



MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER



TERM 3 WEEK 1 | 18TH JULY 2025

MATUA RAWIRI'S SHOUT OUT

Welcome Back to Term 3 – Mokoia Intermediate

Tēnā koutou katoa,

A very warm welcome back to Term 3 at Mokoia Intermediate! We hope everyone enjoyed a restful and refreshing break, and that you're ready for another exciting term of learning, growth, and connection.

This term brings new opportunities to challenge ourselves, strengthen relationships, and celebrate progress—both big and small. Whether you're a returning student or a new face in our kura, we are thrilled to have you with us.

Over the coming weeks, students will engage in a range of enriching experiences both inside and outside the classroom—from sports tournaments and cultural events to science fairs and hands-on learning projects. Our dedicated staff are looking forward to supporting every learner to reach their potential and take ownership of their learning journey.

Let's make Term 3 a time of purpose, pride, and positivity. Together, we will continue to build a strong, inclusive, and empowered learning community.

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui!

Ngā mihi nui,

Matua Rawiri & the Mokoia 'A' Team

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



KEY DATES FOR TERM 3 2025

Term 3 Week 2

- Monday 21st to Friday 25th July - Client Schools
- Tuesday 22nd July - RLHS Open Evening 5:30pm**
- Friday 25th July - Super 11 Netball, Football and Hockey

Term 3 Week 3

- Tuesday 29th July - Daffodil Day, RGHS Open Evening
- Wednesday 30th July - RLHS Open Day**
- Friday 1st August - Super 11 XC

Term 3 Week 4

- Monday 4th August - Board Hui
- Tuesday 5th August - Teacher Only Day (Half Day - School finishes at 11:30am)
- Wednesday 6th August - Board Nominations Close**
- Thursday 7th August - Science Roadshow
- Friday 8th August - Super 11 Sevens

Term 3 Week 5

- Monday 11th August - Friday 15th August Life Education
- Wednesday 13th August - RGHS Open Day

Term 3 Week 6

- Monday 18th August - Friday 22nd August Life Education
- Tuesday 19th August - Tough Guy and Gal

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

- Wednesday 17th September - New Board takes office**
- Friday 19th September - Term 3 Ends.**

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Lakes High School Orientation Events

This term is the start of the orientation events for our Year 8's for 2026. On **Tuesday 22nd July is Rotorua Lakes High School Open Evening** and on **Wednesday 30th of July is their Open Day**. All our Year 8 cohort will attend on this day.

Board Elections

This term it is time for our board elections. Today you will receive an email regarding nominations for this. This year we are using the outside agency Election Pilot to run our elections. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the office.

AIMS and Sports Fees

We would really like to thank those who have made the effort to pay their child's outstanding fees or set up an automatic payment with the school. We still have a number of outstanding fees for sports, particularly Touch Rugby from Term 1. All those students participating in AIMS have also now been invoiced. We ask that you please check your child's account on HERO to see if there are any unpaid sports fees and if these can be paid. These unpaid fees come at a cost to the school as we still get charged by the outside agency for their participation.

If you have any questions regarding your account, please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Whanau Details

We understand that sometimes information can change since enrolling your child. If you have had a change of address, phone number, or any other personal details we would really like to know so we can update them in our system.

If you have please email Sue at office@mokoia.school.nz with the updated information.

KEY DATES FOR 2025

Term 4

Starts - Monday 6 October

Ends - Thursday 11th Dec

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

The nomination process for our School Board elections has started and nominations are now open. We have **5 spaces for parent representatives on the Mokoia Intermediate School Board**.

We have appointed Schooled Election Pilot as the Returning Officer for the election, they will be handling the election process and you will see communications directly from them.

Everyone who is eligible to vote in the election will receive a nomination pack (either via email or post). The info pack will contain everything you need to nominate yourself or another member of the community. (If you are going to nominate someone else, just make sure they know about it and will accept the nomination!). It will also include information who isn't able to be a School Board member.

If you need extra forms, or want a copy of the nomination form in Te Reo Māori or another language, just contact the Returning Officer from Election Pilot directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or election@electionpilot.nz.

Don't leave things to the last minute, because elections close at noon on Wednesday 6th August. You can email in your nomination, complete it online at www.boardelections.nz or fill it in and drop it off to the school office. You can also send in a candidate statement and smiling photo with your nomination as well.

A copy of the electoral roll is kept at the school office and is available to be checked during usual school hours.

Voting will end at 4pm on Wednesday 10th September.



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Below is the election timetable for your kura for the 2025 triennial school board elections

PARENT & STAFF ELECTION TIMETABLE

CLOSE MAIN ROLL	Wednesday 16 July
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS	Friday 18 July
CLOSE SUPPLEMENTARY ROLL	Monday 4 August
NOMINATIONS CLOSE	12 noon Wednesday 6 August
VOTING PAPERS ISSUED	Wednesday 13 August
ELECTION DAY	Wednesday 10 September
CLOSE POLL	4pm on Wednesday 10 September
COUNT VOTES & DECLARE RESULTS	Tuesday 16 September
BOARD TAKES OFFICE	Wednesday 17 September

If you have any questions, please contact the Election Pilot Mission Control Team.



KAITUNA MERIT AWARD WINNERS

K1 Rumaki	Kaydence Albert - He kōtiro kaha ki te mahi i ngā waiata o te kāhui Kaituna ia wiki. He pakari tōna tū me te hiki i te roopu nei. He kōtiro whakapau kaha ana ki te tutuki i āna mahi ako ia wiki. He aha nei te kōrero mōna, he kōtiro hūmārie, he kōtiro maia, he kōtiro ātaahua. Nōku te whiwhi!
K3	Millie Olphert - You are making a great effort in your maths and it shows! Keep asking questions and working hard Millie! You are doing a great job at helping those around you too! Keep up the great work Millie! Ka Rawe!
K4	Eva Cooper - Stephens - Eva, you are always so helpful in our classroom! You take the time to tidy up, complete your work to a high standard, and do it all with a positive attitude. I am always super appreciative of how thoughtful and reliable you are. Ka pai, Eva! Raymond Reid - Raymond, you've come back from the break with such a great attitude! You're working hard in class and giving your mahi your best effort. Keep it up – well done, Raymond!
K5	Iziah Treloar - You have made a fantastic start to the term completing work on time and to a good standard. I appreciate your effort to expand your knowledge about The Solar System and asking thoughtful questions. Ka mau te wehi!

PUARENGA MERIT AWARD WINNERS

P1	Lucas Dakin-Hoy - You've done really well this week and hit the ground running. Not only have you managed yourself well with your classroom tasks but have also juggled extra-curricular activities with ease. Keep up the momentum Lucas!
P2	Caden Purdie - For the kind and caring way you have supported your classmates this week. You have shown empathy and been there to offer advice and guidance when required. We are lucky to have such a kind and gentle student in P2. ❤️
P3	Ketia Campbell - for the patience, determination, focus and skill you showed when creating your Zoo in maths. You measured your cages carefully and then calculated the perimeter and area accurately. Clever you! Keep up the fantastic work Ketia. ❤️ Hikairo Adams-Ngawhika - for the mature way you showed concern, care and empathy for a teacher. Thank you for being such a kind and thoughtful member of our class Hikairo. I am so proud of you. ❤️ Landrē Deetlefs - for the way you have settled into P3. You are honest, hardworking and will ask for help when you need it. Keep up the amazing work Landrē. We are lucky to have you. ❤️ Harlan Bracefield - for the patience, kindness and support you gave a buddy during maths. You explained the activity clearly and worked hard to ensure you both completed your work to a high standard. Thank you Harlan. ❤️

WAITETI MERIT AWARD WINNERS

W2	Jakob Gerbert - His ability to share and communicate with his classmates has improved since the beginning of the year. Kia Kaha Koe Jakob! Amy Hill - Amy's confidence is proving that she is a stronger and better learner. Ka Pai koe Amy!
W4	Milly Dove - For consistently demonstrating outstanding effort in your learning. You are focused, on task, and up to date with your work – making you a fantastic role model for others! Keep it up Milly.



HE TOHU WHAKAMANAWA AWARD

Congratulations to this week's recipient of our He Tohu Whakamanawa - All that I value I will uphold award, **Samantha Webser in W2** for constantly demonstrating our values in everything you do. You certainly encompassed all that our values stand for. Tu Meke Aria!

UTUHINA MERIT AWARD WINNERS TERM 2 YEAR 7 - MATERIAL SCIENCE / INTRODUCTION TO TINKERCAD.

K4	Hayden Jones - Term award Material Science - Awarded for consistent excellent academic focus and documented evidence of skills-based outcomes.
K5	Elijah Harvey - Term award Material Science Awarded for consistent excellent academic focus and documented evidence of skills-based outcomes.
K5	Karly Hunt -Term award Material Science - Awarded for consistent excellent academic focus and documented evidence of skills-based outcomes.
K4	Lila Eason - Term award Material Science - Awarded for developing active learning skills by engaging positively in compulsory classroom tasks.
P2	Caden Purdie - Term award Material Science - Awarded for consistent excellent academic focus and documented evidence of skills-based outcomes.
P3	Lockie Wade - Term award Material Science - Awarded for consistent excellent academic focus and documented evidence of skills-based outcomes.
P2	Dexter Coull-Roberts - Term award Material Science - Awarded for consistent excellent academic focus and documented evidence of skills-based outcomes.
P3	Liam Wickett -Term award Material Science - Awarded for consistent excellent academic focus and documented evidence of skills-based outcomes.
P3	Whawhai Hunuhunu - Term award Material Science - Awarded for developing active learning skills by engaging positively in compulsory classroom tasks.
W4	Rico Evans - Term award Material Science - Awarded for developing active learning skills by engaging positively in compulsory classroom tasks.
W4	Milly Dove - Term award Material Science - Awarded for consistent excellent academic focus and documented evidence of skills-based outcomes.
W4	Aniela McLeod - Term award Material Science - Awarded for consistent excellent academic focus and documented evidence of skills-based outcomes.
W3	Rachel Van Rensburg -Term award Material Science - Awarded for consistent excellent academic focus and documented evidence of skills-based outcomes.
W3	Bema Tuhou-Marron -Term award Material Science -Awarded for developing active learning skills by engaging positively in compulsory classroom tasks.



UTUHINA MERIT AWARD WINNERS TERM 2 2025 YEAR 8 EXCELLENCE - INTRODUCTION TO DESIGN/DIGITAL DESIGN

K3	Reuben Barter -Term award Digital Design - Awarded for consistent excellent academic focus and documented evidence of skills-based outcomes. Reuben, you are beginning to develop your skills as a talented digital designer. I wish you well as you continue your learning journey in design.
K3	Maihi Brightwell - Term award Digital Design - Awarded for consistent excellent academic focus and documented evidence of skills-based outcomes. Maihi, you are beginning to develop your skills as a talented digital designer. I wish you well as you continue your learning journey in design.
K3	Barnaby Button - Term award Digital Design - Awarded for consistent excellent academic focus and documented evidence of skills-based outcomes. Barnaby, you are beginning to develop your skills as a talented digital designer. I wish you well as you continue your learning journey in design.
P4	Ethan Hucker - Term award Digital Design - Awarded for consistent excellent academic focus and documented evidence of skills-based outcomes. Ethan, you are beginning to develop your skills as a talented digital designer. I wish you well as you continue your learning journey in design.
P4	Seth Watt - Term award Digital Design - Awarded for consistent excellent academic focus and documented evidence of skills-based outcomes. Seth, you are beginning to develop your skills as a talented digital designer. I wish you well as you continue your learning journey in design.
P1	Lucas Dakin- Hoy - Term award Digital Design - Awarded for consistent excellent academic focus and documented evidence of skills-based outcomes. Lucas, you are beginning to develop your skills as a talented digital designer. I wish you well as you continue your learning journey in design.
W1	Fergus Herries - Term award Digital Design - Awarded for consistent excellent academic focus and documented evidence of skills-based outcomes. Fergus, you are beginning to develop your skills as a talented digital designer. I wish you well as you continue your learning journey in design.
W1	Asha Grace - Term award Digital Design - Awarded for excellent academic focus and documented evidence of skills-based outcomes. Asha, you are beginning to develop your skills as a talented digital designer. I wish you well as you continue your learning journey in design.
W1	Olivia Filipo - Term award Digital Design - Awarded for consistent excellent academic focus and documented evidence of skills-based outcomes. Olivia, you are beginning to develop your skills as a talented digital designer. I wish you well as you continue your learning journey in design.
W2	Andre Niao-Jones -Term award Digital Design - Awarded for consistent excellent academic focus and documented evidence of skills-based outcomes. Andre, you are beginning to develop your skills as a talented digital designer. I wish you well as you continue your learning journey in design.



**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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