

# MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER



TERM 3 WEEK 9 | 12TH SEPTEMBER 2025

## MATUA DEAN'S SHOUT OUT

Kia ora e te whānau

Term 3 is rapidly drawing to a close; it has been a busy and productive term, just one more week until the holidays.

I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all the students who participated in the AIMS Games last week. We received nothing but positive feedback about the way our students conducted themselves on and off the field. As a school, we are very proud of you all.

We wouldn't have been able to field more than 80 students competing in more than a dozen different sports if it wasn't for all the adults who supported them. Thanks to all the coaches and parent helpers who gave up their time to work with students leading up to AIMS. Thanks to those who provided transport for students to and from their games. Thanks to those who took time to travel to Tauranga and cheer and support our students. We appreciate you all.

Last week, Mokoia hosted over 300 Year 6 students as part of our school's Open Days. The Utuhina technology teachers worked extremely hard to showcase the amazing learning opportunities that our school can provide. We also had an awesome team of student helpers, who acted as mentors and role models for our visitors. It is always great to see our students display their leadership qualities. We will formally acknowledge this group at next week's assembly.

Today we held our school speech finals. The standard of speeches was the best I have seen in 30 years of teaching. Our guest judges, Te Ao Prangnell and Tāmāti Coffey, were thoroughly impressed with the overall calibre of speeches.

Our finalists were:

Year 7:

Frida Hamilton (1st), Paige Coxhead (2nd) and Karly Hunt (3rd)  
Ben Bridson (1st Te Reo Māori)

Year 8:

Olivia Filipo (1st), Laurel Papps (2nd), Andrew Lee (3rd) and Roxanne Cocker (4th)  
Te Haeata o te Rangi May (1st Te Reo Māori)

We acknowledge those who competed today, as well as the many other students who participated in the learning centre competitions. I would like to give a special thanks to Abbey Garden, who did an amazing job as the MC. I'd also like to recognise the achievements of Sam Jensen, Sam is a finalist in the Great Talk National Speech Competition. He is one of only four Yr7-8 students from across the country to make the finals.

Lastly, a huge shout-out to our amazing staff who work hard to provide students with as many opportunities as possible.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

Matua Dean and the Mokoia 'A' Team

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



## KEY DATES FOR TERM 3 2025

### Term 3 Week 9

- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September- Teacher Only Day (Half Day - School finishes at 11:30am)**
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September - RGHS Academies Open and Trial Day
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September - Wig Wednesday
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September - Yr 8 Final Vaccinations
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September - School Speech Finals
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September - Aquabots

### Term 3 Week 10 - Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Western Heights Sports Academy Day / Rip, Grip and Whip
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September - New Board takes office**
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September - Haka Comp Block Three / Term 3 Ends**

## KEY DATES FOR TERM 4 2025

### Term 4 Week 1

- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October - Term 4 Starts**

### Term 4 Week 2

- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Super 11 Touch

### Term 4 Week 3

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- **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Labour Day**
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Super 11 Volleyball

### Term 4 Week 5

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - School Athletics / Fun Run Fundraiser Event
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> - RGHS Orientation day
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> - RLHS Orientation Day
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> - Legends of the Peak

### Term 4 Week 6

- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Kaituna Camp

## KEY DATES FOR TERM 4 2025

### Term 4 Week 7

- **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> - Puarenga Camp**
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November - Super 11 Athletics

### Term 4 Week 8

- **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> - Waiteti Camp**

### Term 4 Week 9

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Battle of the Houses
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> - W1 Tongariro Crossing

### Term 4 Week 10

- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Prom
- **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December Prize giving 9:30am / Term 3 Ends**

## Mokoia Showcase

We at Mokoia are excited to present the Mokoia Talent Showcase — a vibrant evening celebrating the incredible talents of our performing arts students. This event provides a platform for our singers, musicians, bands, dancers, and performance crews to shine on stage, sharing their passion and creativity with their peers, whānau, and the wider community.

### Event Details:

**Date: Thursday, 18 September**

**Time: 6:00 – 8:30 PM**

**Venue: Mokoia Intermediate School, 29 Brent Road, Rotorua**

**Entry: Koha (Donation)**

**MC: Abbey Garden**

We warmly invite the community to join us for a fun, action-packed evening celebrating our tamariki and their artistic talents. This special event is proudly supported by: Digital Natives Academy, RQP (Rockquest Promotions), Showquest, Bandquest, Rockshop Rotorua, Warehouse Rotorua, and TheHeat.

A massive mihi to all our sponsors and supporters! Thank you very much!

## MOKOIA SPEECH FINAL RESULTS

Congratulations to all students who took part our speech finals.

### Year 7 Auraki

Placing	Student	Topic
<b>First</b>	Frida Hamilton	Tramping
<b>Second</b>	Page Coxhead	Stock Cars
<b>Third</b>	Karly Hunt	Hockey

### Year 8 Auraki

Placing	Student	Topic
<b>First</b>	Olivia Filipo	Mums
<b>Second</b>	Laurel Papps	Japan
<b>Third</b>	Andrew Lee	Kerbel Space Program
<b>Fourth</b>	Roxanne Cocker	Space

**Year 7 Rumaki Winner - Ben Bridson** - His passion of fishing.

**Year 8 Rumaki Winner - Te Haeata o te Rangi May** - Kiwi

## PUARENGA MERIT AWARD WINNERS WEEK 8

<b>P1</b>	<p><b>Willow Taylor</b> - Thank you for going the extra mile and putting in a lot of mahi behind the scenes to support Matua Dean, Whaea Kathryn and the school to execute an awesome orientation for the year 6's.</p> <p><b>Iziah Te Whata</b> - Awesome mahi this week. You're being respectful by asking if I need help and also using your initiative when it comes to getting settled and your class work. Well done!</p>
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## PUARENGA MERIT AWARD WINNERS WEEK 8

<b>P1</b>	<b>Caitlin Barrett</b> - Your quiet determination doesn't go unnoticed. You always strive to do your best and are consistently well mannered and a pleasure to have in P1. Thank you for being you, Caitlin.
<b>P2</b>	<b>Hazel Iversen - Sienna van Doorne - Eamon Herbert - Nixon Sears - Noah Baird - Dexter Coull-Roberts</b> - for representing yourselves, your whanau and Mokoia with pride at the AIMS Games. You worked extremely hard to prepare for this event and deserved the results you achieved. We are super proud of you. ❤️
<b>P3</b>	<b>Ketia Campbell, Sapphire Weko, Hikairo Adams-Ngawhika, Robert McMurdo, Emma Kenny, Frida Hamilton, Emily Packham, Lockie Wade, Tommy Porthouse, Whawhai Hunuhunu, Poppy Roberts</b> - for representing yourselves, your whanau and Mokoia with pride at the AIMS Games. You worked extremely hard to prepare for this event and deserved the results you achieved. We are super proud of you. ❤️



## WAITETI MERIT AWARD WINNERS WEEK 8

W2	<p><b>Cooper Murphy</b> - Cooper, you have shown great leadership qualities over the year. I look forward to what the next few months have installed for you. Ka pai koe Cooper!</p> <p><b>Jessica Wardhaugh</b> - Jessica, you have shown dedication and support to others through Open Night and at our Y6 open days. Mīharo koe Jessica!</p>
W4	<p><b>Mereana Dutta</b> - For the fantastic advice and tips you gave your group during our plays. Your support helped everyone get more into character and perform with more confidence. Well done.</p> <p><b>Addison Robinson</b> - For the wonderful voice expression and facial expressions you used to bring your posh game contestant character to life. You were a delight to watch – well done!</p>

## WAITETI MERIT AWARD WINNERS WEEK 9

W2	<p><b>Andre Niao-Jones</b> - His hard work and dedication to basketball with school competition and AIMS has been amazing. Kia kaha koe mō tōu mahi Andre!</p>
W3	<p><b>Bema Tuhou-Marron</b> - For stepping up this week and supporting your classmates with their Maths work. It was awesome to see you shine and take the opportunity to help those around you. Recently, you've been taking real ownership of your learning and pushing yourself to achieve more. We are very proud of you, Bema - keep it up!</p>
W4	<p><b>Tyler Gibbs</b> - For your outstanding effort in Futsal at AIMS last week. You showed commitment, teamwork, and determination, and were a valuable member of the team. You represented Mokoia with pride - fantastic work, Tyler!</p> <p><b>Jackson Blackledge-Shilton</b> - For your fantastic effort in Mountain Biking at AIMS last week. You demonstrated determination, resilience, and skill. You represented Mokoia with pride - well done, Jackson!</p>

## KAITUNA MERIT AWARD WINNERS WEEK 8

<b>K1 Rumaki</b>	<b>Shylayka Henry</b> - 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 tuinga. Kia kaha tonu koe Shylayka.
<b>K2 Rumaki</b>	<b>County Herewini</b> - He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai. Ko koe te whakatinanatanga o te whakataukī nei County. He ngākau māhaki, he kōtiro whai ture, ā, ka mōhio pai ki tāu ake huarahi ako. E mihi ana ki a koe e hine, mō to kaha ki te ū pūmau ki ngā whakaritenga ahakoa te aha. Paiā!
<b>K3</b>	<b>Elias Sereni</b> - You are a real gem Elias and should be very proud of your efforts in class! Keep being you Elias!
<b>K4</b>	<b>Skyla-Roze WiJohn</b> - Skyla-Roze, you always stay focused at school and complete your work to a high standard. You are also a good friend, helping others to stay on task and make the right choices. Well done, keep up the hard work!
<b>K5</b>	<b>Benjamin Wallace</b> - You have had an exceptional week in Kaituna 3! You are so organised and have a great work ethic! Keep up the great work Benjamin! We were lucky to have you in Kaituna 3 with us for the week!  <b>Darius Tupara - Tonihi</b> - Wow! What a great week you have had in Kaituna 3! We were very lucky to have you in with us! The way you look out for everyone is fantastic to see and the way you take pride in your work is great! Ka Rawe Darius!

## KAITUNA MERIT AWARD WINNERS WEEK 9

<b>K1 Rumaki</b>	<b>Josette Malcolm-Karauna</b> - He kōtiro ngāwari ia. He kaha ia ki te whai wāhi ki te huhua o ngā momo kōrero me ngā momo pūtakenga kōrero. Ka whakaatu ia i tana āheinga ki te whakamahi i ngā rauemi pēnei me te papakupu, te punakupu taurite me te kuputaka hai whakamātau ki te whakamahi i ētahi kupu hou, i ētahi kīanga hou. Hurō e hine, noho pūmau tonu koe.
<b>K2 Rumaki</b>	<b>Tute Fleming</b> - E mihi nui ki a koe Tute mō tō 'ūpoko pakaru' e ika haehae kupenga ki ngā mahi marau katoa. Kua whanake ake i ngā aronga o te rerenga kōrero me tō puna reo. Kua piki ake tō māramatanga ki ngā meka matua, ngā hautau, ngā tau ā-ira me ngā hautanga ā-ira. Rehe ake nei Tute!
<b>K3</b>	<b>Jade Quirk</b> - The way you always get on with your work is appreciated. You always put the best effort into your mahi and ensure that it is completed on time! We are lucky to have you in Kaituna 3 with us! Keep being you Jade! Ka Rawe!
<b>K4</b>	<b>JW Lee</b> - You consistently stay on task and complete your work to the best of your ability. You are also always kind and respectful to your peers and kaiako. Keep up the fantastic mahi.

## UTUHINA MERIT AWARD WINNERS - TECHNOLOGY WEEK 9

### Hard Materials

**Ozyris Pohatu K3 :** For all your help during the Open days. You showed great leadership and contributions, working hard to help all the year 6's complete their projects. Well done Ozyris and thank you for your help!

**Jade Quirk K3 :** For your humble help during the open days. Thank you for all your hard work in making sure that the year 6's who visited us had a great experience. You did an amazing Job Jade, thank you for your help!

**Baden McAlpine K3 :** For all the energy and enthusiasm you brought to the open days. You helped showcase us and the amazing work we do at Mokoia. Great Job Baden you were a big help!

**Majesty Wairama W1 :** For your amazing help during the open days. You came in with no prep and adapted very quickly and very well. You showed maturity and an enthusiasm that was contagious. Well done on all your hard work and thank you for your help.

**Georja Blackledge W1 :** For the leadership you showed during the open days. You led your tables of year 6's through their projects very well and showed great maturity in the process. Well done Georja, and thank you for your help.

### Art

**Summer Albert K1:** Summer, the work that you have produced in Art this term is beautiful! You are hard working, thoughtful, and quietly manage yourself like a super star. We are lucky to have you in our class. He whetū koe!

**Jack Mclean K4:** Jack, the care, and effort that you've put into your work in Art this term is fantastic! You are always the first to help those around you, and are a thoughtful role model. I hope you have enjoyed your term in Art. Thank you for being you!

**Ashleigh Ramson P2:** Ashleigh, the positive attitude and enthusiasm that you bring to both Art Technology and Art Extension are fantastic! You have a wonderful creative mind and it is exciting to see your original and innovative ideas take shape. You should be proud of your efforts. Keep shining bright!







**Willow Taylor P1:** Willow, well done for the positive attitude and care that you always bring to your work in Art. You are one of the first people to support and show kindness to others in the class. We are lucky to have you!

**Eli Hall W2:** Eli, the printmaking that you have produced in Art this term is fantastic! It is a pleasure to have you in both Art Technology and Art Extension. You always approach your work with such skill and originality. You should be very proud of your efforts. You are a star!

**Olivia Newald W3:** Olivia, the work that you have produced in Art this term is beautiful! I am impressed with the confident way you have managed yourself during our printmaking unit. The thought and care that you take with your artwork is excellent. Well done!



# MOKOIA VALUE AWARD WINNERS

	<b>Ūpoko Pakaru</b>	<p><b>Maia Dixon</b> – For bravely stepping way out of your comfort zone to deliver a heartfelt and inspiring speech about kindness to your peers and the LC. You showed true resilience, commitment, and courage every step of the way.</p> <p><b>Lockie Wade</b> – for the determination and perseverance you show when facing new challenges. You are a confident, supportive, hardworking, humble and caring member of P3. Thank you Lockie. We are very proud of you. ♥</p> <p><b>Robert McMurdo</b> – for the fantastic attitude you have both in class and when representing Mokoia in a range of sports. You are resilient, hardworking, honest, kind and humble. Keep smashing your goals Robert. We are very proud of you. ♥</p> <p><b>Poppy Roberts</b> – for the amazing way you quietly set yourself goals and put in the effort to achieve them. You are competitive, resilient, humble and kind. You back yourself and support your peers. Thank you Poppy. We are very proud of you. ♥</p> <p><b>Aniela McLeod</b> – For always stepping up and helping out. Whether it's leading our team in waiata or haka, offering to go first in things, or supporting others, you are a natural leader and a fantastic role model. Ka rawe, Aniela!</p> <p><b>Rico Evans</b> – For your outstanding determination and resilience. You never let barriers stop you from trying and consistently show perseverance. You are an excellent role model to others – ka rawe, Rico!</p>
	<b>Whakaiti</b>	<p><b>Tanishka Kaki</b> – Tanishka is consistently respectful, uses good manners, appreciates support from others, and reflects on her learning with pride in all she does.</p> <p><b>Emma Kenny</b> – for being a positive, humble and kind member of P3. You are always well organised and consistently set yourself high standards in all of your learning. You are a reliable and supportive leader. Thank you Emma. We are very proud of you. ♥</p> <p><b>Frida Hamilton</b> – for your amazing attitude towards life. You set yourself very high standards and work hard to achieve your goals. You are humble, kind and often support your peers. Thank you Frida. We are very proud of you. ♥</p>
	<b>Kōmaitanga</b>	<p><b>Ciara Mitchell</b> – Ciara takes an active interest in her progressions, independently sets learning goals, reflects on her achievements, is trustworthy when working alone, meets deadlines, and shows pride in all of her work.</p>
	<b>Manaakitanga</b>	<p><b>Tyler Gibbs</b> – For demonstrating beautiful manaakitanga through the way you care for, respect, and support those around you. You are also kind and empathetic, making others feel valued and included.</p> <p><b>Olivia Newald</b> – For showing Manaakitanga through your pride, commitment, and willingness to give your time for others.</p> <p><b>Paige Coxhead</b> – For showing Manaakitanga through your pride, commitment, and willingness to give your time for others.</p>
	<b>Whānaungatanga</b>	<p><b>Nixon Sears</b> – You have created some wonderful friendships with not only your peers but also the teaching staff. You have a strong sense of self and know who you are. Nixon you show empathy and kindness and you are a valuable team member. Keep being you. ♥</p>
	<b>Wairuatanga</b>	<p><b>Dexter Coull-Roberts</b> – You are genuine, compassionate, non-judgemental and empathetic towards yourself and those around you. I appreciate who you are Dexter. ♥</p>

## MOKOIA AIMS 2025 RESULTS

A massive congratulations to all 81 students who took part in last weeks AIMS Games. Look at these amazing results. Not too bad for an event hat hosted over 14,000 participants!

Sport	Placing	Sport	Placing
Boys Football	20th out of 70 teams*	Rippa Mixed	71st out of 72 teams
Boys Futsal	51st= out of 53 teams*	Boys Basketball	27th of 86 teams*
Hockey Mixed	7th out of 54 teams	Girls Netball	79th out of 122 teams
<b><u>BMX</u></b> <b><u>Racing</u></b> Year 7 Boys Nixon Sears - 21st of 31 boys  Year 8 Boys Alex Morley - 18th of 21 boys  <b><u>Time Trials</u></b> Year 7 Boys Nixon Sears - 10th of 32 boys  Year 8 Boys Alex Morley - 19th of 21 boys		<b><u>Orienteering sprint</u></b> Year 7 Girls Emma Kenny - 13th of 48 finishers Emily Packham - 28th of 48 finishers  Year 8 Girls Sofia Chapman - 11th of 90 finishers  <b><u>Orienteering Team Rogaine</u></b> Year 7 Emily Packham/Bella Dallaway/Hazel Iversen - 6th out of 20 teams  Year 8 Emma Kenny/Frida Hamilton/Sofia Chapman - 6th out of 36 teams	
<b><u>Cross Country Running</u></b> Yr 7 Girls Emma Kenny - 59th of 128 finishers  Yr 7 Boys Robert McMurdo - 52nd of 130 finishers  Year 8 Girls Sofia Chapman - 45th of 154 finishers  Year 8 Boys Reuben Barter - 107th of 152 finishers		<b><u>Rock Climbing</u></b> Year 8 Girls Te Haeata May - Made Quarter Finals Laurel Papps - Made Semi Finals  Year 7 Boys Dexter Coull-Roberts - Made Semi Finals	





## **MOKOIA AIMS 2025 RESULTS**

### **Mountain Biking Enduro**

#### **Year 7 Boys**

**Nixon Sears - 22nd of 94 finishers**

**Liam Wickett - 41st of 94 finishers**

**Jackson Blackledge-Shilton - 89th of 94 finishers**

#### **Year 8 Boys**

**Arlo Gray - 8th of 119 finishers**

**Flynn Hurihanganui - 9th of 119 finishers**

**Barnaby Button - 88th of 119 finishers**

### **Mountain Biking Cross Country**

#### **Year 8 Boys**

**Arlo Gray - 8th of 90 finishers**

**Barnaby Button - 42nd of 90 finishers**

#### **Year 8 Girls**

**Millie Coull-Roberts - 7th of 19 finishers**

#### **Year 7 Girls**

**Poppy Roberts - 5th of 13 finishers**

### **Indoor Bowls**

**Whawhai Hunuhuni - Made Quarter Finals**

### **Golf**

#### **18 Holes**

**18 Holes Team Placing - 12th= out of 20 teams**

#### **Year 8**

**Ikimoke Uerata - (Gross) 9th of 89 Individuals Overall / 4th out of 72 Boys**

**(Stableford) 26th= of 89 Individuals Overall / 20th= out of 72 Boys**

#### **Year 7**

**Landré Deetlefs - (Gross) 73rd of 89 Individuals Overall / 61st out of 72 Boys**

**(Stableford) 74th= of 89 Individuals Overall / 61st out of 72 Boys**

#### **9 Holes**

#### **Year 7**

**Robert McMurdo - (Stableford) 15th= of 70 Individuals Overall / 11th out of 58 Boys**

MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
PRESENTS

# MOKOIA

TALENT SHOWCASE

18 SEPT. 6-8.30PM

MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE

29 BRENT RD, ROTORUA

AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION,  
ENTERTAINMENT, SPOT PRIZES &  
GIVEAWAYS

HOSTED BY ABBEY GARDEN

PERFORMANCES BY

HANNAH - TAMAJAH-LI - KARLY - JOSETTE & SHYLAYKA  
CAITLIN - SIENNA & PAIGE - EBEN - HOLLY, IZZY & LUCY  
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JIMMY - SOUL TIDE - MOKOIA CHOIR - ANIELA + MORE.



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