

MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER



TERM 3 WEEK 5 | 15TH AUGUST 2025

MATUA RAWIRI'S SHOUT OUT

Kia o ra e te whānau,

Firstly 'CONGRAULATIONS' to our Robocup team who represented our school at the Nationals in Nelson. A huge thank you to Whaea Jess for organising everything from flights, accommodation to fundraising and seeking sponsorship. A huge task in itself but having a kaiako that is passionate about this and getting our students there was amazing. Well done Team! Your wonderful Whaea Jess.

Well done to the three teams of students who participated in the Amazing Race with Whaea Kathryn and two dads Aaron and Carl.

There has been lots of fundraising occurring in the previous weeks for all of our AIMS teams. Thanks coaches and parent helpers. Your commitment doesn't go unnoticed.

17 students represented our school at the Super 11 Cross. Well done to Frida for placing 2nd in the Year 7 girls division against a very tough field.

CONGRATULATIONS National Showquest Toi finalists Radiantly Rogue, our amazing wearable artists Oaklee, Ava, and Ashleigh - Special Award winners ~ Best Interpretation of Design Brief - Imaginary Friends. And Congratulations to team Partysaurus, Blake, Tristan, and Lucas for being awarded a Highly Commended. Very proud of our incredible Mokoia Wearable artists.

2025 - what a year! Our biggest ever for TOI, a year where wearable art and creativity filled every room and space to the absolute brim. From Tai Tokerau Northland down to Invercargill and everywhere in-between, designers ideated, experimented and persevered to bring their visions to life.

Our school is involved in many other activities and sport's, thanks to all the committed teachers and parents. Giving our students these opportunities is fantastic and great for social experiences.

Have a good weekend everyone!

Matua Rawiri the Mokoia 'A' Team
We are limitless! We are passionate! We are Mokoia!



KEY DATES FOR TERM 3 2025

Term 3 Week 6

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

Term 3 Week 7

- Monday 25th August - Friday 29th August Life Education
- Wednesday 27th August - Mokoia Open Evening
- Friday 29th August - LC Speech Finals
- Saturday 30th August - AIMS GAMES STARTS

Term 3 Week 8

- Monday 1st September - Friday 5th September Life Education
- Monday 1st September - Friday 5th September - AIMS GAMES
- Monday 1st September - Board Hui

Term 3 Week 9

- **Monday 8th September- Teacher Only Day (Half Day - School finishes at 11:30am)**
- Tuesday 9th September - RGHS Academies Open and Trial Day
- Wednesday 10th September - Wig Wednesday
- Friday 12th September - School Speech Finals

Term 3 Week 10

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

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Teacher Only Day

A reminder that we have our **½ day Teacher Only Day on Monday 8th of September**. School will **finish at 11:30am**.

Board Voting

Elections for our new Board of Trustees is now underway. All eligible voters should have received an email with a link to the Election Pilot portal in your email. Any voters without a registered email will receive their voting paper by mail.

Polls close at 4pm on Wednesday 10th of September, with **postal votes being accepted until Monday 15th September**.

Results will be declared on Tuesday 16th September, and the **new board takes office on Wednesday 17th September**.

KEY DATES FOR 2025

Term 4

Starts - Monday 6 October
Kaituna Camp - Tuesday 11th November to Friday 14th November
Puarenga Camp - Tuesday 18th November to Friday 21st November
Waiteti Camp - Tuesday 25th November to Friday 28th November
Ends - Thursday 11th Dec



Communication from the Mokoia School Board

Kia ora e te whānau,

The Mokoia Intermediate School Board of Trustees has, today, written to the Minister of Education, requesting the appointment of a Limited Statutory Manager, to oversee certain aspects of the Board's role. A Limited Statutory Manager (**LSM**) is appointed where a school is facing serious issues, including where there is a significant concern regarding a school's operations. This is an unusual step, and not one that is taken lightly. However, the Board feels it has no choice but to seek this intervention owing to a serious situation that has arisen in relation to the upcoming board elections.

Concerns giving rise to request for Ministry Intervention

The Board is highly concerned by the nomination of Janet Du Fall, Russell Du Fall and Julie Calnan to stand for board positions as parent representatives. Ms Du Fall was, until April 2025, an employee of the school. Her employment was terminated following what the school considered was an irrevocable breakdown in the employment relationship between her and the Board. There have been ongoing legal proceedings between Ms Du Fall and the Board over a period of years (since September 2023); and Ms Du Fall is currently pursuing both an Employment Court challenge and Employment Relations Authority claim against the school. Russell Du Fall is the husband of Janet Du Fall, and has been actively involved in the ongoing legal proceedings as her support person. Julie Calnan is understood to be a friend/acquaintance of the Du Falls. The Board considers there is a significant concern regarding the school's operations given the prospect of these individuals being elected to the board while Ms Du Fall is actively pursuing legal action against Mokoia Intermediate.

What would the appointment of a LSM mean for the school?

Where a LSM is appointed, they take on some (but not all) of the Board's functions. All matters that are outside the LSM's mandate remain with the school's elected Board representatives. The Board has asked that a LSM be appointed with a fairly narrow mandate – to oversee the ongoing matters between the school and Ms Du Fall (and financial matters associated with that); and to manage and respond to any potential conflict of interest issues that arise in relation to the incoming Board. Outside of these matters, our expectation is that the Board and school will continue to operate as normal; and that the upcoming Board elections will take place as planned.

What does this mean for my child at the school?

Our expectation is that this step will not affect the day-to-day operation of the school. The Board continues to support our fantastic senior leaders in providing a fantastic learning environment for our ākonga.

What should I do if I have questions or concerns regarding this?

We appreciate this step is likely to be unsettling for the community, however we are confident that seeking this intervention is in the best interests of the school. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Board by emailing presidingmember@mokoia.school.nz.

Ngā mihi nui,

The Mokoia Intermediate School Board of Trustees

MOKOIA VALUE AWARD WINNERS

We're excited to launch our brand-new Mokoia Values Awards – and they're pretty cool!

These special badges recognise students who consistently demonstrate one of our school values at a high level. Teachers, alongside other staff, can nominate students based on the way they act, speak, and approach their learning.

Each badge represents one of our six core values, and over their two years at Mokoia, students have the opportunity to collect the full set. It's a way of celebrating not just what our students achieve, but who they are and the positive impact they have on our school community.

We can't wait to see students proudly wearing their Values Badges and striving to collect them all!



Whakaiti	Ashiel Nair - Whakaiti - I have pride and integrity in all of my work whilst acknowledging the work of others. KA PAI KOE Ashiel!
Manaakitanga	Jack Hayward Bray - You show Manaakitanga all day every day at kura towards everyone. You are a real gem and are a great role model for everyone at Mokoia. Keep being you Jack!
Whānaungatanga	Aria Leonard- Robinson - Whanaungatanga - I have empathy for the problems of others. MIHARO KOE Aria!

PUARENGA MERIT AWARD WINNERS

P1	Jeht Bayly - It was so awesome to hear the way you stepped up when representing our school at Western Heights' Open day. Thank you for showing our school values, unprompted, and acting with care and respect toward others. Keep it up. I am proud of you.
P3	<p>Ellie Chen - For the time, effort and hard work you put into your speech. You researched your facts, sorted them into paragraphs, drafted your speech and then presented your speech confidently to the class. Thank you for teaching us lots of fascinating facts about China. The food and culture sound amazing. Clever you! ❤️</p> <p>Fiona Fang - For the time, effort and hard work you put into your speech. You researched your facts, sorted them into paragraphs, drafted your speech and then presented your speech confidently to the class. Thank you for teaching us lots of fascinating facts about the Spring Festival in China. The traditions and celebrations sound spectacular. Clever you! ❤️</p>

PHYSICAL EDUCATION MERIT AWARDS

W3: Thomas Sullivan - You always show Ūpoko Pakaru and always give your all when participating in P.E.

W4: Pearl Brightwell - You always show Manaakitanga when participating in P.E. You are thoughtful and caring towards your fellow classmates.



KAITUNA MERIT AWARD WINNERS

K1 Rumaki	Izayah Harrison - Kei te ako tonu ia ki te whakawhere i te kaipānui ki te whakaae ki tōna tirohanga mō tētahi take whānui, mō tētahi take rānei e pā nei ki te ao whānui me te whakamahere ki te tuhituhi mō tētahi pūtake. Ka taea e ia ki te ārohi, me te matapaki i ngā tūmomo hanganga reo e taea ana e ia i ana tuhinga. Kia kaha tonu koe Izayah!
K2 Rumaki	Ikimoke Uerata - Tēnei te mihi atu ki a koe Ikimoke mō tō kaha ki te taki i tō whaikōrero. Kua kite au i tō māiatanga ki te tū ki mua i ō hoa me tō whakarārā ki te parakitihi ki te kāinga kia rere pai ngā rerenga. Nōu te whakatauiratanga o te uara kōmaitanga - tikina mai au, whakawairekatia. Kei runga noa atu koe Ikimoke.
K3	Summer Albert - Summer you have settled in well to our classroom and into Mokoia! You have had a fantastic start and should be proud of the way you have begun your journey here. You have shown courage in presenting your speech to the classroom on Rugby League! Ka Rawe!
K4	Annabelle Candler - Annabelle, I'm truly impressed with the outstanding effort you've put into your speech over the past few weeks. Your hard work and dedication are clearly reflected in the progress you've made, and it's been wonderful to see your confidence grow. What stands out even more is your willingness to support those around you—you've shown genuine kindness and teamwork throughout the process. Your commitment, positivity, and generous spirit have not gone unnoticed. Keep up the amazing work—well done!

WAITETI MERIT AWARD WINNERS

W1	Manfred Loof - For overcoming his fear in speaking in front of his classroom. He presented well and spoke clearly. Well done Manfred.
W2	Southern Meremere - A beautiful, personal tribute to her whānau in her speech. Such heartfelt words and sharing of these moments with her classmates. Meinga Meinga Southern! Paige Harrison - A great delivery and presentation of her speech on Tsunami. We as a class were very impressed with your speech. Tauke Paige!
W3	Rachel Van Rensburg - For showing outstanding effort and confidence in sharing her speech with the class. Rachel worked incredibly hard to prepare, and delivered it with energy, clarity, and passion. A fantastic achievement - well done! 🎉🌟
W4	Maia Dixon - For your brilliant speech on kindness. You spoke with passion and confidence about the importance of kindness, inspiring your classmates and impressing us all. As a result of your outstanding effort, you advanced to the Learning Centre Finals. Congratulations. Henare Teepa - For your engaging speech on Football. You spoke with confidence and shared many strong, well-thought-out points. Your effort and enthusiasm were clear, and as a result of your effort, you advanced to the Learning Centre Finals. Congratulations. Well done, Henare!



UTUHINA MERIT AWARD WINNERS - TECHNOLOGY

<p>Art/Toi Ataata</p>	<p>Ryan Stevens P4: Ryan, It is such a pleasure having you in Art this term. You are a thoughtful, hardworking and extremely talented student. It is always exciting to see how you will respond to working with different tools and materials in Art. You are a fearless creative. Keep shining bright!</p> <p>Tycho Frickey P2: Tycho, Your positive attitude toward your work in Art is fantastic! You always approach your artmaking in such an original and creative manner. I appreciate how willing you are to experiment, and try new materials and techniques. I look forward to seeing what you create next. Keep up the great work!</p> <p>Lily Uhl W1: Lily, The thought, care and effort that you always put into your work in Art and Art Extension is amazing. You have a wonderful creative mind and it is exciting to see your original and innovative ideas take shape. Thank you for always inspiring those around you. You are a star!</p> <p>Ciara Mitchell W3: Ciara, You are such a hardworking and thoughtful member of the class in Art. You have been producing beautiful work this term and hope you are enjoying the learning. You should be proud of your efforts. Keep shining bright!</p>
<p>Food Technology</p>	<p>Akayshia Turner K4 - You have been working brilliantly all term in Food Technology. Stepping up to lead others that needed support without hesitation and making some beautiful dishes. Keep up the great work.</p> <p>Phoenix Waldron K2 - Whaea Ellen was so impressed with your positive attitude in Food Technology this week. You worked so well from start to finish and remained focussed at all times. Keep up the great work Phoenix.</p> <p>Karly Hunt K5 - It is such a pleasure seeing you grow and develop in Food Technology. This week you were willing to support one of your peers and supported him in his learning. Whaea Ellen is super proud of you this week. Keep being you!</p> <p>Bema Tuhou-Marron W3 - This week, Beama, you blew me away with your work ethic. You worked on your tacos with your friend and supported him along the way. You stepped up in a leadership role and ensured you and your friend had a finished product to be proud of. Not only did you cook and clean, but you completed all the theory work asked of you. I am so proud of your efforts this week. Keep it up and I can't wait to see you shine with more challenging dishes to come.</p> <p>Jimmy West W1 - I was thoroughly impressed with your cooking today Jimmy. You stayed focus all throughout the lesson and made some awesome tacos. Then you impressed me with your knowledge around cereals and their uses. Well done Jimmy, keep up the great work.</p>
<p>Hard Materials</p>	<p>Paris Edge</p>

CHECK IT OUT!!!!



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE

Mokoia Intermediate

OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY
27TH AUGUST
5:30PM - 7PM





**10 COMBINED TOI
AND SHOWQUEST
EVENTS IN 10
REGIONS, ATTENDED
BY 8,765 AUDIENCE
MEMBERS**



**1500 STUDENTS
FROM OVER 100
SCHOOLS - A
35% INCREASE
IN STUDENT
PARTICIPATION
FROM 2024**

**KURANGAITUKU
WON OUR HEARTS**



**NATIONAL FINALISTS
RADIANTLY ROGUE /
OAKLEE SNOWLING,
AVA APITAL,
ASHLEIGH RAMSON**



HIGHLY COMMENDED

**PARTYSAURUS
/ TRISTAN
COLLIER, BLAKE
QUIRK, LUCAS
BRIGHTWELL**

