

MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER



TERM 2 WEEK 7 | 13TH JUNE 2025

WHAEA KATHRYN'S SHOUT OUT

Kia ora e te whānau,

It's hard to believe we are already approaching the mid-point of the year! This is an important time to reflect on how far our ākonga have come, and look ahead to the rest of 2025.

As many of you will know, this year has marked a significant shift in education across Aotearoa New Zealand with the introduction of the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum. This refreshed curriculum, launched via Te Mātaiaho, brings a stronger focus on:

- Deep, purposeful learning – ensuring students are learning what matters most.
- Progressions over levels – focusing on the learning journey rather than achievement levels.
- Critical capabilities for the future – such as collaboration, creativity, and resilience.

Because of these changes, our mid-year reporting will look a little different. Your child's mid-year report will be available from Thursday 19 June on Hero under "2025 Mokoia Intermediate Learning Report". This report will include:

- Your child's attendance
- Curriculum progressions they have achieved
- Readiness to learn in both their classroom programme and technology

This is why it is so important that you make a time—if you haven't already—to meet with your child's teacher for our upcoming Whānau Conferences. These are a vital opportunity to connect, discuss your child's learning, and set goals together.

If you are unable to attend on the designated day, please reach out to your child's teacher to arrange a video call, phone conversation, or a time on a different day. Our students have been working incredibly hard, and our kaiako have been working even harder to support them in achieving their goals.

We'd also like to give a special mihi to our Art Extension students and Whaea Fiona, whose amazing work is currently being exhibited at the Rotorua Arts Village as part of the Kua Haehae Ngā HeiHei O Matariki / The Rays of Matariki are Spread exhibition. These talented ākonga have produced stunning pieces that reflect both creativity and deep thinking. We highly encourage you to pop in and see their mahi!

Ngā mihi nui,

Whaea Kathryn & the Mokoia 'A' Team

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



KEY DATES FOR TERM 2 2025

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/RBHS Leadership Day
- Thursday 26th June – RLHS Leadership Day
- Friday 27th June – Haka Competition
- **Friday 27th June – Last Day of Term**

KEY DATES FOR TERM 2 2025

Term 3 Week 1

- Monday 14th July – **Term Three Starts**

Term 3 Week 2

- Tuesday 22nd July – RLHS Open Evening

Term 3 Week 3

- Tuesday 29th July – RGHS Open Evening

Term 3 Week 4

- Tuesday 5th August – **Teacher Only Day (Half Day – School finishes at 11:30am)**

Term 3 Week 5

- Monday 11th August – Friday 15th August Life Education

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;

- **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. **There is a limit of 45 students for attendance at this.**

Congratulations

- Congratulations to all our students who took part in Cross Country this week. We had amazing representation.
- Congratulations to the EPRO8 teams who took on the challenge this week. You represented Mokoia beautifully and we are so proud.
- Congratulations to the students who represented Mokoia at the Chess Competition this week. You have secured a spot at nationals and should be so proud.



KAITUNA MERIT AWARD WINNERS

K1 Rumaki	Josette Malcolm - KaraunaHe kōtiro tino whai kaha ana ki te whakaoti i āna mahi katoa ia rā. He kōtiro puku mahi ki te whai i ngā āhuatanga o te ao kapa haka. He tau tōna tū, ōna whatu me tōna kaha ki te karawhiu i ngā kupu. Nōu te ao Josette, ka wani kē!
K2 Rumaki	Marama Biddle-Hunuhunu - E mihi ana ki a koe Marama mō to kaha ki te tutuki pai i ngā aromatawai katoa mō tēnei wāhanga. Ka piritata koe me ō hoa piri pāua, ā, kua puāwai tō ake tamaroto.Kua piki ake tō reo ā waha i te akomanga, engari rā, he akiaki noa, me tae mai ki te kura i te wā tika kia whanake tonu i ngā mahi marau. Atu i tērā, kei tawhiti koe Marama!
K3	Jasper Herbert - Jasper you have had a great week at school. You have been working hard on your information report and have put in a lot of effort. Keep up the fantastic work Jasper! You are doing a great job. Ka Rawe Jasper!
K4	<p>Jackson Crimp - Jackson, you’ve worked so hard in maths this week, and it really shows! I’m especially proud of how confidently you’ve been using GEMA. Your focus, effort, and positive attitude have been outstanding. Keep it up – you’re doing an awesome job!</p> <p>Sophia Alquezar - Sophia, you are doing a fantastic job with your information report! I can see that you’ve been really listening during our lessons, trying your best, and asking for feedback—all of which show how committed you are to doing your best work. Keep shining bright!</p>

PUARENGA MERIT AWARD WINNERS

P1	Zaviah Wright - Thank you for the hard work you have put in this term so far. You have really stepped up and I am proud of you.
P2	<p>Oceanna Weko - for the tenacity you displayed while working on your narrative piece, you showed perseverance, sought feedback and clarification for understanding. Your final edit and published short story had dark humour and a surprising twist. Well done 🍀👏🐿</p> <p>Sienna van Doorne - For your very entertaining take on the fairytale Goldilocks and the three bears. Your choice of vocabulary was both descriptive and well thought out. I enjoyed reading ‘Goldilocks is crazy,’ I know your intended audience will too. Ka rawe Sienna 🍀👏🐿</p>
P3	<p>Shalome Kanyemba - For the determination and resilience you showed when calculating the perimeter of a variety of shapes. You asked for help and worked really hard with me to complete the activity. Clever you. Keep up the fantastic work Shalome. 🍀</p> <p>Jay Kirkby - For the positive attitude you have towards your learning. You try your best, listen well and you are always willing to help others. I really appreciate your kindness, empathy and beautiful manners Jay. You keep us very entertained with your stories and jokes. Keep being you Jay. 🍀</p> <p>Mana Te Pairi - For always being super helpful in class. You are the best device monitor. You are very particular and take your role seriously. I appreciate your enthusiasm, honesty and humour Mana. Ka mau te wehi. 🍀</p>
P4	<p>Abbey Garden - Your leadership during Show Quest was exceptional and the success of the team was very much to you and your co-captains.</p> <p>Charlotte Hodge - Your leadership during Show Quest was exceptional and the success of the team was very much to you and your co-captains.</p> <p>Macy Green - Your leadership during Show Quest was exceptional and the success of the team was very much to you and your co-captains.</p>



WAITETI MERIT AWARD WINNERS

<p>W2</p>	<p>Jakob Gerbert - Whakaiti - Jakob is learning to own his behaviour when doing activities around school. MIHARO KOE Jakob!</p> <p>Storm James - Whānaungatanga - Storm has a great sense of identity and is learning to demonstrate this daily in and out of our class/ LC. MIHARO KOE Storm!</p>
<p>W4</p>	<p>Tyler Gibbs - For the brilliant effort you have put into your information report on Medicine in the Middle Ages. I learnt a lot of interesting facts after reading your report, and was very impressed with your organisation and structure. Keep up the excellent work Tyler.</p>

UTUHINA MERIT AWARD WINNERS - TECHNOLOGY

<p>Hard Materials</p>	<p>Ben Bridson - K1: You have been an amazing Student in Woodtech. Always on task and you operate a tidy work environment, producing great results. Keep up the great work Ben!</p> <p>Tommy Porthouse - P3: Tommy, you are consistently helpful and hardworking. You always put your best into everything you attempt, even going above and beyond by assisting others. Well done on your work so far this term.</p> <p>Aria Leonard-Robinson - W2: you always try your best in all that you attempt. You are really pushing yourself with the design of your project, and it is coming together very well. You should be proud of yourself! Well done.</p>
<p>Art/Toi Ataata</p>	<p>Tute Fleming K2 - Tute, the focus and effort that you put into your last lesson in Toi Ataata was fantastic! You seemed to be really enjoying working on your drawing and you produced some beautiful work. I'm looking forward to seeing what you create next. Ka mau te wehi!</p> <p>Sophie Kelly K4 - Sophie, the work that you have produced in Art this term is beautiful! I appreciate how much time and care you take with your work. Your drawing skills are amazing. You should be very proud of your efforts!</p> <p>Lazeilia Fitzell P4 - Lazeilia, the work that you have created in Art this term is amazing! You are hardworking, immensely creative, and show courage when exploring new ideas and creating your artworks. You have all of the ingredients of a successful artist! You are a star!</p> <p>Jay Kirkby P3 - Jay, your positive attitude and work ethic in Art are fantastic! I love the way that you are not afraid to explore new ideas and try new techniques. You work hard and get stuck in, which is brilliant! You should be proud of yourself. Well done!</p> <p>Holly Brewer W2 - Holly, thank you for the confident and insightful contributions that you've made to our class discussion on artist Grahame Hoete's work. The care and thought that you have put into your artwork this term is fantastic. I look forward to seeing your completed portrait. Keep up the great work!</p> <p>Waiteti Yr 7 Art class W3 & W4 - Creativity takes courage and you are all extremely brave artists! I love how you all approach your work with energy and enthusiasm. You are not afraid to explore new ideas, try out new techniques, and problem solve as you are creating. Well done for being a kind and resilient class! Rock stars!</p>

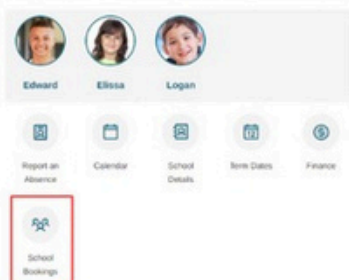


Mokoia Whānau Conferences

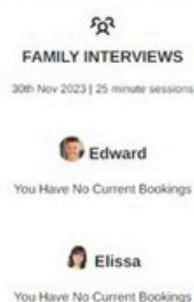
On **Tuesday 24th of June** we are having our **Mokoia Whānau conferences**. **Whilst the school is open for the day, students only attend during their 15 minute interview with you and their teacher. The interview day starts at 8:30am and finish at 6:15pm** with each interview being a fifteen minute 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.

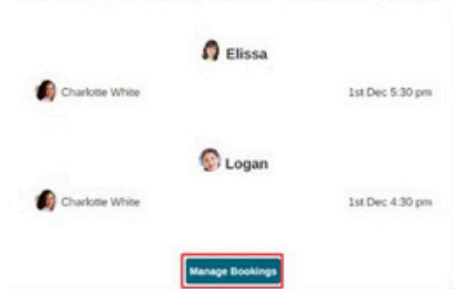


2. Here they will see the event details and any of their associated students who are included in this

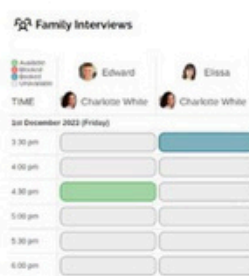


TO ADD A BOOKING

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)

www.ticketmaster.co.nz