

MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER



TERM 3 WEEK 4 | 16 AUGUST 2024

MRS JONES'S SHOUT OUT

Kia ora koutou,

It's been an absolute delight to witness our students thriving in so many different areas recently. Mokoia is truly experiencing a trifecta of achievement! Our sports teams have been actively participating in various pre-AIMs competitions, gearing up for the big tournament in Tauranga during Week 8. With over 12,000 competitors from around the country, it's often called the Olympics of NZ intermediate sports—and our students are ready to shine.

In addition to sports, our Science students have made us incredibly proud, earning accolades at the NIWA Science Fair, where they competed against schools from across the Bay of Plenty. And let's not forget the Arts! We've celebrated national success in Toi Wearable Arts and a first-place win for Bloombox at Bandquest. Both Bloombox and 3 Squared did exceptionally well, even having to compete in the Waikato competition because the Bay of Plenty competition was too full.

Amidst all this success, we must express our deepest gratitude to our parents and whānau. Your unwavering support—whether it's transporting, cheering, or simply being there for our ākonga—makes all the difference.

Lastly I want to acknowledge and say a huge thank you to our dedicated staff. In order for our students to be so successful, many have given up their own time outside work hours, whether leaving for sports at 7:30am or returning from competitions as late as 11:30pm in order for our students to participate. They do this not for the praise but because they truly believe in our ākonga and are committed to our vision that "The needs of ākonga are at the heart of all that we do at Mokoia Intermediate School."

Thank you all for being part of this wonderful journey. Let's continue to support and celebrate our students as they reach new heights!

Ngā mihi nui

Mrs Jones and the "A" Team

We are limitless! We are passionate! We are Mokoia!



KEY DATES FOR TERM 3 2024

Term 3 Week 5

- Wednesday 21st August - Lynmore Yr 6 Open Day / Futsal Girls Pre AIMS Game.
- Thursday 22nd August - Shave for a cure / Crazy hair day fundraiser.
- Friday 23rd August - RLHS Road Show

Term 3 Week 6

- Tuesday 27th August - RLHS Open Day
- Wednesday 28th August - Open Day for Yr 6 Rotokawa/ Otonga
- Thursday 29th August - Open Evening / MIGS Gym Competition / RBHS Production Jersey Boys

Term 3 Week 7

- Tuesday 3rd September - Yr 8 Vaccinations
- Thursday 5th September - Rotorua Chess Regionals

Term 3 Week 8 - AIMS GAMES WEEK

- Monday 9th September to Friday 12th September - Clued Up Camper

Term 3 Week 9

- Tuesday 17th September - RGHS Sports Academy Day

Term 3 Week 10

- Friday 27th September - Last Day of Term / Haka Competition

Want to see our [full school calendar](http://bit.ly/MokCal)? Follow this link:

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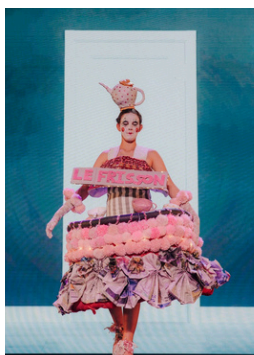
Term 4

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



Celebrations

👍 Congratulations to our fantastic Band Quest students; **Alex Curran, Alia Conley, Amaia Grant, Amber Van Schalkwyk, Ari Turkington, Arlo Gray, Clodagh McCann, Cohen Frost, Danni-Lee Heke, Fraser Barclay, Honey Morunga-Hauraki, Jack Bradcock, Juvan Van Staden, Mia Crossley, Reuben Barter, Ryan Stevens, Tamajah-Li Kinnaird, and Tori Harvey.** You all represented our kura well and gave it your all.

👍 Congratulations to **Bloombox**, who got 1st place and best vocalists at Band Quest, and **Tori Harvey**, who got a special award for her violin playing.

👍 A massive congratulations to **Isabelle Walmsley, Harriet Wright, and Jessica Ward** as their garment has been recognised at a national level! Their garment Le Frisson was one of only 10 Junior National Finalists.

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

👍 Congratulations to all students who participated in the **Super 11 Boys and Girls 7's Rugby** today. We are really proud.

👍 Congratulations to the students who took part in the NIWA Science Fair this week; **Paige Ramson, Maya Gebert, Matthew Fowler, Ethan Hucker, Harriet Wright, Fraser Barclay, Thomas Maginness, Sidak Singh, Alex Curran, Sam Jensen, Leana Gaugler, Remi Vade, and Lucas Dakin Hoy.** You had some tough competition from all around the Bay of Plenty but you held yourselves well and presented your work exceptionally.

👍 Congratulations to Science Highly Commended **Paige Ramson and Maya Gebert.** Technology Highly Commended **Sidak Singh, Alex Curran, and Jurij Firm.** And a third place in Technology for **Remi Vade.**





MERIT AWARDS - KĀINGA AKO

K4	Millie Olphert - I was very impressed at the start of your speech, and I am looking forward to hearing the final version. Well done Millie, Ka rawe!
P1	Raphael O'Brian - You've done an outstanding job working on ratios and proportions this week. Your great sense of humour always brings a fun energy to the classroom, making learning even more enjoyable for everyone! Maitaki nui! 🌟 Remi Vade - Congratulations on placing third in the NIWA Science Fair! Your hard work and dedication have paid off. We are very proud of your huge achievement. 🌟
P2	Tamajah-Li Kinnard - You are a quiet, humble and determined learner. I admire the way you put yourself out there and get involved in many extracurricular activities and continue to keep up with your class learning too. Congratulations on your wonderful contribution and success with the band. I am truly proud of you 😊 Jack Bradcock - For your efforts and success over the last couple of weeks. You have shown perseverance, resilience and Komaitanga throughout your participation in the cross country, hockey and the band. Fantastic Jack, continue to stay true to you 😊 Sam Jensen - You are a determined, quiet and humble student. Congratulations on your contribution to the science fair and continued efforts gaining success exhibiting at NIWA. I am incredibly proud of you 😊
P3	Ryan Stevens - for the dedication, perseverance and passion you have shown in the Band. You are always humble, polite and full of enthusiasm. Congratulations on your success at Band Quest. We are so very proud of you. Thomas Maginness, Lucas Dakin-Hoy, Ethan Hucker - Congratulations on your contribution to the science fair and continued efforts gaining success exhibiting at NIWA. I am incredibly proud of you 😊
P4	Fraser Barclay - for representing Mokoia so well at Band Quest and the NIWA Science Fair. Juvan Van Staden - for being an amazing performer and supportive band member at Band Quest. Leana Gaugler - superb effort with your Science Fair entry. Congratulations for being amazing.
W1	Pacey Bennet - Your enthusiasm for your learning everyday is awesome to see! You are able to be relied upon and are a valued member of our classroom!! W1 is very lucky to have you!! Keep up the amazing work Pacey! Ka Rawe!
W2	Katara Daniela - Whakaiti- Thank you for always being a helpful person and understanding what needs to be done. MIHARO KOE Katara! Cohen Frost - Whanaungatanga- Cohen is a great class member, band member and works very hard to stay on task and complete set work. KA MAU TE WEHI Cohen!
W3	Eli Hall - Eli thank you for your consistent contribution to our class discussions, you always share such valuable ideas and aren't afraid to take risks. Recently you have shown a massive improvement in your maths and I have noticed you trying extra hard to understand and master the skill that we are learning. You are such a delight to have in our class, from the "good morning" every day, to the support you give your friends when they need help. Keep being you ELI!!
W4	Majesty Wairama-Galvin - For the fantastic effort you have been putting into your writing. It's been awesome to see you apply the new sentence styles we have been learning to your stories to make them more interesting for your reader. Keep up the fabulous work Majesty. Amber Beattie -Thank you for being such a hard working, diligent student who is always engaged in learning and on task. Amber, you are a terrific role model for your peers, and you consistently set a great example. You always try your best and have a positive attitude every day. We are super lucky to have you in W4 and we appreciate you.
Art/Toi Ataata	Fraser Barclay P4 - Fraser the thought, care and effort that you put into your work in Art is fantastic. You have created some outstanding drawings and should be very proud of your efforts. I look forward to seeing what you create next! Charlie Cutforth P2 - Charlie you have been creating beautiful work in Art this term! You are thoughtful, hardworking and it is a pleasure having you in the class. He whetū koe! Kobe Rapana K4 - Kobe the positive energy, thought and care that you bring to Art is fantastic. You are calm and not afraid of exploring new ideas and taking creative risks. Thank you for inspiring those around you. He whetū koe! Phillip Swart K5 - Phillip the thought and care that you have put into your work in Art this term is excellent. You should be proud of your efforts. I'm looking forward to seeing what you create next. Well done! Charlotte Woerd W1 - Charlotte the thought, care and skill that you demonstrate in Art is amazing. You have a wonderful creative mind and it is exciting to see your original and innovative ideas take shape. Thank you for the kindness that you always show others. You are a star! Phoenix Hastelow-Foley W3 - Phoenix the positive energy, thought and care that you bring to Art is fantastic. You have produced some beautiful work. Thank you for quietly inspiring those around you. He whetū koe. Keep shining bright!



SHAVE FOR A CURE

We are excited that Shave for a Cure is on its way very soon! This year we have a number of "shavees" participating in this awesome cause, raising money for the **Child Cancer Foundation**.

Below are the staff and students who will be shaving their heads for the cause on **Thursday, 22nd August** (along with crazy hair day):

Staff - Mr Glen Law

Students - Zaviah Wright, Tama Samuels, Jayden Moldenhauer

The shaving on this day will be held from 1:10 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Mokoia Intermediate hall.

How can you sponsor?

There are three ways you can sponsor one of our shavees:

- Pledge your sponsorship directly to a shavee.
- Make a deposit to our school account using the reference Shave and the code as the sponsee's name.
Mokoia Intermediate School
Westpac Rotorua 03 1552 0215901 00
- You can click the link to make a donation directly to our Shave for a Cure sponsorship page:
<https://www.shaveforacure.co.nz/mokoia-intermediate-school>

All funds raised will go towards the Child Cancer Foundation of New Zealand.

Alternative Education Day's

After many years, we are bringing back our beloved Alternative Education for two days at the end of Term 4. The staff have worked hard to create a range of options to choose from, and each activity is designed to be a fun learning experience outside of normal classroom activities. Alternative Education (Alt Ed) activities align with Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) principles, ensuring that students engage in experiences beyond the traditional classroom setting. Staff have worked hard to make sure these activities are purposeful, hands-on, and highly engaging, offering opportunities that students wouldn't typically encounter. All the activities cater for differing interests and finances. Please note that you are able to set up a weekly automatic payment towards this; however, you need to put ALTED as your reference so that it goes directly towards this.

The forms and more information about this will go home Monday evening; however, some points to note:

- **This is an enjoyable alternative education day, and each student's choice of their activity is completely voluntary.**
- **Payment is expected by Friday, 29th of November, and if it is not paid in full, it may affect your child's ability to attend their chosen activity.**
- **All payments for previous voluntary sports and activities this year must be paid in full before an activity of a large cost can be chosen.**
- **Parent helpers are needed.**



DON'T FORGET

School Lunches – Unfortunately we are no longer receiving donated lunches each day for our ākonga. This is very sad for us but we are continuing to offer toast and warm Milo at Breakfast club and the school is purchasing fruit each week to supply to our students. We understand we have students that might need kai and will do the best we can to offer fruit if we can.

Communication and notices – As you know, this year we have transitioned to a new online system that combines all aspects of our communication with you and our ākonga about sports and other events at Mokoia. One of the main reasons for this shift is to streamline communication. Previously, multiple sources of information led to confusion among families, and we also encountered issues with students missing important meetings at school or losing essential paperwork.

Now, all our notices are clearly communicated in one place on Hero, making it easier for families to stay informed. Teachers may ask you to respond to a survey on Hero to indicate your child’s participation or to grant permission for events. Permission slips and other notices are also being sent out digitally through Hero to reduce the likelihood of them being lost or misplaced, as well as to cut down on paper usage from single use messages.

It is extremely important that you regularly check these notices. If a notice includes a payment amount and requires a form to be returned, please ensure both are completed. We have had instances where students believe they are confirmed for an event because payment has been made, but without the necessary communication to the organising teacher, their participation cannot be confirmed. Please remember that payment alone does not automatically guarantee participation—communication is essential.

If you are experiencing any issues with receiving notifications or need assistance with the system, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am more than happy to help in any way I can.

For more information go to our Facebook group page, Mokoia Intermediate 2024 or the Hero app.

<http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

CHECK IT OUT!



ROTORUA LAKES HIGH SCHOOL

Open to view guided tours

Wednesday 14th August
9.15am, 10.15am or 2.30pm. Small group guided tour through the school grounds and into classrooms. Bookings essential hodge@rotorualakes.school.nz

Roadshows

40 min presentation at intermediates for Y8 students.
• Whangamarino, Rotoiti and Rotoma - Mon 19th Aug
• Mokoia and Rotorua Intermediate - Fri 23rd Aug

Open Day

Tuesday 27th August.
All Year 8 students are invited to spend the day at RLHS arrive at 9.15am for an interactive day experiencing high school life.

Open Evening

Thursday 29th August.
All Year 8 students and their whānau are invited to a welcome at 4pm or 6pm and then a tour of the school. Chance to meet teachers, ask questions and enrol for 2025



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FAMILY FOOD AND FUN FAIR

We are bringing back the famous Mokoia Family Food and Fun Fair.

This is a fabulous opportunity that allows our students to create stalls and sell goods to fundraise and also links in with our school Inquiry around "Trade".

It is a bit of a huge undertaking and while we have all our students and staff to help we would really appreciate any extra help and support we can get.

If you would like to be part of the organisation team please email whaea kathryn at kmcmurdo@mokoia.school.nz