

MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER



TERM 4 WEEK 4 | 31ST OCTOBER 2025

WHAEA KATHRYN'S SHOUT OUT

Kia ora e te whānau,

It's hard to believe we've reached the final term of the year — and, as always, Mokoia Intermediate is as busy as ever with wonderful opportunities and experiences for our tamariki.

This week we have our important Camp Information Evening on Wednesday night, for all parents and caregivers who are planning to attend any of the camps. Then next week, the first of our teams, Kaituna, head off on their adventure! We know they will have an incredible time and create lasting memories.

A huge thank you to all the parents and caregivers who have volunteered their time to support our camps. Your willingness to help makes these experiences possible, and we truly appreciate the energy and enthusiasm you bring to our school community.

As we move through the term, there's still so much to look forward to — Battle of the Houses, our school Production, Prize giving, and Prom. It's certainly shaping up to be an exciting and action-packed end to the year!

Our staff are working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure everything runs smoothly, and we are so grateful for the ongoing support of our whānau. I'd also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that you are always welcome to attend, watch, and cheer on our tamariki during school events such as Haka Competitions, Battle of the Houses, and Athletics. It's always wonderful to see our students light up when they spot familiar faces in the crowd.

Ngā mihi nui for your continued support and encouragement — together, we make Mokoia such a special place for our learners.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Whaea Kathry and the Mokoia 'A' Team

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



KEY DATES FOR TERM 4 2025

Term 4 Week 5

- Monday 3rd November – School Athletics / Fun Run Fundraiser Event / Board Hui
- Wednesday 5th – RGHS Orientation day / Camp Parent Evening
- Thursday 6th – RLHS Orientation Day
- Friday 7th – Athletics Sprint Finals / RGHS Academic testing 9:00-12:00 at Girls High

Term 4 Week 6

- Tuesday 11th – Friday 14th November – Kaituna Camp**

Term 4 Week 7

- Tuesday 18th – Friday 21st – Puarenga Camp**
- Friday 21st November – Super 11 Athletics

Term 4 Week 8

- Tuesday 25th – Friday 28th – Waiteti Camp**
- Saturday 29th – Sunday 30th National Aquabots competition

Term 4 Week 9

- Tuesday 2nd December – Battle of the Houses
- Wednesday 3rd December – Production
- Thursday 4th – W1 Tongariro Crossing

Term 4 Week 10

- Tuesday 9th December – Prize giving 9:30am / Prom / Last day for the**

year.

KEY DATES FOR TERM 1 2026

Monday 2nd February – Hello, Let's Grow Whānau – A chance for our 2026 Mokoia students and their whānau to meet their new teachers.

Tuesday 3rd February – First official day of school and all students attend.

Thursday 6th February – Waitangi Day.

Thursday 2nd March – Last Day of Term 1

Friday 3rd March – Good Friday.

Year 8 Open Days

High School Orientations – This Week

Lakes High, Boys High and Girls High all have their orientation days this week. These days provide an excellent opportunity for your child to meet their future teachers and class mates.

To attend these days it is important that your child is enrolled at the high school. RGHS students must be enrolled prior to the orientation day on Wednesday, students can be enrolled on their website. RBHS students need to be enrolled, this is important as they will be providing transport to and from Mokoia and need accurate numbers. Lakes High are happy for students to attend and they will help them enrol on the day. PLEASE NOTE – if your child is attending an orientation day let their teacher or our office know. We will mark them present if they are attending.



IMPORTANT WHĀNAU NOTICE

Kia ora whānau,

Each year, schools across Aotearoa are required by the Ministry of Education to be open for a set number of days. While we carefully calculated these at the beginning of the year, it has recently come to our attention that—because we have only taken the mandatory Teacher Only Days set by the Government—our original closing date of Thursday 11th December is slightly later than we are permitted to remain open.

As a result, we have had to make a small adjustment to our end-of-year schedule. We have done our best to keep this change as close as possible to the original date to minimise any disruption for whānau.

The final day of the school year will now be **Tuesday 9th December**.

Please note that the end of the year will look a little different from previous years.

What you need to know;

- **Week 10 will still be our final week of the school year.**
- **Monday 8th December: Students attend for a full school day as usual.**
- **Tuesday 9th December:**
 - **Prizegiving will begin at 9:30am.**
 - **Students will finish at 11:30am (at the conclusion of prizegiving/start of morning tea).**
- **Tuesday 9th December (evening): Students attending Prom will return for their final event from 5:00pm – 9:00pm.**
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If you have any questions about these changes, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher, Matua Dean, or Whaea Kathryn.

Ngā mihi nui,

The Mokoia Intermediate Team

KAITUNA MERIT AWARD WINNERS WEEK 3

K1 Rumaki	Cherrenity Te Reora - He kōtiro tino whai kaha ana ki te whakaoti i āna mahi katoa ia rā. He kaha anō ia ki te tautohu i ngā putanga o ngā pātai tūponotanga, ka waihanga whakaari o ngā auau o ngā putanga. Mihaoro!!!
K2 Rumaki	<p>Tyzell Angel-Mihaka - He rawe te kite i tō whanaketanga i te kura i tēnei tau e tama. E mihi ana ki a koe Tyzell mō to kaha ki te whakatauiria i ngā mātāpono o Ngā Pōtiki Ngau Papawai. Ko koe tērā mō te akiaki i ō hoa, kia ū ki ngā mātāpono o te kura. He pērā hoki tō āhua i roto i te akomanga me ngā mahi ā rōpū. Ko ngā taunakitanga o te mātauranga Māori e kite i a koe e taki i ngā karakia, tauparapara, me ngā pepeha. Ko koe ā runga Tyzell.</p> <p>Lennox-James HekeLennox-James, he ākonga whai whakaaro mō ōna hoa, ngā kaiako, otirā he māngai mō āna teina ki te whānau o Ngā Pōtiki Ngau Papawai. He rawe te whakarongo ki tōna reo Māori i a ia e whakahua ana i ngā kupu, he māia hoki tōna tū ki ngā mahi a Tānerore. Ko ia tērā e whakahihiko i te wairua harikoa ki rō akomanga. Kua tau ia i roto i āna mahi i te kura, otirā kua ekea ki te kōunga o ngā momo hākinakina.</p>

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K1 Rumaki	Anaya Mohi-Tipu - 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.
K2 Rumaki	Brock Macfarlane - Nei rā te mihi manahau ki a koe Brock. Ko ngā taunakitanga o te mātauranga Māori e kite me te whakatinana i te rangatiratanga i roto i a koe e taki ana i ngā karakia, tauparapara me tō pepeha. Inā ka pātai atu kia tū, koia kei koe mō te tū pakari, te tū māia me te ngākau titikaha i ngā wā katoa. Poho Kererū Brock!
K3	Kaituna 3 - You are all amazing! Keep up the great work and I am really enjoying your picture books! Keep up the great work!
K4	<p>Hunter Bain - Hunter, you've been working so hard with your partner on your storybook, and it really shows! I can see how much effort, creativity, and thought you're putting into every part of it. You should be really proud of yourself — awesome work!</p> <p>Karli Seitz - Karli, you always complete your work to a very high standard and consistently show focus, responsibility, and a positive attitude in everything you do. You work so well with others. I've been especially impressed with the effort and creativity you've shown while working on your storybook — you're putting so much thought and care into it. Well done!</p>
K5	Maiah Mackie - You have developed a well-detailed plan for the makings of a great story. I love the effort and focus you have to put it all together. I can't wait to read the completed product. Everyone likes a bit of drama to intensify the day! Manuia!

PUARENGA MERIT AWARD WINNERS WEEK 3

P2	<p>Caden Purdie - You are kind, caring and compassionate towards all of your peers. You have a strong work ethic and consistently meet set criteria in a timely fashion, often working alongside a buddy ensuring their understanding and work completion also. I appreciate you Caden and all the wonderful extras you bring to P2. 🌟😊</p> <p>Rose Leeke - Quiet and humble. You are a consistent, dedicated learner. You set yourself high expectations and always meet these. I enjoy reading your writing and the twists you take your reader on, these show your creativity and personality. I see you Rose. 🌟😊</p> <p>Jessica Christofferson - For your completed work on our 'One point perspective' art. You worked hard at perfecting your zentangles before beginning your final outcome and it shows in the well planned and careful execution. Well done Jessica. 🌟😊</p>
P3	<p>Meretitia Porter, Sapphire Weko, Ketia Campbell, Imogen Gibson, Shalome Kanyemba - for the dedication, perseverance and enthusiasm you have shown when preparing for the Te Hiwi O Toroa Festival. We are very proud of you. 🌟</p> <p>Jay Kirkby - for the way you have worked independently to complete two novel studies to a high standard. You shared a range of fascinating facts and backed them up with your own opinion. We also appreciate your enthusiasm, beautiful manners and your crazy sense of humour. Keep being you Jay. 🌟</p>

PUARENGA MERIT AWARD WINNERS WEEK 4

P2	<p>Julian Cobb - You have had a more settled week and I can see you are working hard on remaining focussed and on task. It is great to see you using your self management tools. Well done Julian. 🌟😊</p> <p>Noah Baird - You are working incredibly hard in all areas of your learning, I am impressed at the way you consistently seek clarification for your understanding. I enjoy the contributions you make to classroom conversations. Thank you for being you Noah. 🌟😊</p>
P3	<p>Imogen Gibson - for the way you have worked independently to complete a range of tasks in a set time. You will ask for help and show pride in your work. You are always willing to support your peers and you have beautiful manners. Imogen, thank you for greeting me with a cheerful good morning and beautiful smile every day. 🌟</p> <p>Landrē Deetlefs - you give new activities 100% effort and encourage your peers to do their best. You are focussed in class and the presentation of your work is now fantastic. You have shown resilience and determination when playing water polo for the first time. Thank you for your positive attitude to learning Landrē. Keep being you. 🌟</p>



WAITETI MERIT AWARD WINNERS WEEK 4

W2	<p>Andre Niao-Jones - for the amazing effort you have put into both your writing and maths learning this week. Your dedication to learning is reflected in the work you have produced. Keep this momentum going and you will set yourself up well for high school!</p> <p>Aria Leonard-Robinson - for the exceptional effort you have put into your writing. You have planned for success and this has helped you write a well structured story that hooks the reader. I have been very impressed with your enthusiasm and positive attitude.</p>
W4	<p>Compton Taikura - For the fantastic effort you have been putting into your handwriting. It is wonderful to see you correctly practise using the correct cursive style and taking pride in your work. Keep it up Compton!</p> <p>Mereana Dutta - For the fantastic effort you have been putting into your group's play. It's awesome to see how well you have memorised your lines and how hard you are working to use expression in your voice. Keep it up, Mereana!</p>

WAITETI MERIT AWARD WINNERS WEEK 4

W2	<p>Southern Meremere - thank you for all the effort you have put into mahi this week. I have been blown away by your dedication and willingness to help in the class and taking on responsibilities without being asked. It has been very appreciated.</p> <p>Jin Tao - for the amazing attitude you bring to class each day. Your positive attitude is infectious and it helps keep our class a safe and happy space. Well done for always being prepared for learning and staying on task.</p>
W3	<p>Vaani Nayyar - Thank you for sharing your Diwali expertise with our class. We really enjoyed trying the delicious treats you brought and seeing the beautiful diya. I loved watching your pride in your culture shine through, it was wonderful to see and very much appreciated.</p> <p>Tanishka Kaki - Thank you for sharing your Diwali expertise with our class. We really enjoyed trying the delicious treats you brought and seeing the beautiful diya. I loved watching your pride in your culture shine through, it was wonderful to see and very much appreciated.</p> <p>Kairo Mahara - For the incredible growth you've shown in both maths and writing this term, and throughout the year! You consistently demonstrate understanding and enthusiasm for learning new things. I'm really starting to see your natural talent for all things maths! I also love seeing your resilience with writing. I know it can be frustrating at times, but it's great to see you sticking with it and producing some fantastic pieces. Well done, Kairo, keep it up!</p>
W4	<p>Devon Tarplett - For the amazing effort you've been putting into your sound art. It's been wonderful to see how your abstract artwork has developed to express a classical song through lines, shapes, and colour. I'm really looking forward to seeing your finished piece!</p> <p>Jackson Blackledge-Shilton - For the amazing effort you've been putting into your sound art. It's been wonderful to see how your abstract artwork has developed to express a classical song through lines, shapes, and colour. I'm really looking forward to seeing your finished piece!</p>




UTUHINA MERIT AWARD WINNERS - TECHNOLOGY WEEK 3

Art	<p>Te Haeata May K2 - Te Haeata, it is exciting to have you in both Toi Ataata and Toi Extension this term. You are very talented! I'm looking forward to seeing what you create next. We are lucky to have such a thoughtful, hardworking, and inspiring ākonga in the class. Thank you for being you!</p> <p>Lachie Kiff K4 - Lachie, you've made a fantastic start to your term in Art Technology! I appreciate the thought, care, and effort that you put into designing and making your sketch book. I look forward to seeing what you create next. Well done!</p> <p>Rohan Jacobs P2 - Well done Rohan for the fantastic start that you've made to your term in Art Technology. I'm impressed by how original your ideas are, and the thought, and care that you have put into creating your artwork. I hope you enjoy your term in Art!</p> <p>Aramis Challis - Hati P4: Aramis, it is such a pleasure having you in both Art Technology and Art Extension this term! You are so talented and it is exciting to see your original and innovative ideas take shape. Thank you for always inspiring those around you, including me. You are a star!</p>
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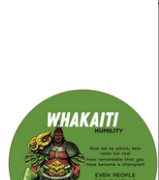


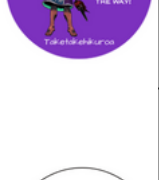




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Hard Materials	<p>Asha Grace W1: For the way you came in and just got on with it! You work hard and put your head down. I was really impressed with your great work ethic, well done!</p> <p>Karli Seitz K4: You have a quiet nature about you, but work hard on what you are focused on. You have been problem solving well and experimenting with new tools in the workshop. Keep up the great work.</p> <p>Israel Moka-Walter P1: You have been such a helpful student in class. You have been working hard and are not afraid to assist others if you finish early. Well done Israel, keep up the great work!</p>
Art	<p>Ikimoke Uerata K2: Ikimoke, the enthusiasm and care that you have brought to Toi Ataata this term is fantastic! You are very talented and always approach your mahi toi with originality, and thought. I'm looking forward to seeing what you create next. Ka mau te wehi!</p> <p>Zosia Costello K4: Zosia, you have produced beautiful work in Art Technology this term! I appreciate the thought and care that you put into your work, and I'm looking forward to seeing what you create next. I hope you consider joining art extension next year. You have amazing skills!</p> <p>Poppy Roberts P3: Poppy, it is such a pleasure having you in both Art Technology and Art Extension this term! You are talented, thoughtful, and hardworking. I appreciate how quickly you support, and encourage others in the class. Thank you for being you!</p> <p>Tamajah-Li Kinnaid P1: Tamajah-Li, I loved seeing the enjoyment that you got out of your drawing and design work in Art last lesson. You have amazing skills, and I can see that you are always ready to elevate your work, and to get the most out of your learning. I'm excited to see what you create next. Keep shining bright!</p> <p>Manfred Loof W1: Manfred, it is such a pleasure having you in Art Technology this term! Thank you for being such a positive, thoughtful, and hardworking member of our class. I appreciate the calm way you support, and inspire those around you. You are a star!</p> <p>Vaani Nayya W3: Vanya, you have made a fantastic start to your time in Art Technology this term. I appreciate the energy, care, and enthusiasm that you have brought to your work. I hope you enjoy your term in Art. Keep shining bright!</p>
Food Technology	<p>Flynn Hurihanganui P4 - Over the last 2 weeks I have seen you shine. Yesterday, you willingly helped Whaea Ellen with her dishes without even being asked. That was so kind, helping Whaea Ellen get through a real busy activity. Keep up the great work Flynn.</p> <p>Brock Macfarlane K2 - Brock, it is such a pleasure having you in class. You lead by example throughout the practical lessons, the cleaning to procedures and completing all theory tasks. Wow, what a pleasure having you in class!</p> <p>Tyler Druiff-Moss W1 - Tyler it is such a pleasure to see you grow in class. You are passionate about food technology and you complete all tasks to a high standard. Keep giving it 100% in class, it is great having you this term.</p>

MOKOIA VALUE AWARD WINNERS WEEK 3

	Ūpoko Pakaru	<p>Jimmy Walker - Ūpoko pakaru, he ika haehae kupenga! Jimmy koe koe tērā e whakatauirā i te aumangea ia te rā, ia te rā. Ka ū ki ngā whakaritenga ahakoa te aha. Ka tū pakari i ngā mahi kapa haka, he kai-waiata rōreka ki tō pēne Soul Tide, he tama kaha ki te tutuki i ngā mahi ahakoa te aha. He toka tūmoana, he ākinga nā ngā tai - A standing rock in the sea, lashed by the tides is resilience. Kei tawhiti koe Jimmy!</p>
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MOKOIA VALUE AWARD WINNERS WEEK 4

	Ūpoko Pakaru	<p>Jay Kirkby - P3 Fergus Hofmann - P3 Caden Purdie - P2</p>
	Whakaiti	<p>Anna Roderique W3- For consistently setting the standard of behaviour and work ethic in our class. You are honest, reliable, and take great pride in everything you do. Your work is always completed to a high standard, and you set a wonderful example for others to follow.</p>
		<p>Liam Wickett - P3 Ashleigh Ramson - P2 Jack Hesford - K3 Roxanne Coker - K3</p>
	Kōmaitanga	<p>Emily Packham - P3 Hazel Iversen - P2 Jessica Christoffersen - P2 Jack Hayward Bray - K3</p>
	Manaakitanga	<p>Ryan Stevens-You are a consistently polite and friendly young man who is a real role-model for your peers. Your kindness and calmness shine through. Keep on being you.</p>
		<p>Abbey Garden- I appreciate your kind and friendly manner. You consistently show yourself as a superb role-model. Stay amazing!</p>
		<p>Coby Steere - P3 Ashleigh Ramson - P2 Sofia Chapman - K3</p>
	Whānaungatanga	<p>Nixon Sears - P2 Eamon Herbert - P2</p>
	Wairuatanga	<p>Brooke Abbot - P2</p>