



Mokoia Intermediate



Matua Rawiri's Shout Out

Tēnā Koutou Parents and Caregivers

We are halfway through term 1 already which has been extremely busy. Next week we have four more classes going to Owhata marae for their noho marae. I'm sure they will be looking forward to all the new learning experiences.

Attendance is vitally important so having students at school everyday helps set a solid foundation for your children's future. Please ensure your child attends school every day. Inform Sue in the office if your child is away, and the reason for absence which is just as important.

Lunches and Digital Devices: What have these got to do with each other? The common denominator is that we try to provide for those children who really need these, as we don't want any of our students to miss out when families have struggles. Neither lunches nor digital devices are provided by the government at Mokoia Intermediate, though we'd love that to be so. **Whaea Karyn** prepares food to make sandwiches for those who need it, funded by the school; **Mrs Lind** can spend up to an hour issuing devices in the morning which is a lot of wasted learning time.

Please help us by **ensuring your child has enough lunch**. We assume children are either choosing to eat what's on offer here or supplementing what they've got. **Lease or buy a chromebook** if you can. They have become a must in today's educational environment.

All the best to **Whaea Aria** who gets married this Saturday. Congratulations!

Have a good weekend everyone.

Matua Rawiri and the Mokoia 'A' Team

We are Limitless! We are Passionate! We are Mokoia!

Key dates for Term 1 2023

Term 1 Week 6

- Client Schools at Technology
- **Monday 6th March** - P1/P4 Museum visit
- **Monday 6th March** - noho marae - K3/K5
- **Tuesday 7th March** - noho marae - P1/P4
- **Thursday 9th March** - P2/P3 Museum visit
- **Friday 10th March** - School Swimming Sports

Term 1 Week 7

- **Monday 13th March** - K1 library trip - Discovering Aotearoa
- **Tuesday 14th March** - K3/K4 library trip - Discovering Aotearoa
- **Wednesday 15th March** - K5 library trip - Discovering Aotearoa
- **Thursday 16th March** - Year 8 HPV vaccinations

Term 1 Week 8

- **Tuesday 21st March** - noho marae - W2/W4
- **Tuesday 21st March** - RATS Duathlon
- **Wednesday 22nd March** - noho marae - W1/W3
- **Thursday 23rd March** - Kaituna @ Crankworx
- **Friday 24th March** - Super 11 Touch

Term 1 Week 9

- Client Schools at Technology
- **Monday 27th March** - noho marae - P2/P3
- **Monday 27th March** - Fluoride treatment for students
- **Tuesday 28th March** - Year 7 vision testing
- **Thursday 30th March** - Waiteti Amazing Race

Term 1 Week 10

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- **Wednesday 5th April** - school photos
- **Thursday 6th April** - Term 1 ends
- **Friday 7th April** - Good Friday

Want to see our full school calendar? Follow this link: <http://bit.ly/MokCal>

@School Parent App

You were sent an email last week with details about downloading and logging into the @School Parent App. This will give you access to message the classroom teacher, receive notices, complete permission slips and contact the school office. The temporary password may have expired (they were set to last a week) which means that you need to contact me for a new one.

As we start using the school functions over the school term, we will add in the ability to receive accounts, book school interview times, receive student reports and see into your student's portfolio. Download the app from Google Play or the App store and look out for our email.

Be patient with us. We are learning how to navigate the uses of the app too! Send me a message. I'm yet to see how it works (and if it works).

- Annemarie Hyde, DP Curriculum, ahyde@mokoia.school.nz

Science Extension

Science Extension is so popular we've had to create two groups: Science A (Putaiiao Tuakana) meets Thursday afternoons. Today we collected water samples from four points at Lake Rotorua: Owata Marae, Awahou, Mourea and The Lakefront. These samples will form part of our water eutrophication investigation. Science B (Putaiiao Teina) meets Fridays and will begin with lab equipment identification. Many thanks to Whaea Rose for helping with transport and encouragement.

We will endeavour to engage with our science community at every opportunity. If you are able to provide a rich science learning experience please email me.

- Whaea Lisa, TIC Science, ltewhare@mokoia.school.nz

Te Whatu Ora

Health New Zealand

The Dental team is coming to Mokoia Intermediate on 27th March for a visit to apply a fluoride varnish to help provide extra protection to your child's teeth.

Fluoride is a mineral that occurs naturally in some water sources. Fluoride helps protect both child and adult teeth by strengthening tooth enamel. Fluoride replaces the minerals lost on the surface of the teeth during early stages of tooth decay.

What will we do?

1. Talk to your child about ways to keep teeth healthy.
2. Apply a protective coating of fluoride to your child's teeth.



What do you need to do?

- If you **do not** want your child to have this service, or you want to discuss, please contact:
 - o Phone 0800 Lakes Teeth (0800 525 378)
 - o Text 027 578 0275
 - o teeth@lakesdhb.govt.nz



Basketball

We have eight basketball teams for the Term 2 season. 73 students are registered which is fantastic. I am looking for three more coaches. Please return all permission slips to the office asap.

Year 6 Boys Pukekohe	Uniform	Fees	Year 6 Boys Homatanga	Uniform	Fees	Year 6 Boys Umitika	Uniform	Fees
Joni Parsons Blake Gilford Aarika Conroy Cooper Jones(C) Blake Fraser Hayden Hockliffe Traut Guinell Rhuar Walden (VC) S			Nat Turlington (VC) Rita Huru-Moyes Connor Barnett Toby Clayton Aayan Khan Marlene Curtis Nate Shan (C) Michael Cannon S			Lacey Stone(C) Tihira O'Brien (VC) Perez O'Brien Lachlan Mead Marena Roach Devlin Tasho Ty van Doorn T Leigh Marie Thompson Hannah Theodore S		
Coach: Jerome Namana			Coach:			Coach: Josh MacFarlane-Roach		
Manager: Tara Walden			Manager:			Manager:		
Year 7 Boys Whakaiti	Uniform	Fees	Year 7 Boys Integrity	Uniform	Fees			
Raewi Wall Aussie Fittell Campbell Leatherland Avian van Meulen Jayden Molderbauer Blot Miririn Cyrus Smith Renui Alamein Lawson Manuel Rosal Roberts(C) S			See Graham (VC) Jana Russ Kalen Fittell Saver Hodge Roberts(C) Igor Peters Sofia Smith Casey Coates Cherie Fraser Cohen Frog Tama Tu Tui-White S					
Coach:			Coach:					
Manager:			Manager:					
Year 8 Girls Miroka	Uniform	Fees	Year 8 Girls Aotearoa	Uniform	Fees	Year 8 Girls Umitika Passara	Uniform	Fees
Pere Pulepule-Taurus (C) Purimu Pulepule-Taurus Nera Pitau (VC) Jeharah Maitangi Sandra Rauri Taya Ngamiro-Hihopa Anahera Ryder Lyndia Graham Haley Proctor Rara Penkwin S			Reynold Paul Kaiti Hanlon Te Ahi Wenteanga Melita Dittus Aria Tavhara-Saunders Aria Biddle-Hunohuru Lulu Monehu Benjamin Courtney B(C) Waydenley Courtney B (VC) S			Hayley Griddle (VC) Devin Murray Isabelle Paul Sherry Arbutnot Sandra May Cunningham Reef Pihuliva (C) Aia Conley Claudia Dunn Halia Pihahu S		
Coach: Russell Taurus			Coach: Peter Courtney			Coach: Cheyla Samuels		
Manager: Tauruahe Pulepule			Manager: Gloria Tepea			Manager:		

- Matua Rawiri, basketball coordinator, rwhapi@mokoia.school.nz

Touch

Four touch teams have been selected for the Super 11 Touch Tournament on Friday 24th March at the Westbrook fields. We would love to have all students in teams but we are restricted by the rules to have only 12 players per team in each Year Level 7 and 8 boys and girls teams. Training is in process with their respective coaches at the moment. More information about the day will be sent out soon.

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Super 11 Touch Teams 2023

	Year 7 Girls	Year 7 Boys	Year 8 Girls	Year 8 Boys
1	Ziere Campbell K5	Ejay W4	Pareamio W3	Storm K2
2	Leana Gaugler P3	Keanu P2	Jaziah W3	Leyhi K2
3	Riah Anderson K2	Casey K3	Lydia.O W1	Owen W3
4	Aria Hunuhuna K2	Dylan.A W4	Tayla K4	Metera W1
5	Rongomai Pene K2	Zachery K3	Charlotte W3	Carlos W1
6	Hayley Gribble P2	Lawson P2	Jemimah K1	Jack W3
7	Mikayla Williams P2	Jax P2	Rose K1	Noah.C W3
8	Grace Fry P2	Gideon P2	Lydia.G P4	Nate W1
9	Piarimu Pukupuke-Taurua W2	Cyrus W4	T.K P4	Tama-Tu W2 7
10	Khenydce Arbuthmott K2	Noah.E K3	Taya K4	Charnz K2 7
11	Aiesha Harrison K2	Elliot W4	Nahnia W1	Rawiri W4 7
12	Reef Kahukiwa W2	Taine W4	Anahera K4	Cohen W2 7
13	Pauline Houghton W2		Kaylee K1	

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Waka Ama Festival 2023

On Thursday 2nd March, ten students attended a waka ama festival hosted by Te Waiariki Pura Trust at Lake Tikitapu.

The students were split into two teams: Ūpoko pakaru and Kōmaitanga.

Ūpoko Pakaru - **Aria, Rongomai, Alyvia, Piarimu, and Riah.**

Kōmaitanga - **Grace, Claudia, Pareamio, Jahziah, and Viennah.**

On the day the teams competed in two different types of races.

The first race involves both teams. The first team paddles around a course and returns to the second team who are waiting in chest high water. The two teams have to complete a mid race change over and once completed the second team paddles around the course.

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In the second race, each team races 250m, completes a waka ama turn around a buoy and then races back down until they are 100m from the finish. The team then needs to flip their waka, while they are in the water they need to flip it back over, bail out all of the water, get back in the waka and then paddle over the finish line.

I was initially sceptical about the flipping portion of the race but we received expert tutelage from **Kelley Korau** who works with Te Waiariki Porea Trust and is a long time paddler with the Hei Matau waka ama club. After a session with Whaea Kelley on the water, my worries were alleviated and the students were ready. Our thanks go to Whaea Kelley for help in preparing us for the races.

Our two teams were nervous before their first race. It was replaced by excitement, as they put on their PDFs and grabbed their hoe (paddles). The first team to start our change over race was team Ūpoko Pakaru. It was hard going as the students hadn't actually paddled over a long distance before this race, but just like their name, they were resilient and kept paddling even though they were tired. As they approached the change over zone, team Kōmaitanga were waiting and ready. A quick exit by the first team allowed the second team to jump in and they were off. I think the nervousness was definitely gone by this time and they were amped. Team Kōmaitanga made their way around the course and were cheered on by their mates. After the struggle came the elation. A perfect example of our two school values that the teams were named after. HURO!

Team Ūpoko pakaru raced first in the 500m capsized event. They started well and were strong paddlers through the race. As the turn neared Te Mihiroa was shouting different commands and the team executed them well which saw them come through the turn in first place. After reaching half way the team capsized their waka. The girls knew their roles and corrected the boat quickly. Jumping back in, the hard part began as they had to bail all the water out of their waka. Echoes of "We are, we are Mokoia!" echoed out from the girls still on shore to cheer on the other team. The team made it across the line in second place which secured them a spot in the Plate final.

After cheering the first team and sharing high fives it was team Kōmaitanga's turn to race. Their start was a bit slower but once again their resilience showed as they kept up with the other teams. Te Mihiroa's instructions proved valuable again as the team executed a flawless turn.

The turn is more difficult than you might think if you have not competed in waka ama. It requires teamwork and coordination of those paddling in seats 1 and 2, 5 and the steerer. To do this with two teams who have not done a turn in a race situation shows how well the girls listened and how well they were instructed through this process.

The team raced back down the course, capsized the waka, corrected it and then bailed the water. The team ensured Vienna knew what to do as she wasn't at our last practice. They crossed the line in third place but I think that they should have been first as they had bailed all the water out before crossing the finish line which was the rule. The other two teams were still bailing water as they were approaching the loading bay. Team Kōmaitanga took a spot in the Bowl final.

500m capsized Bowl final: I made a decision to place Jahziah at stroke which saw an instant improvement in speed and cohesion between the paddlers. They were neck and neck with everyone. When it came to the capsizing there were improvements in this area as they were able to correct the waka a lot faster than in their first race. Team Kōmaitanga secured third place in their bowl final. Well done to you all.

500m capsized Plate final: Team Ūpoko Pakaru had a steady race again. Completing their turn and capsizing the waka.. A special mention to Riah as she was able to climb back into the waka in both races, a special achievement for her. Team Ūpoko Pakaru achieved third place in the plate final.

We have to thank:

- Te Waiariki Pūrea Trust for hosting an excellent and well run event
 - The steerers who helped us in the last two races
 - **Te Mihiroa** who steered in the first two races; your wairua really helped our girls to settle their nerves and you played a major role in the successes of both teams.
 - **Whaea Shelley** who was a supervisor, photographer, videographer, and snack supplier
 - Thanks to our parents who allowed their children to participate
 - A special mention about our two teams. They conducted themselves well, they supported each other (I am pretty sure they were the loudest), and their pride as Mokoia ākonga really showed.
- *Matua Regan, TIC Waka Ama, rhawke@mokoia.school.nz*

Healthy Active Learning

Our school is involved in a government wellbeing initiative called Healthy Active Learning. Part of the Child Youth and Wellbeing Strategy, it is now in its third year and in over 900 schools across the motu.

To help understand its impact, the Massey University evaluation team is keen to hear about how your tamariki participate in physical activity and healthy eating and drinking at our school and in our community. They have put together a survey which takes 5-10 minutes and, on completion, puts you in the draw to win a \$100 supermarket voucher.

Complete the survey at: https://massey.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e5SnfFUZmmyyFJb

Merit Awards

K1	Legion Collier - For your mahi in the kitchen at camp and your mahi in our rotations. Tau ke! Jemimah Tepairi Reihana - For your positive attitude to learning and being a role
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	model of the Mokoia School values. Ka mau te wehi!
Rūmaki	Mana Ariki Fleming - Kua rewa mātike rawa koe!
K3	Lulu Morehu - For being sensible, respectful and responsible. Thank you for keeping us on track.
K4	K4 - You all deserve this award for showing the school values this week. You have shown Whakaiti, Ūpoko Pakaru and Kōmaitanga, when you Tautoko K5 with assembly this week.
K5	Amber Van Schalkwyk - For the joy that you bring into our classroom. You are polite, helpful and a brilliant example of our school values in action. Thank you for being you!
P1	Blake Fraser - The energy and enthusiasm you exert while participating in Just Dance is not only contagious, it is an absolute pleasure to watch. Keep up the positive attitude. - From Whaea Deana.
P2	Lawson Manuel - You approach all areas of your learning with energy and enthusiasm. I love the way you share your ideas with me and create an independent narrative or recount each time. You are a kind student with a big heart. Thank you for being you.
P3	Jurij Firm - For being such an enthusiastic, self motivated learner. You are a kind, humble and well respected member of P3. Congratulations for your amazing result in PAT Maths. You rock, Jurij.
P4	Elih Fester - For displaying all the values of Te Tihi o Mana when our kainga ako was learning the waiata a-ringā. The whakaiti you display when leading your peers is perfection. Tu meke! - From Whaea Kathryn
W1	Connor Dempsey - For being a kind, diligent and respectful young man. You show ūpoko pakaru in your learning. You never give up and encourage your classmates to keep going. You are a wonderful example of what it means to be a Mokoia student. Thank you for being the wonderful young man that you are!
W2	Lincoln Wainohu - For your fabulous listening skills and explanation of instructions in structured literacy. It was wonderful to see you take on a leadership role and show the school values ūpoko pakaru and komaitanga in your learning. Keep up the awesome work Lincoln.
W3	Cate Phipps - For her dedication towards her learning. She is always well organised and strives to succeed in all areas of her schooling. Awesome attitude to have at such a youthful age. Well done Cate. Ruby Johnston - For her dedication towards her learning. She is always well organised and strives to succeed in all areas of her schooling. Awesome attitude to have at such a youthful age. Well done Cate.
W4	Pacey Bennett - For the constant hard work and dedication you put into all areas of your learning. You are always on task and strive to achieve your personal best in all that you do. You are a fabulous role model and we love having you in W4. Keep up the awesome effort - you're a superstar!

Multi/ Digital	Xavier Hitchens (W3) - Excellent work in the workshop this week Xavier. You joined in, accepted help when needed, and got the mahi done.
Digital Tech	Tessa Moran (K3), Riah Anderson (K2), Kalicia Pohatu (W4) - Fantastic mahi this week. I really liked how you listened and engaged in the learning. Well done.
Art/Toi Ataata	Carlos Lewis (W2) - For exhibiting ūpoko pakaru, resilience, in the classroom. Carlos you made an error of judgement that upset you, however you were able to reset, move forward and complete your task. A very well deserved award. Te Arikinui Heretaunga (K2) - For your quiet confidence and leadership qualities in class. Te Arikinui, you are very observant and have great focus. A well deserved award.
Science	Dayeton John (W1) - Dayeton, your natural curiosity and quick wit are very much appreciated in the science room. Felix Poole (P1) - Felix, your natural curiosity and quick wit are very much appreciated in the science room.
Food Tech	Clodagh McCann (W4) - For being a superstar in Food Technology this week. You listened beautifully to instructions and were a super efficient cleaner. You are a valuable member of your group and bring a positive and energetic energy with you to my classes. Thanks Clodagh!

Celebrations

👍 Congratulations to this week's recipient of our values trophy, **Connor Dempsey, W1**, "For being a kind, diligent and respectful young man. You show ūpoko pakaru in your learning. You never give up and encourage your classmates to keep going. You are a wonderful example of what it means to be a Mokoia student. Thank you for being the wonderful young man that you are!" This award is given out each week to a role model student. *"All that I value I will uphold - he tohu whakamanawa."*

Well done to all merit award winners this week.

What a great effort our waka ama paddlers made on Thursday.

Superb work from the group of extension science students, out testing the eutrophication of our lake water yesterday.

What a great effort our students from K4 and K5 made with their item in assembly this afternoon.

👍 Well done to the student council who are aware that their job is to "bring change in the school." Yesterday they decided not to use the word "mufti" going forward as it is an appropriated word

that “has a history of degradation and racism.” They are going back to their classes to discuss what term our school might adopt instead.

👍 For more go to our Facebook group page, Mokoia Intermediate 2022.
<http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

Our School Values

At the centre of "Te Tihi O Mana" is **te au** - the self. Te Au o Mana represents the flow of the pillars of Te Tihi o Mana, as it permeates through the individual's being.

We have to make sure that our three values are integrated with everything about ourselves and not just something we pay lip service to. What does it mean to show humility? What does it mean to show perseverance? To recognise our small steps of achievement? These are ideas we have to measure ourselves against every day, child or adult. How are we, as teachers and parents, modelling these?



The position of this section of our graphic also brings to mind te manawa - the heart. We want to be known as the school with heart - where we are passionate about learning , about whakawhanaungatanga - relationships - and about the expression of our values.

Children's Day

Join us on Saturday 4 March, for a tamariki celebration festival at the Village Green, Rotorua Lakefront, designed to bring whānau together and show how important children are in our rohe! The kaupapa is supported by our community organisations and local businesses to awhi our whānau.

We have activities ranging from bouncy castles, inflatable games, pony rides and unicycles- and so much more for the whole whānau!

Dress up in fancy dress and bring along a picnic lunch and enjoy our live performances! Giveaways and prizes for best dressed!

Nau mai - Haere Mai- Come along for an amazing day!

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