

I am writing to respectfully request consideration of a late application for funding

MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER



TERM 1 WEEK 3 | 20TH FEBRUARY 2026

WHAEA ALLY'S SHOUT OUT



IKia Ora Parents, Caregivers, and Whānau,
Welcome to Week 3
He waka eke noa.

I always love visiting classrooms, and it has been fantastic to see our ākonga/students settling into their learning and taking full advantage of the many opportunities available to them. A big thank you to our wonderful staff for supporting our Year 8s and guiding our Year 7s as they continue their transition to Mokoia Intermediate.

I do want to celebrate the amazing relationships between our teachers and our ākonga, as the whakatauki that I lead with says 'we are all in the waka together'.

We know that this relationship being strong is the biggest determinant of success for our tamariki (children). I do encourage you to connect with your child's teacher whenever you have queries or concerns.

Noho at Ōwhata Marae – 16–18 February

This week, Kaituna staff and students enjoyed a wonderful noho at Ōwhata Marae. It was my first time staying in the stunning Wharenui Tūtānekai, and I loved sharing manaakitanga in Whare Manaaki Hinemoa.

Our ākonga threw themselves into every activity—learning waiata, poi, kōrero, and Mau Rākau—and came away with a deeper connection to Māori culture and tikanga. Experiences like this strengthen cultural understanding, identity, and language, supporting the wellbeing and success of every learner.

The Board is committed to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and experiences like this allow students to explore these values through inclusion, respect, and celebrating all learners.

“He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata.”

What is the most important thing in the world? It is the people, it is the people, it is the people.

Special thanks to our Kaiārahi Matua Hori, Whaea Tiare, Whaea Karyn, LSAs Whaea Christian and Whaea Cheyla, and Matua Rychus for their mahi, tautoko and manaaki of our akonga (students).

We appreciate the ongoing partnership with our whānau and look forward to a fantastic year ahead. As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or want to get involved in school life.

Nga manaakitanga,
Whaea Ally



KEY DATES FOR TERM 1 2025

Term 1 Week 3

- Noho Marae Week - Kaituna
- Monday 16th February - Board Hui
- Thursday 19th Friday 20th - Super 11 Cricket

Term 1 Week 4

- Monday 23rd February - School Swimming Sports

Term 1 Week 5

- Noho Marae Week - Waiteti

Term 1 Week 6

- Noho Marae Week - Puarenga
- Friday 13th March - Super 11 Tennis

Term 1 Week 7

- Tuesday 17th March - Class Photos
- Wednesday 18th - Friday 20th March - Individual Photos
- Friday 20th March - Super 11 Swimming Sports

Term 1 Week 8

- Monday 23rd March - Teacher Only Day
- Wednesday 25th March - Sibling Photos

Term 1 Week 9

- Thursday 2nd April - Last Day of the term
- Friday 3rd April - Good Friday

Assembly Invitation

We warmly invite parents and whānau to attend our school assemblies, which are held every second Friday. Assemblies are a special time for us to celebrate student learning, achievements, and contributions to our kura.

Our next Assembly is on Friday 27 February.

We would love to see you there and share in these moments with our students.

Mr Upston's Turf Talk

Massive two days for our Super 11 Cricket team. It's a fabulous highly competitive competition playing for the Kane Williamson cup.

Mokoia intermediate came 6th out of the 8 teams. Winning one game and losing three. One of the defeats was a super close exciting match against Gisborne this morning. Setting 95 to win. We had Gisborne struggling for 43-6, however they rallied late to win with an over to spare.

Cricket is a wonderful team sport and the camaraderie was fantastic. Mokoia stand out performers were;

Bat

Moses 168 tournament runs

Freddie - 31 runs

Robert - 22 runs

Bowling

Moses - 8 wickets

Freddie - 6 wickets

Micah - 4 wickets

Robert - 4 wickets

Thank you to the parents who were able to make it over and support



Attendance - Every Day Matters

Attendance Matters

Regular attendance is key to learning, confidence, and belonging at Mokoia Intermediate. Missing even a few days can make it harder for students to keep up and stay connected with classmates.

Our teachers monitor attendance closely and follow up with whānau to support students. You can help too by regularly checking Hero, our live Student Management System, to view attendance, progress, and learning updates, and by contacting us if any challenges arise.

Every day counts!

100% Attendance to Date		
Waiteti	Puarenga	Kaituna
Marlie Nicholson, Thomas Sullivan Tyler Gibbs, Bella Dallaway, Kade Martin, Vaanya Sharma, Rylee Anderson, Lily Johnston, Indy Pemberton, Mason Feck, Orson Dibley-Barton, Maia Dixon, Milly Dove, Henare Teepa, Aaron Handa, Tanishka Kaki, Rachel Van Rensburg, Olivia Newald, Addison Robinson, Anna Roderique, Nathan Paenga Mereana Dutta, Ciara Mitchell, Joshua Peters, Jackson Blackledge-Shilton, Pearl Brightwell, Kairo Mahara, Aria Marks - Parkinson, Nunia Masaqa, Malachy James Ronnie James, Sam Lee, Kayden Heke-Spencer, Zoe McCann, Ruben Andric, Daniel Andric, Judah Joe, Eliška Austin-Davidková, Gayle Prohl, Charlotte Peters, Paris Wiringi, Te Taru White Ryan Huxford, Joe Sands, Myra Smith-Raroa, Leighton Stansbury, Logan Woerd, Wyatt Rawlinson, Aylah Amon, Anja Withington, Keita Eparaima-Harrison, Kory Cassidy, Mia Uhl, Zep Whareaitu, Tere Marsters, Lawrel Creed-Withers, Isla Lauder, Jordi Gledhill, Layne Perry, Sienna Hague, Mikaia Singh, Elizabeth Teroi, MJ-Atutahi Heta-Edmonds.	Poppy Roberts, Emily Cannon, Frida Hamilton, Brooke Abbot, Robert McMurdo, Lockie Wade, Sienna van Doorne, Jay Kirkby, Emma Kenny, Rio Sutherland, Noah Baird, Ellie Chen, Nixon Sears, Ricky-J Green, Ashleigh Ramson, Eamon Herbert, Tommy Porthouse, Caden Purdie, Legacy Forsyth, Lauri Paakkonen, Mitchell Vercoe, Te Ahu Te Huia, Hailey Davidson-Brown, Paige Walmsley, Jed Stephens, Oliver Worth, Tom Turner, Freya Porthouse, Cassie Edkins, Oskari Paakkonen, Zoey Potgieter, Jack Schulte, Mia Thompson, Serene Stevens, Anya Greyling, Kaiden Gourlay, Logan Hall, Prue Macpherson, Sophie Bowyer, Findlay Short, Oscar Gray, Lucian McCormick, Roman Wrigley-Pari, Kylah Newton, Saanvi Konduru, Mikayla Murphy, Colin Hanson, Wahanga Wright, Micah O'Leary, Quinn Hucker, Freddie Flynn, Niko Brittain, Nikita Samvelyan, Eli Barter, Taylor Whata, Reid Moulin, Finlay Miller, Emily Thompson, Alexandria Bradford, Maya Clapperton, Rian Luke, AJ Ngamu, Zayyan Dhingam, Kaden Gribble, Landré Deetlefs, Amelia Leach, Tycho Frickey, Rafe Baldwin, Shalome Kanyemba, Rohan Jacobs, Liam Wickett, Julian Cobb, Dexter Coull-Roberts, Coby Steere, Jessica Christoffersen, Hazel Iversen, Hikairo Adams-Ngawhika, Ketia Campbell, Mana Te Pairi.	Nico Klomp, Harrison Boyce, Sophie Kelly, Raymond Reid, Akayshia Turner Kiel, Paris Edge, Darius Tupara-Tonihi, Jack Mclean, Maiah Mackie, Tessa La'aiva, Annabelle Candler, Zoë Branson, Moses McGrath, Skyla-Roze, WiJohn, Takore Tokatu Gardiner, Ben Bridson, Meretitia Porter, Kiah-May Ranclaud, Tawaewae Reweti-Salmon, Josette Malcolm-Karauna, Ruku Wira, Anaya Mohi-Tipu, Cherrenity Tereora, Shylayka Henry, Kaydenoe Albert, Eria Pitau, Te Uru Te Kiri, Elijah Harvey, Tristan Collier, Blake Quirk, Zosia Costello, Logan Cameron, Alex Bian, Nehchal Kang, Eva Cooper-Stephens, Tyronne Yannikakis, Serenade Wade, Nyrelle Hunt-Kemp, Skylah Butler, Walter Herewini, Mila Cooper, Aoife Pomana-Higgins, Mathew Poovaiah, Charlie Olphert, Anuhas Kiriwasthuwalage, Agamjot Singh, Meyah Adam, Eruera Taoho, Tyson Ngawhika-Wineera, Arnav Chandra, Charlie Duncan, Katoia Hubbard-Aliiva'a, Mana Chadwick, Caydenoe Theodore-October, Royale Herangi-Kingi, Pouawha Pumipi, Kaylee Holder, Lola Tang, Jordana Hawke, Haoyang Huang, Keira Martin, Makere Insley, Kyah Harvey, Iyla Rosanoski, Hector Reihana, Stellan Koekemoer, Ollie Fry, Lucy Salisbury, Connor Otukolo, Ben Heighway, Emika Watanabe, Charlie Bridson, Temihi Takuta, Unique Wirihana-Walker.

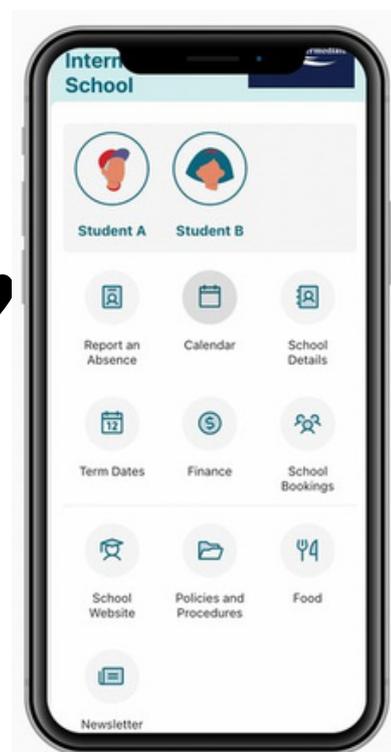
ABSENTEES

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, you have three ways to contact the school and let us know;

Phone directly into the school office - 07 345 9071

Send a text message to the school on 027 528 8910

Send a notification through the Hero app



Understanding your Child's Attendance

Below is a description of all the attendance codes the school uses to classify a student's absence. We have to provide this information in our reporting to the Ministry of Education; this is why we ask for a detailed reason for your child's absence. We only mark students as ? Unknown for a day, then they are marked as truant if we receive no update.

Present for ½ day calculations

P Present

Student is present in class. This includes supervised dual tuition with Te Kura.

L Late to class

Student is late to class. Schools set the threshold for lateness (e.g. 10 minutes) in their school policy.

A Alternative provision

Student is present in a Ministry-approved alternative provision, such as a teen parent unit, alternative education, secondary-tertiary program, health school or activity centre.

V Unsupervised exam study **S**

Student is present in an examination or unsupervised study where the student is on-site.

N Present but out of class

Student is present but out of class due to an on-site school activity (cultural or sporting event), internal appointment, temporary removal from class, or time in the sickbay.

Q Board approved offsite learning

Student is present in Board-approved off-site learning, including courses, school-organised activities, and work experience.

D Approved external appointment

Student is present but has a medical appointment which is unable to be scheduled outside of school hours (e.g. doctor or dentist and includes travel time) or is participating in court proceedings.

Justified absence

J Explained and approved

Student is absent due to explained and approved reasons (e.g. family emergencies, bereavement, representing in national / cultural events, approved exemptions, or accompanying parents on overseas diplomatic / military postings).

M Illness / Medical absence

Student is absent due to illness or medical reasons, including mental health-related absences (e.g. anxiety).

X Exam leave **S**

Student is absent studying offsite preparing for exams. NOTE: Time allocated to this code is not included in Ministry attendance calculations.

U Stood down or suspended

Student is absent due to formal stand down or suspension. This code applies to the period of the stand-down or suspension, excluding the day it was imposed.

Unjustified absence

T Truant

Student is absent without explanation or permission from a parent / caregiver (e.g. skipping class)

E Explained but not approved

Student is absent and the reason provided does not meet the school's policy for a justifiable absence (e.g. a parent states their child didn't want to attend sports day).

G Holiday during term time

Student is absent due to a holiday taken.

? Unknown (temporary)

Temporary code used when the reason for a student's absence is initially unknown. This will be updated once the reason is confirmed.



When: Monday 23rd Feb
Where: Aquatic Center
Time: 9:15-2:00pm

Just a reminder that Mokoia Swimming Sports is a whole school event taking place at the Aquatic Centre. Swimming sports is made up of both competitive and non competitive events. We warmly invite parents and whānau to join us for our Swimming Sports. This is always a fantastic day of participation, teamwork, and school spirit, and we would love for you to come along and support our students as they compete and give their best.

Please be aware While your child might chose not to participate, if they are attending school that day they will be heading to the pools and no students or teaching staff will be remaining onsite at school.

Please read the information below carefully;

Transport: Students will be travelling by Bus to and from the event. You are welcome to drop your child off and/collect them from the pools, however we ask that you inform your child's teacher if this is the case.

What students need: Please ensure your child has the following:

- Togs and Towel – Students wearing items that are not swimwear items will not be permitted to swim. All students must be wearing swimming attire.
- Lunch
- Water bottle with Water
- Sunscreen
- Hat

Uniform: Students will come dressed in their PE gear with house colour accessories. They are not permitted to have coloured hairspray, face paint etc. **Students will not be allowed to swim in anything other than togs, rash shirts or board shorts. PE clothing, T-shirts, Tank tops, shorts, etc are not permitted by the Aquatic center to be worn.**

While we encourage all students to take part in swimming and we ask for your support to encourage this, if they are not for a reason, please let your child's teacher know. They will still be travelling if you have any other questions. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher via our parent/teacher message page.

Please confirm your childs' attendance via the EVENTS in Hero if you have not already done so.

This year our students will be competing in Houses. House names and colours are:

Whakapoungakau- Orange,

Ngongotaha - Purple

Tarawera - Yellow

Matawhaura - Green

HERO - Events

We're excited to let you know about the new Events section in HERO!

This new feature makes it easier for whānau to stay informed and organised with what's happening at school. You'll now be able to view upcoming events, important dates, sports fixtures, trips, and special activities all in one place.

This means you can easily view event details, give permission for your child to attend activities, and complete any required consent forms directly in HERO – all in one simple, central location.

The Events section gives you:

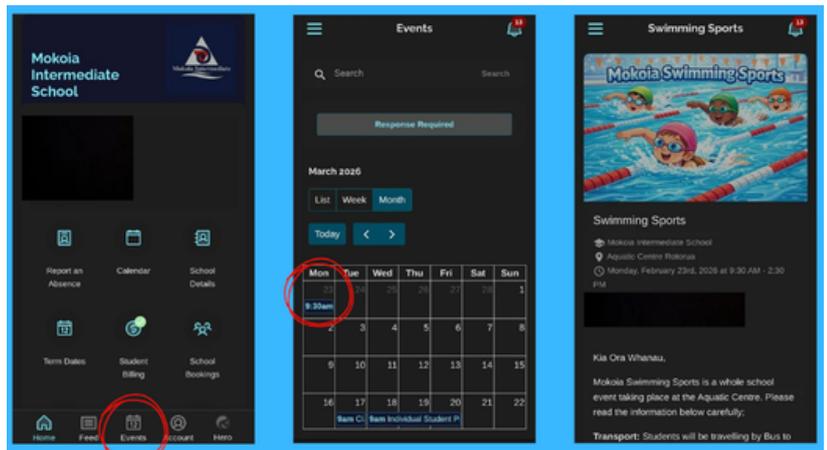
- **A clear overview of school-wide and class events**
- **Key dates and reminders**
- **Digital permissions and consent forms**
- **Easy access to upcoming activities**
- **A simple way to stay connected with school life**

We encourage all families to regularly check the Events tab in HERO so you don't miss important information, permissions, and opportunities to be involved.

If you have any questions or need help accessing HERO, please contact the school office.

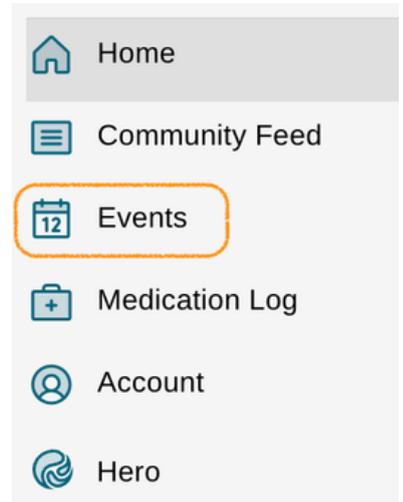
In the app

In the app, click 'Events' in the middle at the bottom of main page. Click an event in the calendar and then find out all the information you need. Scroll down to find the permissions and attendance button



Logging in online

When you log in online, click on the 'Events' button on the main menu on the left.



Special Shout Out

A huge thanks to Brooke Abbot (P1), Emily Cannon (P1), Kaiden Gourlay (P2) and Connor Otukolo (K5) for being awesome upstanders and showing our school values. These students all helped keep our school a safe and enjoyable place to be by alerting teachers to hazards or situations that needed attention. What great rolemodels for others, ka rawe!

WALKWAY AND DROP OFF ZONE

- All pedestrians, cyclists, scooter riders and skateboarders, **please use the pathway** on the Owkata School side of our turf.
- **All caregivers collecting students by car**, please follow the arrows to use our drop off zone at the front of the school. Traffic needs to move through smartly. If you need to wait for your child, please park along Brent Road. We ask that you do not expect your child to run across the road, but that you use the pedestrian crossing.
- For health and safety reasons, we ask parents **NOT** to drive vehicles or walk down the driveway.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

PitaPit Rotorua has a Hot Lunch Menu. In addition to our Pitas, Salads the following items from on the Lunchonline Platform.

Mince Pie \$6.50 – 200 grams of a traditional Kiwi Pie

Mince & Cheese Pie \$6.50 – 200 grams of a Kiwi Favourite Pie

Mini Mince Pie \$5.00 – 100 grams, a great size for those who can't get through a big pie

Mini Mince & Cheese Pie \$5.00 – 100 grams

Sausage Roll \$4.50 – 100 grams

Chicken Nuggets \$4.50 – 6 Chicken Nuggets

Wedges \$4.00 – 150 grams of Golden

Wedges Loaded Wedges \$5.00 – Cheese and Bacon added to the Wedges You will find all these products under the Hot Lunches Option on **Lunchonline**. If you are new to school or haven't ordered Pita Pit before please go to

www.lunchonline.co.nz
Thank you for your support.

BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS

- Bicycle and scooter stands are in a gated area provided for pupils and they must be locked to the stand at all times.
- While in the school grounds, all pupils must walk their bikes and scooters along the footpath.
- All pupils must wear safety helmets when using bicycles.
- Bicycles and scooters will not be stored in the office area or classrooms.



UNIFORM

Our uniform consists of a range of serviceable items, easily layered for extra warmth, which are readily available at **The Warehouse**.

Additional notes:

- Caps and beanies – **navy blue with no insignia.**
- Socks – **navy blue and black.**
- Tights (winter) – **must be navy blue and not footless tights.**
- Footwear – Black covered-in leather or canvas lace up shoes are permitted. They must have black or white soles and black laces. Covered in shoes are **compulsory for technology classes. No gumboots or cros!**
- Black roman sandals or other sandals with back strap. **(No jandals or slides.)**
- School uniform to be worn to and from school.
- P.E. uniform to be worn for all fitness and sports.
- **Only jewellery accepted** is a watch, plain studs or a taonga.
- **Hair must be tied up** for physical education and specialist classes for health and safety reasons.
- **Only the school polar fleece and jacket** are permitted to be worn. Non uniform jumpers, hoodies or puffer jackets are **NOT** permitted.