



Mokoia Intermediate



Matua Rawiri's Shout Out

Tēnā Koutou Parents and Caregivers

We have an amazing staff at Mokoia Intermediate. This week we have had occasion to reflect on how we all support each other. Teaching is not an easy job that requires a handbook of literacy and numeracy lessons. It's far more complex. Your children are far more complex, and not just academically. It's those other needs which we need to help children with before they are even ready to learn.

The senior leadership team are in every class daily, building relationships with students and teachers and very aware of what classroom programmes look like. Your child has an hour of structured literacy four days a week, not counting the technology day and any school trips like the noho marae.

Mathematics programmes, writing and reading also form most of the daily programme. Yesterday I experienced children unpacking words like "forlornly" using drama to show how the characters in the book would have looked. Another class was writing better sentence starters. Children were unpacking integers and fractions. We have learning support assistants in nearly every room to support the range of needs and levels.

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But we do offer more. Intermediate age children need other rich, engaging programmes.

Congratulations to **Whaea Lisa** for what she is doing in extension science. **Matua Doug** runs EPro8, an engineering programme. These are on top of our usual tech arts programme. **Mr Law** runs Stagequest at lunchtime. The student leaders took part in the **Acceler8 Taiao** programme which will run every Thursday, allowing students to help with pest control along Te Ara Tawhiti and go to Mokoia Island. On Tuesday a large number of students participated in the RATS duathlon and today another group is taking part in the Super 11 Touch tournament.

Thank you to our staff. We have spent the last six years working on our school culture and learning programme. We believe we are well on the way to building something great.

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 9

- Client Schools at Technology
- **Monday 27th March** - noho marae - W2/W4
- **Monday 27th March** - Fluoride treatment for students
- **Tuesday 28th March** - noho marae - W1/W3
- **Tuesday 28th March** - Year 7 vision testing
- **Wednesday 29th March** - Waka Experience training for students
- **Thursday 30th March** - Waiteti Amazing Race
- **Friday 31st March** - Waka Experience on water for students

Term 1 Week 10

- **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>

Noho Marae

W2 and W4 and W1 and W3 will now go to Owhata Marae in Week 9 from Monday 27th March, Tuesday 28th March and Wednesday 29th March. There is a tangihanga at Owhata Marae this week.

P2 and P3 will go next term now. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

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Ministry of Education Community Consultation about Planning and Reporting

The rules about how schools do their planning and reporting are changing!

School planning and reporting processes and documents underpin all other work that schools and kura do. It is essential for evaluating how schools meet the needs of all ākonga.

We want to hear what you think about the proposed rules and learn more about how we can support you to work with your school throughout their planning and reporting process.

We are running two online workshops for ākonga, parents, whānau and community on Wednesday 5 April. The options are:

- 3:30pm – 5pm
- 7pm – 8:30pm

If you'd like to take part in an online workshop, you can email your preferred time slot for the online community workshops to planning.together@education.govt.nz.

If you are unable to attend a workshop but still want to provide us with feedback on the draft regulations and support material, go to <https://bit.ly/40qTW6t>

Science Extension

Mokoia intermediate advocates inclusive learning with regard to extension classes. Science extension is an 'opt in' model, which has been surprisingly popular this year.

Today, we had the amazing opportunity to host **Dr Nathaniel Davis** (senior lecturer of physics and chemistry) from Victoria University, Wellington and his two post graduate students **Callum** and **Chase**.

Dr Davis is passionate about uplifting student capacity at all levels in science, and today our students investigated how to create solar energy using the juice of the tututu berry. The berries were sourced from Whakarewarewa. It was a wonderful day and our large group of students were absolutely focussed and engaged. It was such an awesome opportunity for our students to interact with scientists, and our guests were impressed with how articulate and polite our students were. Science came to us!

We are very grateful to **Matua Stu Herewini** for his organisation, making it happen for our students.

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

RATS Duathlon

Experiences in life are crucial to self development. As a teacher we offer students experiences and are fortunate to see them grow in confidence and succeed.

On Tuesday, Toni Bocoock and I were incredibly fortunate to attend and support a large group of students at the RATS duathlon. We saw incredible talent, we heard motivational conversations and we experienced Mokoia heart.

This Mokoia heart was quite possibly the best experience I, as not only a teacher but a human being, was fortunate enough to witness. One of our students had a run of bad luck during her race and even managed to have her rear wheel come off. This beautiful student persevered, and through sheer determination completed her race in the most heart warming of Mokoia spirit. As she came in to transition her bike and complete her final run she was greeted by every other Mokoia student; they cheered her on and ran the last leg with her crossing the finish line together.

This is what makes me proud to be a teacher of Mokoia. This was the moment my heart was warmed and my cup was full. Full of pride for our students and full of emotion for one who never gave up, who completed her first RATS duathlon and through it all had a smile on her face.

Special mention and congratulations goes to **Matthew Wallace** 1st place, RIS 2nd and **Lachlan Mead** 3rd for the boys. JPC 1st, **Georgia Davies** 2nd and **Amelia Tarplett** 3rd for the girls. A huge thank you to **Matua Bert Hollis** for bringing the gazebo out for us and taking it back to school. You are very much appreciated.

To our parents, it is always wonderful to meet so many new ones and to see our familiar faces return. Your support and encouragement does not go unnoticed and we thank you.

Whaea Deana Turner and Mrs Toni Bocoock, TIC, dturner@mokoia.school.nz and tbocoock@mokoia.school.nz

Swimming

I was privileged to take a small group of Mokoia students to the Interschool Swimming Competition at the Rotorua Aquatic Centre last Friday.

The weather wasn't the greatest, but the students impressed me with their positive attitude, determination, and politeness.

We managed to secure some placings, which is wonderful (full results will be out next week) and I want to say thank you to **Charlotte W4, Anaru P4, Amelia P1, Rongomai K2, Niko P2** and **Xavier K3** for showing all of the Mokoia School values.

Also, a very big thank you to **Whaea Shelley** for coming along and being awesome.

- *Whaea Karyn Thaine*

Merit Awards

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| K1 | Zoe Peters - You always impress me with the way you work with others. You are kind, considerate and respectful at all times. |
| Rūmaki | Aiesha Harrison - He ito koe na Ūpoko māro, na ihu oneone! |
| K3 | Greg Kameta-Marsden and Adisson Westwood - You experienced kōmaitanga this week while working with decimals and parts of speech. Your positive attitude and resilience are the reason you experienced success. I am so proud of you! |
| K4 | Emma Raroa-Kire - You showed Upoko pakaru when you tried new experiences and learned many new skills at the Hinemoa water safety programme. Well done. |
| K5 | Angus Macklin - For the positive attitude that you show towards all of your learning. You are always up for a challenge and enjoy trying new things. You are an active participant in all classroom discussions. Ka mau te wehi! |
| P1 | Devlin Taoho - For the amazing effort and perseverance you have been putting into your mathematics learning. It has been so great to see you catch on to an idea and really understand how it works. |
| P2 | Niko Weir, Grace Fry, Mikayla Williams, Zoe Scott, Maddi Young - For showing all of our school values when competing at the RATS Duathlon. You were polite, determined and respectful. It was a pleasure spending the day with you. Thank you! |
| P3 | Fraser Barclay, Ethan Katene, Remi Vade, Matthew Wallace, Sammy Carter, Leana Gaugler, Harper Moore, Loralie Packham, Ellie Smith - for showing all of our school values when competing at the RATS Duathlon. You were polite, determined and respectful. It was a pleasure spending the day with you. Thank you! |
| P4 | Elsie Papps - You are a kind and supportive young lady. The support you showed towards a fellow RATS team member was really appreciated. |
| W1 | Carter Aitchison - For being engaged in your mahi, coming to school each day with a positive attitude and a willingness to learn. It has been wonderful to see you growing in confidence and sharing your ideas with your peers. Holly Mei Lazenby - For your positive attitude towards your learning, your bright disposition and happiness you bring to our classroom. Also for achieving your goal of getting your daily check in book in the check in box! |

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| W2 | Keira Baker - For your awesome efforts in your 'Who am I' writing. You have shown that when on task you can produce fantastic work. Keep up the awesome mahi Keira. |
| W3 | Ella Baird - For your effort you are putting into your classroom work, along with your involvement in classroom PE and fitness. Great Work Ella. |
| W4 | Ejay Ireland - For always being so polite and respectful. You always use your manners and are considerate of the people around you. I love how your confidence is growing, and that you are starting to ask for help when you need it with your learning. You are such a delight to have in W4 Ejay. Keep being you! |
| Multi/ Digital | Khan Young (P4), Blake Flintoff (K1), Trixie Dakin-Hoy (W1) - I really appreciated the mahi you put into all your work this week. You went the extra mile to produce something you can be proud of. |
| Digital Tech | Tyler Watson (K3), Abigail Ten Haaf (P3), Credence Kemp (K2), Harriet Wright (W4) - You showed fantastic learner attributes this week by the way you shared your mahi, thoughts and ideas. |
| Art/Toi Ataata | Lulu Morehu (K3) - For your positive focus and your ability to understand a design process. Lulu, you have developed your learning confidence in design and further understand a design process. A well deserved award. Sienna-May Cunningham (K3) - For your ability to understand a design process, and work quickly and productively towards completion. Sienna, you are a shining star in this area of learning, most importantly, you enjoy learning new concepts. |
| Science | Daniel Parker (K4) - For your ability to grasp scientific concepts with ease. Daniel, you are a fantastic learner and have a positive collaborative manner in class that inspires others to learn. A very well deserved award. Emma Raroa-Kire (K4), Shontelle Stirling (K1), Axle Whitehead (W3) - For your new found ability to articulate scientific concepts in the classroom. Emma, you have earned this award for the brave way you described atoms, elements, compounds and mixtures in class discussion. |
| Food Tech | Trojhan Gene (W4) - I have been so impressed with your mahi in the kitchen this week. You have some wonderful knife skills and I can tell you enjoy cooking at home. You were super organised and efficient. I noticed the way you got along well with others in your team and the kind nature you brought to your group. Amazing mahi! |

Celebrations

👍 Congratulations to this week's recipient of our values trophy, **Harper Moore, P3**. This award is given out each week to a role model student. We received this message from a member of the public following the RATS duathlon: "My partner and I happened to be riding in the forest yesterday and came across a student of yours. Her rear wheel had come off along with the disk brake. We stopped to help and got her on his way albeit with just a front brake.

We were both really impressed with her. She was very tired and the mechanical failure must have made it much harder to ride. But she was positive and incredibly polite. She was committed to finishing the event and was in no way put off.

I asked her name: we think it was Harper? She had blue hair. We introduced ourselves and she said it was nice to meet us and thanked us for stopping and helping. And off she went.

We passed her a bit later then found ourselves at the finish line to see all of her schoolmates running with her as she completed the event.

What a fabulous group of people you have at your school! Please pass on our best wishes to this wonderful young student and the other students who supported her. "

"All that I value I will uphold - he tohu whakamanawa."

👍 A huge thank you to **Elsie Papps** for supporting Harper to finish the race.

Well done to all merit award winners this week.

Thank you to teachers and students who did so well at RATS. It was heartwarming to receive positive feedback about our team from members of the public not associated with our school.

Congratulations to **Maddy Newcombe**, first in the 11-year-old category at the BMX Nationals in Tauranga on Friday 17th March. She was also selected as a reserve for the Mighty 11s test series in Australia in July, which means she is one of five girls to travel and race across the ditch. She raced injured on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th but still won all seven races. She has the New Zealand 11 year old girls' title.

Good luck to our touch teams competing today.

Tomorrow is the last day for cricket. This is a big thank you to the boys who have played every Saturday and the amazing parents who have supported with time, transport and financially.

👍 For more go to our Facebook group page, Mokoia Intermediate 2022.

<http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

Our School Values

Whakaiti

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari kē he toa takitini

My success should not be bestowed onto me alone, it was not individual success but the success of a collective.

This whakatauki acknowledges team effort, that one's success is due to the support and contribution of many. Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a community or a team to enable an individual's success. Well done to the RATS team, who supported each team member to get to the end.



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