

MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER



TERM 2 WEEK 9 | 27TH JUNE 2025

MATUA DEAN'S SHOUT OUT

Kia ora e te whānau,

We have come to the end of another busy and highly productive term at Mokoia Intermediate. This week was particularly busy with a number of events on. I'd like to give a huge shout out to all of you who took time out of your busy lives to attend the Whānau conferences on Tuesday, it was an amazing turn out. I had the privilege to sit in on a few conferences and it was great to hear the robust conversations about students' learning and achievement. A special shout out goes to carpenter extraordinaire Hayden Mitchell, who assisted me with my flat tyre, cheers Hayden. I'd also like to thank all of our hard working staff who have put in some very long hours lately. Their hard work and dedication to their students provides the foundation for our school's success.

Last night I was part of a group of staff that attended the Epic Night Out at the Sir Howard Morrison Centre. It was a lovely opportunity to celebrate the talents of our current and past students in the field of performing arts. A massive thanks to Mr Law and Whaea Cheyla for the work they put in to help our performers shine. As a teacher, I couldn't have been prouder of all our students who took to the stage. I must also acknowledge Mr Tim Smith from Rotorua Lakes High School, Tim organised the night and provided our school with a chance to share the stage.

As it is the last newsletter of the term I'd like to remind all of our students to stay productive over the break (maybe help out with a chore or two) and to make the most of the holidays. To our Mokoia staff, take time to relax and have a well deserved break. To our caregivers, parents and whanau, thank you for the support this term. Stay safe, have fun and we will see you all back in Term 3.

Ngā mihi nui,

Matua Dean & the Mokoia 'A' Team

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



KEY DATES FOR TERM 3 2025

Term 3 Week 1

- Monday 14th July - Term Three Starts
- Monday 14th to Friday 18th July - Client Schools
- Friday 18th July - Call for Board of Trustee Nominations, Super 11 Basketball.

Term 3 Week 2

- Monday 21st to Friday 25th July - Client Schools
- Tuesday 22nd July - RLHS Open Evening
- Friday 25th July - Super 11 Netball, Football and Hockey

Term 3 Week 3

- Tuesday 29th July - Daffodil Day, RGHS Open Evening

Term 3 Week 4

- Monday 4th August - Board Hui
- 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

Term 3 Week 6

- Monday 18th August - Friday 22nd August Life Education

Term 3 Week 7

- Monday 25th August - Friday 29th August Life Education
- Saturday 30th August - AIMS GAMES STARTS

Term 3 Week 8

- Monday 1st August - Friday 5th September Life Education
- Monday 1st August - Friday 5th September Life Education

Term 3 Week 9

- Tuesday 9th September - RGHS Academies Open and Trial Day
- Wednesday 10th September - Wig Wednesday

Term 3 Week 10

- Friday 19th September - Term 3 Ends.

KEY DATES FOR 2025

Term 4

Starts - Monday 6 October

Ends - Thursday 11th Dec

RoboCup Juniors

- Congatulations to our RoboCup teams. We had three teams who competed at Lynmore on the 15th. Two of the teams placed in the top 3, coming in second and third. Both of these teams have qualified for the nationals in Nelson later in the year, this is an amazing achievement. Very good results in the end for our first time at RoboCup Junior!



Our amazing RoboCup teams.
Awesome work.



KAITUNA MERIT AWARD WINNERS

K2 Rumaki	Jimmy Walker - Rehe ake nei Jimmy! I tū pakari koe me tō pēne ki runga i te atamira kei Sir Howard hei te Rāapa 25 o Pipiri. Tō reo rōreka me tō wairua ngahau, kei runga atu koe Jimmy me ōu pukenga maha!
K3	Mac Hereford - Mac you have had a great end to the term. You have ensured that you have finished your work to a high standard and always put the effort into your study! Keep up the great work Mac! Ka Rawe!
K5	Maiah-Grace - You consistently present your work to a high standard as reflected in your learning books and published works. You have done an amazing job with your information poster about food people ate in ancient Egypt. Ka rawe!

PUARENGA MERIT AWARD WINNERS

P3	<p>Frida Hamilton - For the perseverance, determination and resilience you always show during fitness and PE. You are always humble and supportive. Your hard work and training have resulted in amazing achievements. Congratulations for gaining the top beep test score this term - 12.9 and for winning the Bay of Plenty 11 year old girls Cross Country. I am super proud of you. ❤️</p> <p>Lockie Wade - For your spectacular performance at EPIC. You were amazing to watch on stage. You were confident and had fantastic dance moves. Keep being you. I am very proud of you. ❤️</p> <p>Emily Packham - For your spectacular performance at EPIC. You were amazing to watch on stage. You were confident and had fantastic dance moves. Keep being you. I am very proud of you. ❤️</p>
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WAITETI MERIT AWARD WINNERS

W1	Laurel Papps - For her wonderful effort at the recent Rock Climbing Champs in Taupo, making the final 6 competitors.
W2	<p>Hannah Rossitter - Whakaiti - Hannah is a model student. She gets the mahi done, supports her classmates and is always giving her best in all that she does! MEINGA MEINGA Hannah!</p> <p>Leelah Heke- Lewis - Kōmaitanga - Leelah is learning to take pride in her work and not to rush her mahi. KA PAI KOE Leelah!</p>
W3	<p>Cef Cudby - Cef, ever since parent interviews, it's like a switch flipped, you've been showing up with a whole new attitude! You've been putting in awesome effort to get your work done, and it's clear you're working hard towards the goals you set. Keep it up!</p> <p>Lily Brears - Lily, you've settled into W3 so smoothly! You've picked up the new routines like a pro and started making some great new friendships. Your independent work has been amazing — you always give it your best. Well done!</p>
W4	Mereana Dutta - For the fantastic effort you have put into your group's play on the Middle Ages. You naturally took charge to help get your group on track when rehearsing, and showed some great leadership skills. Well done Mereana - keep it up!

UTUHINA MERIT AWARD WINNERS - TECHNOLOGY

Hard Materials

Ashleigh Ramson - P2: You always have such a cheerful presence and a great sense of humour. You work hard and have completed some amazing projects this term. Keep up the great Learning Ashleigh!

Robert McMurdo - P3: Robert, you have shown great work Ethic in Woodtech this term. You remain focused on the task at hand and always aim for great quality. Keep up the great Mahi!

Zyiondre Paku - W1: You really showed up this week in wood tech, you brought a hard working attitude and great work ethic. It was so good to see! Keep up the great work, and thank you for going above and beyond by helping complete all your classmates' work as well as your own. Well done Zyiondre.

Art/Toi Ataata

Bos Veysey K3: Bos, the effort and enthusiasm that you've put into completing your work in Art Technology this term has been excellent! I love how proud you were in completing your self-portrait. Your skills have gone from strength to strength, and you should be very proud of your achievements!

Artemis Bainbridge K4: Artemis, I love how you approach everything that you do in Art with immense creativity! You are original, and not afraid to explore new ideas, and experiment with your work. Thank you for always inspiring those around you. You are a star!

Taya Manuel P4: Taya, the thought, care and effort that you put into completing your self-portrait in Art this term is fantastic! You use colour beautifully and have produced a very strong painting. You should be proud. Well done!

Legacy Forsyth P2: Legacy, the work that you have produced in Art this term is excellent! You have very strong drawing skills, use colour beautifully and have created a wonderful self-portrait. You should be very proud of your efforts. He whetū koe!

Amber Beattie W1: Amber, you have produced some outstanding work in Art this term! Your painting skills are very strong and you use colour beautifully. The self-portrait that you've created is fantastic. You should be very proud of your efforts!

Elsa James W4: Elsa, you have produced some beautiful work in Art this term and should be very proud of your efforts! You always approach your work with thought, care and originality. I love the way you use colour in your work. You are an absolute star. Well done!

Food Technology

Rikshek Kumar P3 - What a wonderful way to end the term in Food Technology. I was blown away by your presentation skills this week. Whaea Delina is super proud of your growth throughout term 2. Keep up the great work.

Zaviah Wright P1 - Wow I was super impressed with the way you took charge and how you led the way with your final bake off task. You were so focussed and helped your buddy get through the task. You showed me that you learnt so much this term, you have a great future in cooking!

Iziah Treloar K5 - Well done on your final bake off challenge this week. I was super impressed with your cooking skills. You have shown that you have learnt a lot this term and you showed great presentation skills when plating your golden syrup sponge pudding.

Zosia Costello K4 - Thank you for being such a fantastic role model all term. It has been such a pleasure to teach you Food Technology. You finished the term off with a bang by producing a fantastic plate in our bake off challenge.

Trinity Haimona-Marks W2 - You are such a quiet achiever who just gets the job done. All term you have often worked independently or alongside Whaea Delina as she demonstrated to the students. It has been a pleasure having you in class and watching you develop your cooking skills.

Bella Dallaway W3 - It has been such a pleasure to see you grow and develop over the course of term 2 in Food Technology. You lead the way in your bake off challenge this week, full of confidence. Well done and keep up the great work!

Congratulations

Congratulations to our three league super stars in the making: Puha Pirika, Lennox James-Heke and Jimmy Walker. These rising stars have made it into the BOPDRL U13 representative team. Their skill level was enough to have them selected out of 60 other players from across the Bay of Plenty who trialled.



Cross Country

Congratulations to the 12 students who made up our Cross Country team. These students recently competed at Kaharoa school, it was the first time that they ran this particular course. We had a number of students who gained top ten placings. Special recognition to Frida Hamilton who won her race and and Jack Bradcock who came a close second in his race. All of our runners gave it their best. Ka mau te wehi!





Fluro Golf

On the 16th of June Whaea Kathryn, Whaea Evelyn and some intrepid parents took a group of 54 brightly dressed students to Lake View Golf Club to participate in the Fluro Golf event.

Thankfully, the weather was great albeit a little chilly. A range of golf skills were on display from absolute beginners to students who were playing off handicaps. No matter the skill level a huge amount of fun was had by all. It was great to see such a high level of participation. It's great to see our students making the most of all the experiences we offer them.

Thanks to all those adults who gave up their time to support the teams we had entered. A special thanks to Whaea Kathryn who spent lots of time organising teams over the weekend. she even dressed up in her own fluorescent outfit.





**ROTORUA LAKES
HIGH SCHOOL**

You're Invited to...

THURSDAY
**26
JUNE**

Future Leaders of Lakes -Whakatipu Rangatira

**Term 2, Week 9 - For selected students
9:00am – 3:00pm**

A full-day leadership and identity-building experience for selected Year 8 students from across Rotorua showing strengths in cultural, academic, sporting, arts, or leadership areas - as well as those demonstrating resilience and emerging potential.

Each kura will be invited to nominate at least five students - depending on overall numbers, this may be extended. Nominations will come from your child's kura.

TUESDAY
**22
JULY**

Open Evening & Junior Scholarship Launch

**Term 3, Week 2
Welcome at 5:30pm - finish by 7:30pm**

An evening for Year 8 students and their whānau to explore our kura, meet staff and students, and learn about opportunities in: Academic programmes, Arts and Culture, Leadership, Sports, Learning Support and the Junior Scholarship Programme. Refreshments provided.

WEDNESDAY
**30
JULY**

Open Day Term 3, Week 3 | 9:00am – 2:30pm

A hands-on, high-energy day of fun, workshops, and kai - designed to give Year 8 students a real feel for the vibrant life of our kura. We will provide transport for schools who need it.

Whānau are invited to join us for the whakatau (welcome) at 9:00am with their tamariki, and are warmly encouraged to stay for light refreshments before the Open Day continues.

THURSDAY
**23
OCT**

Orientation Day Term 4, Week 3 | 9:00am – 2:30pm

For all confirmed 2026 Year 9 students - a welcoming day of connection, confidence-building, kai and whānau engagement.

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