

# MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER



TERM 2 WEEK 1 | 3 MAY 2024

## MRS JONES'S SHOUT OUT

Welcome back for Term 2. We hope you have had a restful break and are ready for another busy term. We hope your tamariki have enjoyed their first week back.

We are thrilled to see our new values displayed around the school. If you have time, come and check them out. Stay and have a coffee. They are also on our Facebook page.

### Cyberbullying

Please talk with your child, encourage them to tell you if they are receiving abusive or threatening messages. Often this is happening at night in your home. Take precautions. Monitor your child's device use. Think? Are they old enough to use this App? Is it appropriate?

We need your help. This has an effect on school life, friendships and mental well being.

The NZ Justice Department supports digital safety and wellbeing. Cyberbullying and other modern forms of harassment and intimidation can have a devastating impact on people, especially children and teenagers.

Harmful digital communications can take a variety of forms. They include when someone uses the internet, email, apps, social media or mobile phones to:

- send or publish threatening or offensive material and messages
- spread damaging or degrading rumours about you
- publish online invasive or distressing photographs or videos of you.

To address this problem the District Court has a new civil process that will provide a speedy, efficient and relatively cheap legal avenue for dealing with serious or repeated harmful digital communications. [Info here](#). If your child is being bullied online use the 105 online NZ Police report.

### International Students

We are pleased to be working in partnership with Silver Fern Excellence Initiative (SFEI) to foster a cultural and educational exchange between Chinese and New Zealand students. This exchange endeavours to enhance cultural understanding between China and New Zealand, broaden the global perspectives of both Chinese and New Zealand students, and provide them with enriching experiences in New Zealand's diverse culture, natural beauty, and unique attractions. Near the end of July our school will be hosting our first group of up to 25 students from China for 9 nights and 1 week at school.

Homestay payment: \$60 per day per student. At this stage we are looking for expressions of interest to be a Homestay whanau. If you have the capability of hosting 1-4 homestay students please email [office@mokoia.school.nz](mailto:office@mokoia.school.nz)

### Reminder

**Teacher Only Day 27th May.** The Ministry of Education granted primary/secondary schools 4 teacher only days to support the implementation of Te Mātaiaho - the refreshed NZ Curriculum. Please make alternative arrangements for your child.

### Mrs Jones and the "A" Team

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

## CHECK OUT OUR AMAZING VALUES

**Te Tihi o Mana** sits at the centre of all our values. **Tihi means peak**. Mana is, in simple terms, self respect and respect from others. Mana exists within all people, from the time they are born till death. **Mana** can be grown and can diminish depending on one's actions. Mana exists in three forms: Mana atua - genealogical mana, Mana tangata - personal mana and Mana whenua - mana through connection with the land. Te Tihi o Mana is held up by three pou or pillars: **Ūpoko Pakaru** - Resilience, **Kōmaitanga** - Sense of Achievement, and **Whakaiti** - Humility. At the centre is **Te Au** - the self. This year we are introducing three new values that were developed within our **Eastside Community of Learning (REKA)**. They are **Whanaungatanga** - Relationships, **Manaākitanga** - Ethics, and **Wairuatanga** - Spirituality. The english words have been chosen to represent an encompassing understanding of what the value means. We have been lucky enough to have had Matua Taimona work along side some wonderful members of our community to connect each of these values to an tūpuna within our local iwi, as well as creating reimagined tuahangata and tuawahine to represent them which were then brought to life by the amazing talents at Digital Natives. Each of our school values is also represented by our three house colours - pink, purple and green, and our new values by the colours of the tino rangatiratanga flag - red, white and black.

Over the course of this term each one of these values will be introduced in each newsletter, along with the ancestor connected with it and the meaning behind it. As well as interviewing ākonga and kāiako to see how they see the values represented within Mokoia Intermediate. Check them out...





# ŪPOKO PAKARU

**RESILIENCE**



He ika haehae kupenga!  
A fish that tears the net!

**A PERSON THAT  
NEVER GIVES UP!**

Uenukukōpako

# WHAKAITI

**HUMILITY**



Koia kai te pōriro, koia  
rawa hai toa!  
How remarkable that you  
have become a champion!

**EVEN PEOPLE  
REGARDED AS  
LOWLY CAN  
BECOME A KING!**

Rangiteaorere

# KŌMAITANGA

**SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT**



Tikina mai au,  
whakawairekatia!  
Take pride in what you  
have achieved!

**REMEMBER TO  
ACKNOWLEDGE  
THE TRIUMPHS  
ALONG THE WAY!**

Taketakehikuroa

# WHĀNAUNGATANGA

**RELATIONSHIPS**



Mā te tuakana e tōtika  
i te taina!  
The older straightens the  
younger, the younger  
straightens the older.

**WE SUCCEED  
WHEN WE WORK  
TOGETHER!**

Hinemaru

# WAIRUATANGA

**SPIRITUALITY**



Kia hoki ake ai te  
korou ki te ao!  
Let desire and creativity  
return to the worldn!

**BE EXPRESSIVE,  
BE CREATIVE,  
BE AUTHENTIC!**

Hinemoa

# MANAĀKITANGA

**ETHICS**



Waiho i te toipoto,  
kauakai te toiroa!  
Stay close but not  
far apart!

**TAKE CARE OF  
PEOPLE, KEEPING  
THE CONNECTIONS  
ALIVE!**

Rangjuru



## **KEY DATES FOR TERM 2 2024**

### **Term 2 Week 1**

- Monday 29th April- Term 2 Begins
- Tuesday 30th April - Yr7 Vaccination Boostrix
- Friday 3rd April - Mini Marathon

### **Term 2 Week 2**

### **Term 2 Week 3**

- Friday 17th May - Pink Shirt Day Fundraiser

### **Term 2 Week 4**

- Friday 24th May - Walk the Talk Fundraiser

### **Term 2 Week 5**

- **Monday 27th May - Teacher Only Day - No School**
- Tuesday 28th May - Yr7 Vaccination Boostrix
- Friday 31st May - Super 11 Futsul and Super 11 Badminton

### **Term 2 Week 6**

- **Monday 3rd June - Kings Birthday - No School**

### **Term 2 Week 7**

### **Term 2 Week 8**

- Wednesday 19th -21st June - EPro8 Competition
- Thursday 20th June - Voices of Hope Talk

### **Term 2 Week 9**

- Thursday 27th June - 3 Way Conferences
- **Friday 28th June - Matariki Day - No School**

### **Term 2 Week 10**

- Tuesday 2nd July - Vision and Hearing Testing
- Wednesday 3rd July - 7th July - Tai Mitchell Tournament
- Friday 5th July - Last day of Term 2

## **KEY DATES FOR 2024**

### **Term 3**

Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September

### **Term 4**

Monday 14th October - Friday 13th December

Monday 28th October - Labour Day  
Friday 13th December - Last day of year  
Monday 16th December - Teacher's Only Day

Want to see our full school calendar?

Follow this link: <http://bit.ly/MokCal>





## Celebrations

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👍 Congratulations to this week's recipient of our He Tohu Whakamanawa - All that I value I will uphold award, Gurparteek Singh in W2 for his hard work, practising our Waiteti pepeha, putting himself out there and being a good role model for Waiteti.

👍 Well done to all our students who received merit awards this week.

👍 Congratulations to all those students who have represented Mokoia at the Mini Marathon today. Ka rawe!

👍 Congratulations to Maddy Newcombe, who is racing and representing NZ at the UCI BMX World Challenge Class in the USA in the coming weeks. We wish her all the best and can't wait to cheer her on.

## Mr Upston's Turf Talk

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This term we are focusing on the winter codes. Starting with Netball. Classes have all been engaged and have enjoyed the modified yet simplified form of Netball drills and games they have played this week.

AIMS games entries will be sorted this month. I will be determining what team codes will be entered, however if you have a child excelling in an individual sport please make contact with me [gupston@mokoia.school.nz](mailto:gupston@mokoia.school.nz). Please visit the AIMS website for more information regarding all the sport codes offered at AIMS games 2024.

Students who are selected in the coming months in either an AIMS team or as an individual must have a sound behavioural report within Mokoia Intermediate. Any severe behaviour which results in disciplinary action with school management will remove your child from the opportunity to take part in AIMS games. Please reiterate this to your child if you feel the need to do so.

## Tech Tidbits

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It's fabulous to have our Rumaki class back in the food tech room this term. Yesterday we had fun with some blind taste testing! Random ingredients chosen by their buddy were given to each akonga and they needed to write the flavours, sensations and tastes they were feeling.

Not much writing was completed, but we had a blast as you will see in their expressions, faces and laughter. - Whaea Claire



*The Art Extension students have made an exciting start to creating artworks for their Matariki Art Exhibition at The Arts Village at the end of June. Watch this space! - Whaea Fiona*

## MERIT AWARDS - KĀINGA AKO

<b>Rūmaki</b>	<b>Te Haeata o te Rangi</b> - Nau mai e hine ki te whare o Ngā Pōtiki Ngau Papawai.
<b>K3</b>	<b>Koki Hara</b> - for his sustained focus in class and excellent attitude towards his studies.
<b>K4</b>	<b>Jack Hayward Bray</b> - You are always doing the right thing and this week you even went above and beyond and picked up a whole lot of litter off the field. You show all the school values, well done!
<b>K5</b>	<b>Luka Biggs</b> - You have impressed me with your efforts to improve your writing by focusing on the learning and making sure your planning is meticulous! Fantastic job!
<b>P1</b>	<b>Ivy Costello</b> - You have had a great start to this term and are really settling well into P1. You have done some amazing writing in your first week. We are lucky to have you with us!
<b>P2</b>	<b>Ollie Managh</b> - You have settled back into kura using Te Tihi ō mana to guide you. I am incredibly impressed by the way you use all your learning tools, from listening through to asking questions when you need information clarified. Ka pai tō mahi 😊
<b>P3</b>	<b>Brodie Waitoa</b> - for the way you have been super organised and focused in class. You are completing your work to a high standard and trying your best. You always give 100% effort at PE. You are an excellent role model Brodie. Thank you. <b>Marlowe Alton</b> - for the effort you are showing when completing your work. You listen well, share your ideas and ask relevant questions. You have a positive attitude towards your learning. Thank you for being a fantastic role model Marlowe.
<b>P4</b>	<b>Niko Weir</b> - you continue to impress me with your leadership role in Show Quest. You are doing an amazing job and the respect your teammates have for you is obvious. Keep on being amazing. <b>Juvan van Staden</b> -the effort you are putting into mathematics is impressive. Keep on being amazing. <b>Kingston Jones</b> -the effort you are putting into mathematics is impressive. Keep up the fantastic effort.
<b>W1</b>	<b>Yoda Davidson</b> - You have had a great start to the term and are really working hard in Maths. You are also pushing hard in your cross country training and have a great can do attitude. Keep up the amazing work Yoda! Ka Rawe! <b>Diva Green</b> - Diva you are working so hard with your writing - keep up the amazing work. You have an amazing attitude and are a pleasure to have in W1 with us. You are working so hard in our Cross Country training too - keep it up! Ka Rawe Diva!
<b>W2</b>	<b>Katara Daniela</b> - Whakaiti - Katara is a responsible, reliable and honest student. She is willing to support and help her peers out! Ka Mau te Wehi Katara! <b>Talisin Kyd</b> - Whakaiti - Talisin is a reliable, responsible student who can be trusted to follow instructions and support his classmates. Manuia Talisin!
<b>W3</b>	<b>Phoenix Hastelow-Foley</b> - You consistently demonstrate a positive attitude in class, showing eagerness to learn and grow. Your book work is consistently well presented, reflecting both your attention to detail and dedication to learning. It's a pleasure to have such a kind and diligent student in our classroom.
<b>W4</b>	<b>Manfred Loof</b> - For your constant hard work, dedication and focus in all areas of your learning. You can be relied upon to do the right thing, even when others looking. You are polite and respectful, and always have a positive attitude. You are an absolute pleasure to teach. Thank you Manfred.



## MERIT AWARDS - TECHNOLOGY AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

<b>Multi/Digital</b>	-
<b>Art/Toi Ataata</b>	<p><b>Kalicia Pohatu W2</b> - Well done for the positive energy that you have brought to Toi for the first lesson of this term. I really appreciated the way you helped clean up without even being asked! The thought, care and respect that you showed in Art was excellent. He whetū koe Kalicia!</p> <p><b>Karlie Takuira W4</b> - You have made an excellent start to the term in Toi. You are hardworking, thoughtful towards others and have produced some beautiful artwork. Keep being amazing!</p> <p><b>Jake Russ K3</b> - Well done for the focused, thoughtful and positive start that you have made in Art this term. I look forward to seeing the artworks you create! You have a great attitude towards your learning. Ka rawe Jake!</p> <p><b>Ozyris Pohatu K4</b> - Well done for the thought, care and positive attitude that you brought to our first lesson of Toi / Art this term. You worked hard and produced some excellent artwork. I'm excited to see the artwork you create. Ka rawe Ozyris!</p>
<b>Science</b>	-
<b>Food Technology</b>	<p><b>Luka Biggs K5</b> - You showed Komaitanga in food tech this week, working on your own you were prepared and organised enough to successfully complete your tasks with a positive outcome. Awesome work Luka!</p> <p><b>Cyrus Smith W2</b> - You worked well this week showing Upoko Pakaru by persevering and working responsibly on your task without disruptions. Tino pai to mahi Cyrus!</p> <p><b>Jeremy Collier-Baker P4</b> - You showed Komaitanga in food tech this week, working on your own you were prepared and organised enough to successfully complete your tasks with a positive outcome. Awesome work Jeremy!</p>
<b>Health and Physical Education</b>	<p><b>K3</b> - For your amazing participation and enthusiasm in Physical Education this week.</p>

## DON'T FORGET

**School Lunches** - We, unfortunately do not qualify for the Government lunch programme. We do however try our best to provide kai for those who need it.

Breakfast club is now open three mornings per week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8:15am - 8:45am. We serve Milo, toast and Weet Bix.

We also purchase fruit from a local supplier and serve it at morning tea and St Vincent de Paul contribute sandwiches for the students one day a week.

We would be grateful for any donations.

How you can help;

- Donate kai - we always need margarine, milo and toast.
- Donate a koha through the school bank account
- Volunteer to run breakfast club on Tuesday or Thursday morning.

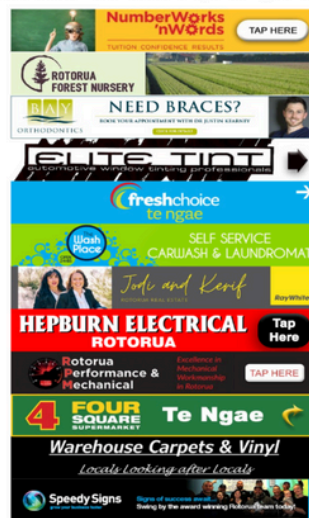
Make sure you are checking out HERO to see all the fantastic work your child is putting up. If you are still having any issues, please don't hesitate to email Whaea Kathryn at [kmcmurdo@mokoia.school.nz](mailto:kmcmurdo@mokoia.school.nz)

**Week 9 on Thursday 27th June we have our 3 Way Conferences.** This is a meeting between yourself, your child and their teacher to discuss their learning so far this year and their goals going ahead. **On this day students only attend during this fifteen minute meeting time.** Information regarding booking this will come out later this term.

For more information go to our Facebook group page, Mokoia Intermediate 2024 or the Hero app. <http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

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