



Mokoia Intermediate



Matua Rawiri's Shout Out

Tēnā Koutou Parents and Caregivers

Well done staff and students for supporting today's initiative against bullying, Pink Shirt Day.

Today we farewell **Miss French** as she looks at finding a teaching position closer to where she lives in Tauranga. We wish her all the best on her new venture. Thank you for playing a huge part in our school learning environment. You will be missed by everyone.

I attended a two day professional development with intermediate principals from Waikato, Tauranga, Mount, Te Puke, Whakatane, Gisborne and Rotorua this week. We visited Tauranga Intermediate which has a student roll of 1251 students. It was interesting to see such a large school in operation. I look forward to sharing my experiences with the senior leadership team and staff.

It's wonderful to see so many of our students upholding and using our school values throughout the week at school by helping others, being nice, respecting others, completing work, participating in activities, sportsmanship and respecting teachers. Thanks to the many coaches, managers and

leaders of our sports, cultural and extra curricular teams. There are many opportunities for students to participate in, at school. Have a good weekend.

Matua Rawiri and the Mokoia 'A' Team

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

Key dates for Term 2 2023

Term 2 Week 5

- **Monday 22nd May** - Board meeting, 6pm
- **Tuesday 23rd May** - Acceler8 Taiao/Biodiversity Programme, 8.45am - 12pm: **K1**
- **Wednesday 24th May - Friday 26th May** - Epro8 finals
- **Thursday 25th May** - Year 7 Boostrix education session

Term 2 Week 6

- **Tuesday 30th May** - Acceler8 Taiao/Biodiversity Programme, 8.45am - 12pm
- **Wednesday 31st May** - RGHS Legally Blonde Performance
- **Thursday 1st June** - Jumping June

Term 2 Week 7

- **Monday 5th June** - King's Birthday
- **Tuesday 6th June** - Acceler8 Taiao/Biodiversity Programme, 8.45am - 12pm
- **Tuesday 6th June** - Life Education starts

Term 2 Week 8

- **Tuesday 13th June** - Acceler8 Taiao/Biodiversity Programme, 8.45am - 12pm

Term 2 Week 9

- **Tuesday 20th June** - Acceler8 Taiao/Biodiversity Programme, 8.45am - 12pm

Term 2 Week 10

- **Tuesday 27th June** - Acceler8 Taiao/Biodiversity Programme, 8.45am - 12pm
- **Wednesday 28th June** - Year 7 Boostrix vaccination
- **Friday 30th June** - Term 2 ends

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

Origins of Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying after a new Year 10 student was harassed and threatened for wearing pink. These students bought dozens of pink shirts and distributed them to their classmates to wear the next day.

The word got out online and hundreds of students showed up in pink, some from head-to-toe, to stand together against bullying.

It has been celebrated in New Zealand since 2009.

EPro8

This is just a friendly reminder that next week is the EPro8 semifinals and finals (should we qualify). Details are as follows:

- Date: Wednesday 24th May (semi-final); Thursday 25th May (Grand Final)
- Time: 4pm - 7pm
- Venue: Mokoia Intermediate Hall

Please ensure competitors are on time, in school uniform, have a drink and snack available to them.

Kind regards

- Matua Doug, TIC EPro8, dmaquire@mokoia.school.nz

Acceler8 Taiao/Biodiversity Programme

The Acceler8 Taiao/Biodiversity programme is on! **Matua Nireaha Pirika** and **Matua Hori** will accompany ten students from Year 8 each Tuesday. We will start with K1. Matua Nireaha will pick the group up at 8.45am and they will be back by lunchtime.

The RAMS forms will be sent out with a letter that goes out to the selected students before the trip each week.

Science

The Mokoia Intermediate Science programme could not move forward without the support of external providers and fellow schools. From our initial support from Whakatane intermediate, to our research lab support from Wellington University and Operational lab support from Rotorua Lakes District council, we are so very grateful.

We are fortunate to have a science lab for our students. Utuhina Tech science focus is the material world, strand level 4, year 8.

Science extension is open to year 7s and 's every Thursday afternoon. Due to popular demand, an overflow class has been created on Friday mornings.

On Thursday, a small group of water focussed students visited the operational lab at the water treatment plant. Our students made quite a positive impression with thorough inquisitive discussion and lists of well prepared questions.

In the afternoon, our solar cell students were discussing their investigation with Dr Nathaniel Davies, senior chemistry lecturer from Wellington University, on zoom.

One of our highlights today was a gift of a Nepenthes Carnivorous plant from Chris at the water treatment lab. The students have named him 'Brad'.

If you would like to contribute in any way to our science programme, we would love to hear from you.

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

Showquest 2023

Great news: Showquest 2023 tickets are now on sale! Please find the link to purchase tickets on the Showquest website - www.showquest.nz/dates. Make sure to only buy tickets from the registered ticketing agents - Ticketmaster, Ticketek and Eventfinda.

To answer a few questions I received:

Tickets are \$25 for an adult and \$15 for a student and child (plus booking fees).

Students performing in Showquest or Toi do not need to buy tickets; participation fees will be invoiced prior to your event. (Showquest is \$10 per student and Toi is \$10 per garment).

Teachers/Parents who are on site all day facilitating do not need to purchase a ticket.

- Glen Law, TIC Performing Arts, glaw@mokoia.school.nz

AIMs Boys Football Trials

This will be happening in the next week or so. I will notify you all closer to the time. Plus I will let the boys know via daily notices.

- 28 boys have registered to trial. It is great to have such a high level of interest.
- 14 boys will be selected for the AIMs team.

- Gareth Upston, TIC Sport, gupston@mokoia.school.nz

AIMs Hockey Trials

Wednesday 24th - lunchtime

Thursday 25th - during class hours TBC

- Gareth Upston, TIC Sport, gupston@mokoia.school.nz

Basketball

Basketball Results - Wednesday 17th May

Mokoia Whakaiti Year 7 Boys vs RPS Mauri (Lost by default)

Mokoia Passion Year 8 Boys vs RIS Ruamata Tamaora Lost - Player of the Day - **Jack Parsons**

Mokoia Integrity Year 7 Boys 9 vs Kaitao Kaha 10 - Player of the Day - **Casey Coetzee**

Mokoia Upoko Pakaru Year 7 Girls 4 vs Te Koutu Ruru 28 - Player of Day - **Isabelle Paul**

Mokoia Girls Year 8 Girls 20 vs Hurunga Kotiro Waenganui 29 - Player of the Day - **Pareamio Pukepuke-Taurua**

Mokoia Komaitanga Year 8 Boys 7 vs JPC Tui 36 - Player of the Day - **Toby Claydon**

Mokoia Achieve Year 8 Girls 38 vs JPC Huia 10 - Player of the Day - Whole Team

Mokoia Limitless - Bye

Please make sure Basketball fees are paid to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

- *Matua Rawiri, Basketball Coordinator*

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Hockey

Hockey Friday 19th May - all games cancelled!

Mokoia Maddogs (1)

Mokoia Mighty Ducks (2)

Mokoia Magic (3)

Mokoia Madness (4)

Parents please check the Rotorua Hockey website for draws in the future. They are posted for the next few weeks (Round 1).

Mokoia teams are named 1-4 on the website. See above for clarification.

- Gareth Upston, Sports Coordinator, gupston@mokoia.school.nz

Merit Awards

K1	Connor Bennett - This week I have seen you start to relax and engage in learning with purpose. This has enabled great conversations and enabled you to show how much you know. Thank you for doing the little things in the classroom like turning on the heater in the morning and putting reminders on the board for us. I really appreciate it.
Rūmaki	Hera Pītau - Ka kokea e koe i te tihi o mana!
K3	Lulu Morehu - You have worked well at developing your grasp of measurement concepts and skills this week and continue to treat others with consideration and respect.
K4	-
K5	Alexis White - For your positive and bubbly personality. You are a kind and caring friend and peer. It has been great to see you becoming more comfortable participating in classwide discussions - your contributions are valued. Keep it up Alexis!
P1	Lauryn Hofmann - For your amazing contributions in class to our learning. It has been wonderful to see you grow in confidence and trust yourself! Keep it up.
P2	Natalee Jefferies - You have a positive attitude towards your learning. It is fantastic to see you enthusiastic and so engaged in all your learning areas. Continue to allow us to see you shine from the inside. Keep smiling Natalee.
P3	Raphael O'Brien - For your positive attitude towards your learning. You are more focused and you are producing high quality work. You often offer to help others.

	We love the way you enthusiastically share your detailed hunting adventures with us. You are an amazing hunter/gatherer Raphael. Thank you for our goodies.
P4	Nathan Lye - Your constant cheeriness and willingness to help everyone with their technical and device issues is really appreciated. Thank you! Keep up being your amazing self.
W1	Rory King - You have had a great week at kura! You have a tremendous work ethic and are so focused and engaged in your learning all of the time. We are lucky to have you in W1 with us. Keep being you Rory. Ka Rawe!
W2	Cohen Frost - For delivering some wonderful facts about tourism in Rotorua. You shared humour through your documentary and supported others in our class with their mahi as well. Ka mau te wehi, Cohen!
W3	Ihaka Hunuki-Mayes - For his enthusiasm towards his learning, being proactive in asking questions to help him understand his learning.
W4	Yhana Ilao - For your constant hardwork and dedication to all areas of your learning. You are always focused and engaged, and strive to produce your absolute best work. I am very proud of the fantastic work ethic you have. You are a wonderful role model to have in W4.
Multi Materials	Owen McGrath (W3), Tristan Parsloe (K1), Anthony Guest (P4) - Fantastic contributions during Tech this week. Thank you for being a risk-taker with your learning.
DigiTech	Tori Harvey (K5), Makairi Toa (P2), Piya Raethal (K2), Sophie Judd (W2) - Fantastic contributions during Tech this week. Thank you for being a risk-taker with your learning.
Art/Toi Ataata	Sophie Bell (P3) - For your contribution in classroom discussion. Sophie, you have an amazing ability to grasp design concepts quickly, and articulate yourself clearly. Well done.
Science	Briar Herries K4 - for services to the science room. Briar, you have proven to be a positive and supportive classmate towards your peers in science. Rory King (W1) - For services to the science room. Rory, you have proven to be a positive and supportive classmate towards your peers in science. Sophie Hurihanganui (K4) - For services to the science room. Sophie,, you have proven to be a positive and supportive classmate towards your peers in science. Georgia Davies (P1) - For services to the science room. Georgia, you have proven to be a positive and supportive classmate towards your peers in science. Elsie Papps (P4) - Elsie, thank you for providing a list of 11 direct, yet thoughtful, questions for the water treatment lab scientists. You left them with a lot to ponder, and it was a great opportunity to soak up scientific knowledge.
Food Technology	Viannah Ropitini (W2) - You work independently following the recipes while showing initiative. It's a pleasure to watch you in the food tech room.

Celebrations

👍 Congratulations to this week's recipient of our values trophy, **Lulu Morehu, K3**. 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 our merit award winners this week.

Ngā mihi koutou for the gold coin donations for supporting mental health. We will use this to support the employment of a student councillor in the school. Currently we have secured someone who we pay a few hours a week. Today we raised \$174.50.

Well done to the student councillors who took assembly today. They performed a skit to their peers to show how Pink Shirt Day started and presented the ideas and facts around bullying.

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

<http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

Our School Values

Whakaiti

A great whakatauki for Pink Shirt Day:

**Aroha ki te tangata,
Ahakoa ko wai te tangata.**

Love people, in spite of who they are.

<https://www.planeta.com/maori-proverbs/>



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