

# MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER



TERM 4 WEEK 8 | 26TH NOVEMBER 2025

## MATUA DEAN'S SHOUT OUT

Kia ora e te whānau,

On behalf of the school, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parents who generously supported our recent Ohope Beach camps. Your willingness to help with transport, supervision, and a whole range of behind-the-scenes tasks made the experience not only possible, but truly memorable for our students.

Your time, energy, and enthusiasm ensured that every child felt safe, supported, and ready to take on new challenges. It has been amazing to see all the photos of students taking part in all the experiences camp has provided. Camps like this are only successful because of the strong community spirit we are fortunate to have, and we are incredibly grateful for your involvement. Thanks to our staff who left their families at home to run the camps and support our students, and thanks to Whaea Kathryn for all her behind the scenes organisation.

I want to acknowledge all of our Mokoia staff and students for your patience, flexibility, and resilience during the recent classroom closures prompted by suspected asbestos contamination. Situations like this are disruptive and stressful, and your willingness to adapt so quickly—shifting spaces, adjusting routines, and maintaining a positive outlook—has made an enormous difference. To our staff: thank you for continuing to support students, reorganising learning environments on short notice, and keeping our community safe and informed. Your professionalism and care are deeply appreciated.

As we approach the end of the school year, we want to take a moment to acknowledge all the hard work, growth, and accomplishments our students have achieved so far. This is an exciting time filled with celebrations and milestones, and we appreciate the partnership and support you've shown throughout the year.

Although the finish line is in sight, there are still many important learning opportunities and events ahead. From final assessments to field trips, prom, and year-end prizegiving, the coming weeks remain full and meaningful for our students.

We kindly ask for your continued support in maintaining the high standards and expectations that help our school thrive. Consistent attendance, positive behavior, and correct uniform are essential as we wrap up the year on a successful note.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication. We look forward to a strong and productive finish to an already wonderful school year.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Matua Dean and the Mokoia 'A' Team

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

## KEY DATES FOR TERM 4 2025

### Term 4 Week 8

- **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> - Waiteti Camp**
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> National Aquabots competition

### Term 4 Week 9

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Board Hui
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Battle of the Houses
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - CBOP Athletics
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> - W1 Tongariro Crossing

### Term 4 Week 10

- **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Last day for the year.**
  - \*Prize giving from 9:30am
  - \* Prom from 5pm

## Mokoia Whānau Calender

A reminder to all our families that any information regarding upcoming school events is available on our Mokoia Whānau calendar. Please click the link below to view;

[Mokoia Whānau Calendar](#)

## KEY DATES FOR TERM 1 2025

### Term 1 Week 1

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - School Starts
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February - Waitangi Day

### Term 1 Week 3

- Noho Marae

### Term 1 Week 5

- Noho Marae

### Term 1 Week 6

- Noho Marae

### Term 1 Week 7

- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March - Class Photos
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Individual Photos

### Term 1 Week 8

- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Teacher Only Day
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Sibling Photos

### Term 1 Week 9

- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Last Day of the term
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Good Friday





## KEY DATES FOR TERM 1 2026



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# 2026 DATES!

### **Tuesday 27th January**

- School office is open

### **Friday 30 January**

- Hello Whānau Day  
*Teacher Call Back Day for meeting Whānau. Students come with whānau to the meeting. Bookings are available via Hero from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.*

### **Monday 2 February**

- Official first day of School  
*Pōwhiri to welcome new staff and students at 9am.*

### **Days of interest in Term 1**

- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Waitangi Day
- Weeks 3, 5, 6 are Noho Marae visits
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Last day of term.
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Good Friday





## KAITUNA MERIT AWARD WINNERS WEEK 8

<b>K1 Rumaki</b>	<b>Shylayka Henry</b> - He rawe tō tū i runga i te atamira mo te Ahurei. He Kaha kow ki te tātaki i to roopu. He manu tīori koe mo te waiata. Ko te tumanako, ka whai koe i o wawata e pā ana ki te ao kapa haka, te ao māori hoki. Kia kaha tonu koe Shylayka.
<b>K2 Rumaki</b>	<b>Blaine Gordon</b> - Me mihi ka tika ki a koe Blaine mō ō mahi ā Tānerore. I puta te werawera i te rangi parakitihi, i ūpoko pakaru tō haere, i kaha whakarongo ki ngā kai ārahi, i tino kite au i ōu pukenga haka i tō tū ki te Ahurei. Nō reira he mihi nui ki a koe me tō whānau i kaha poipoia ia koe ki roto i ēnei momo āhuatanga. Me he tē Blaine!
<b>K4</b>	<b>Moses McGrath</b> - Moses, you were absolutely fantastic at camp! You got involved in every activity with enthusiasm and a great attitude. You were always willing to help, support others, and make the experience fun for everyone. You were also an awesome camp leader — keeping your team on track, encouraging them, and making sure they were having a great time. Ka pai, Moses!
<b>K5</b>	<b>Nico Klomp</b> - You have great tenacity and determination to achieve your very best. This was demonstrated at the Super 11 BOP Athletics Championship. Although you didn't place in the top four of the finals for the 1500m & 800m, you were proud of achieving personal best for both events. Ka rawe, Nico!

## PUARENGA MERIT AWARD WINNERS WEEK 8

<b>P2</b>	<p><b>Ryan Stevens</b> - For the way you worked tirelessly at camp. You helped out wherever necessary, consistently with a smile on your face and a positive attitude. I appreciate the enthusiasm you showed in every activity, the support you showed to the year 7's and for you just being you. Thank you Ryan, keep being your wonderful self. 🌟😊</p> <p><b>Parker Moulin</b> - You are an enthusiastic, supportive, positive young man. With that you bring a warmth and kindness that is both calming and caring. Thank you for being you, I am incredibly proud of you. 🌟😊</p> <p><b>Eben Shaw</b> - For the kindness and support you have shown towards a fellow student. You helped organise, support and pack him up each day. Thank you Eben, I appreciate your kindness. 🌟😊</p> <p><b>Brodie Waitoa</b> - For the kindness and support you have shown towards a fellow student. You helped organise, support and pack him up each day. Thank you Brodie, I appreciate your kindness. 🌟😊</p>
<b>P3</b>	<p><b>P3 Campers</b> - For every student who attended Camp at Ohope. You were full of enthusiasm and gave all the activities your best shot. Thank you for being amazing. I really enjoyed spending time with you. 🌟</p>



## UTUHINA MERIT AWARD WINNERS - TECHNOLOGY WEEK 8

<p><b>Hard Materials</b></p>	<p><b>Elijah Harvey K4:</b> You have been amazing all term. You come to class ready to learn and ask great questions. You always have kind words to say and you have completed your work to a high standard. Well Done Elijah.</p> <p><b>Karly Hunt K5:</b> You have worked hard this term Karly, Creating great quality projects. You listen well to instructions and are a pleasure to have in class. Keep up the great work.</p> <p><b>Tyzell Mihaka K2:</b> Tyzell, you have shown great progress in class this term. You show up prepared and ready to learn each week. Well done on the completion of your project, you were a pleasure to have in class.</p> <p><b>Kona Edwards K3:</b> Well done on a great term Kona. You come to class ready to go each week and have shown a real maturity in class when interacting with the different tools and your class mates. Keep up the great Mahi.</p> <p><b>Caden Pudie P2:</b> Caden, You have been a pleasure to have in class this term. You have a quiet, friendly nature and go about your own work well. You also help others without even being asked. You have a great learning attitude, keep it up.</p> <p><b>Hikairo Adams-Ngawhika P3:</b> You have shown an amazing work ethos this term, consistently leading the class with our progress. I love how you are so keen to give your new learnings a try. Keep it up Hikairo!</p> <p><b>Macy Green P1:</b> You have done so well this term Macy, you have worked hard and really grown your skill with working with tools. You are so polite and friendly, a real pleasure to have in class. Keep up the great work.</p> <p><b>Jonty MacPherson P4:</b> You have been a hard worker this term Jonty! You have kept your head down and produced a great project. Keep up the great effort!</p> <p><b>Jin Tao W2:</b> Jin, you are a pleasure to have in class. You have a great sense of humor, but also know when it is time to get your work done. Well done with your curiosity in learning about the new tools and processes. Well done!</p> <p><b>Asher Grace W1:</b> Asher, you have been such a hard worker this term. You have taken on any task with gusto and precision. You should be proud of all you have accomplished in woodtech. Keep up the great learning attitude.</p> <p><b>Jackson Blackledge-Shilton W4:</b> Jackson, you have been a great part of woodtech this term. You ask good questions and always try your best with any task set before you. Keep up the great work!</p> <p><b>Devon Tarplett W4:</b> Devon, I have liked the way you are not afraid to give new things a go. You have worked hard this term and produced a great result! Keep up the great work.</p>
<p><b>Visual Arts</b></p>	<p><b>Whole Class Puarenga Yr 7s:</b> You are all exceptional! You've worked so hard this term, and have managed yourselves like absolute pros in the Art room. The artworks that you have printed are beautiful. I can't wait to see what you create next year. You should all be very proud of yourselves 🥳🌟❤️</p> <p><b>Ollie Managh P4:</b> Ollie, I'm really impressed with how you've stepped up in Art over the last two lessons! Your positive attitude, good humor, and focus has reflected in the outstanding printmaking that you've produced. You've really demonstrated some excellent art making skills. Good luck for next year. You are going to shine!</p> <p><b>Darius Tonihi K5:</b> Darius, It has been an absolute pleasure having you in Art Technology this term! You are thoughtful, enthusiastic, hardworking, and creative. I appreciate how you quietly awahi your friends and support them with their mahi. You should be very proud of your efforts. Ka mau te wehi!</p> <p><b>Tyronne Yannikokis K4:</b> Tyronne, you have really grown in Art this term! It has been exciting to see you engage with your learning, and gain an appreciation of the care that it takes to develop strong artmaking skills. Your printmaking is fantastic! I hope you've enjoyed your time in Art. Well done!</p> <p><b>County Herewini K2:</b> County, you have produced absolutely beautiful mahi toi in Toi Ataata this term! You are always thoughtful, innovative, and have demonstrated exceptional creative thinking skills. I hope you have enjoyed your time in Toi Ataata. Good luck for next year! I know you will shine brightly!</p>
<p><b>Food Technology</b></p>	<p><b>Lockie Thom P4</b> - I have been really impressed with your efforts from start to finish this term. You have consistently worked well and took every task in your stride. I have loved watching you grow and develop confidence during term 4. Keep up the great work ethic as you move to high school next year.</p> <p><b>Makayla Smith P1</b> - Makayla, you have been working hard all term and I wanted to acknowledge the effort you have put into Food Technology this term. You have shown a great attitude from start to finish. Keep being you, great things will come your way!</p> <p><b>Stellen Flay K3</b> - Stellen you have quietly worked away during the course of the term. I have been so impressed with your efforts to both your theory and practical aspects of Food Technology. Well done!</p> <p><b>Jack Hayward K3</b> - Jack, I was so impressed with your willingness to take on the bake off challenge on your own. You got on with the task at hand and gave it your best effort. I have thoroughly enjoyed having you in class this term, you are a great role model in class.</p> <p><b>Skyla Roze WiJohn K4</b> - I am so pleased with your progress this term. Your confidence to take on the bake off challenge on your own was a pleasant surprise and you nailed it. It has been such a pleasure seeing you grow this term and I can not wait for 2026 to see you grow ever more. Keep up the great work!</p>