 Noah Baird - For the dedication and perseverance you showed while practicing for the Show Quest. The love and enthusiasm you have for telling a story through dance translated beautifully on stage in one jaw dropping, emotional performance. I am so incredibly proud of you 🍀🍀🍀
P3	Tommy Porthouse - for the time and effort you showed while preparing for Show Quest. It was fantastic to see you try something new. You did an amazing job as a lighting technician. I absolutely loved the show. I am super proud of you Tommy. 🍀 Lockie Wade - for the time and effort you showed while preparing for Show Quest. It was fantastic to see you try something new. You were an amazing performer. I absolutely loved the show. I am super proud of you Lockie. 🍀 Emily Packham - for the time and effort you showed while preparing for Show Quest. It was fantastic to see you try something new. You were an amazing performer. I absolutely loved the show. I am super proud of you Emily. 🍀
P4	Logan Morgan - for being an upstander and doing the right thing at all times. You are a role model. Keep on being the upstander you are. Eben Shaw - you have the self-confidence and self-belief to always be you, no matter who you are with. I respect that. You keep on being you!



WAITETI MERIT AWARD WINNERS

W1	Oaklee Snowling - Diligent hard working student who is responsive and dedicated to achieving her full potential.
W2	<p>Aria Robinson - Whakaiti - I always use my manners when I am out and about with my peers and our Mokoia teachers. MEINGA MEINGA e Aria!</p> <p>Jessica Wardhaugh - Kōmaitanga - I am always prepared for school, I make sure I have everything where I need it to be! MIHARO KOE Jessica!</p> <p>Southern Meremere - Manaakitanga - I am respectful of others and their values. KAI RUNGA NOA ATU e Southern!</p>
W3	<p>Indy Pemberton- Indy! You are always polite and respectful, and your diligence shines through in everything you do. This term, I've been especially proud to see you branch out, form new friendships, and grow in confidence. You are a true asset to our class, keep being your wonderful self!</p> <p>Vaanya Sharma- Vaanya! You consistently work hard and apply yourself in all that you do. You're always willing to try new things, contribute thoughtfully to class discussions, and stay incredibly well organised. Your positive attitude and dedication are truly valued—keep it up!</p>
W4	<p>Aniela McLeod - For the excellent effort you are putting into your typing skills. You are making excellent progress in learning how to touch type. Keep it up!</p> <p>Erin Merilos - For the excellent effort you are putting into your typing skills. You are making excellent progress in learning how to touch type. Keep it up!</p>

UTUHINA MERIT AWARD WINNERS - TECHNOLOGY

Art/Toi Ataata	<p>Fiona Fang - P3: You are showing great interest and progression in Woodtech. You are curious and hardworking, and it is a pleasure to see you growing in your skills. Keep up the great work!</p> <p>Oaklee Snowing - W1: You show great creativity in your designs, thinking outside the box for your projects, and testing your limits from what is being taught. You challenge yourself in positive ways and are a great team player in the class. Keep up the amazing work.</p> <p>Nico Klomp - K5: Nico, I like the way you engage with everything we do in class. You give everything a go and are always a positive person to your peers. You work hard and are producing a great project. Keep it up!</p>
Hard Materials	<p>Jack Hayward-Bray K3 - Jack, the painting that you have produced in Art this term is beautiful! You are such a thoughtful and hardworking artist. I can't wait to see what you create this term! Ka mau te wehi!</p> <p>Lauryn Matua K4 - Lauryn you have demonstrated amazing painting skills in Art Technology this term! You put so much care and effort into your work. It is wonderful having such a thoughtful student in the class. Keep shining bright!</p> <p>Meretitia Porter P3 - Meretiitia, the care, thought and effort that you have put into Toi Ataata this term is excellent! You have produced some beautiful mahi toi. We are lucky to have such a kind and hardworking ākonga in the class. He whetū koe! That's it for the week :)</p>

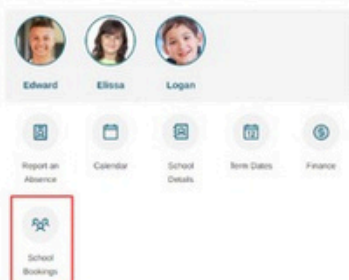


Mokoia Whānau Conferences

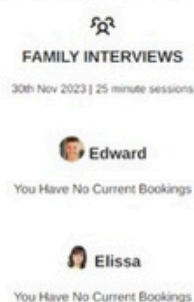
On **Tuesday 24th of June** we are having our **Mokoia Whānau conferences**. **Whilst the school is open for the day, students only attend during their 15 minute interview with you and their teacher. The interview day starts at 8:30am and finish at 6:15pm** with each interview being a fifteen minute block. We are hoping that this can work around schedules of all our whānau. This is a great opportunity for you to talk with your child and their teacher about their learning and the goals they have. There are instructions below on how to book via Hero, or alternatively you can email your child's teacher or contact the office to book a time.

TO VIEW A BOOKING

1. Your caregiver will log into the caregiver app and will see School Bookings on the landing page.

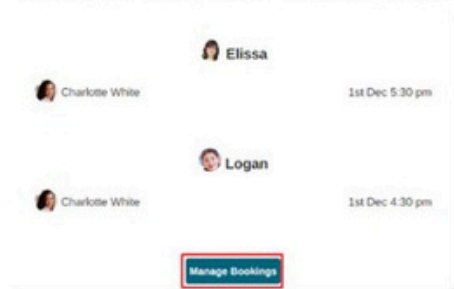


2. Here they will see the event details and any of their associated students who are included in this

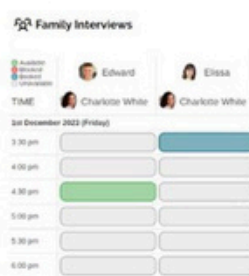


TO ADD A BOOKING

1. Your caregiver will navigate to the School Bookings event and click **MANAGE BOOKINGS**,



2. This will display a table of all available slots for all of their associated students, to enable them to co-ordinate bookings across multiple students. Note: The school has the option to prevent caregivers from booking consecutive slots to avoid overruns and allow for transit time between interviews.



3. If a booking has been made by a staff member, the date and time of the booking will be displayed along with the staff member(s) they will be meeting. This information will remain available, after bookings have been closed to caregivers.



4. To add a booking, the caregiver will click a **GREEN** slot. The booking popup will be displayed. The caregiver has the option of entering a note for the relevant staff member. Clicking **CONFIRM** will secure the interview slot.





ROTORUA LAKES HIGH SCHOOL

Thursday 26 June | 9am – 3pm
For selected Year 8 students
from Rotorua kura

What is it?

A full-day leadership and identity-building experience for Year 8 ākonga, hosted by Rotorua Lakes High School. Students will take part in workshops, team challenges, shared kai, and inspiring kōrero with student leaders and alumni – all while building confidence, connection, and pride.

Why attend?

Future Leaders Day helps students:

- Explore their leadership potential in a supportive environment
- Build confidence and cultural identity
- Connect with the RLHS community and student mentors
- Learn about the RLHS Junior Scholarship Programme (Te Puna Rangatira).

Who should attend?

Each school is invited to nominate at least 5 students who show leadership potential in any of the following areas:

- Student Council or Prefect roles
- Strengths in Cultural, Arts, Academic, or Sports
- Demonstrates resilience or is a positive influence on peers

There's no need for a formal application form – simply email us your nominations, including a brief note on why each student has been selected.

Nominated students will be required to be dropped off at and picked up from Rotorua Lakes High School. Whānau are invited to attend the welcome with their tamariki and are warmly welcome to stay for light refreshments before leaving their precious taonga for the day.

Schools are welcome to nominate a teacher to accompany their students, but this is not a requirement as long as consents are obtained from whānau and arrangements are made for students to be dropped off and picked up.

Nominations close Friday 20th June 2025

FUTURE LEADERS

WHAKATIPU RANGATIRA

What's included:

- Whakatau (whānau invited to attend and stay for refreshments)
- Icebreakers & team challenges
- Workshops on values, communication, and cultural identity
- Guest speakers (alumni, prefects, Year 9 leaders)
- Shared kai (morning tea and lunch provided)
- Certificate presentation at the end of the day.

Linked to the RLHS Junior Scholarship Programme – Te Puna Rangatira

Students attending Future Leaders Day will be among the first to learn about and later apply for our 2026 Junior Scholarships.

- Up to 25 awarded for incoming Year 9's
- Categories include: Academic, Cultural, Leadership, Arts, and Resilience
- Pathways to leadership, mentoring, and year 10 scholarship opportunities
- Announced at Orientation Day and celebrated at 2025 Junior Prize Giving

Contact

For more info or to discuss nominations, or to put forward your nominations please contact:

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GET YOUR
TICKETS NOW!

ROTORUA LAKES HIGH SCHOOL
PRESENTS

EPIC 2025 NIGHT OUT

Performances from: Rotorua Lakes High School | Ōwhata Primary
Mokoia Intermediate | Lynmore Primary | Rotokawa School | Rotorua Primary

*A Celebration of
Talent, Unity & New Beginnings*

Wed, 25 June 2025 | 6.00pm

Sir Howard Morrison Performing Arts Centre

Cost: Individual \$9.50* | Family of 4 \$30* via Ticketmaster
(*plus booking fees)

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