

MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER



TERM 1 WEEK 1 | 31ST JANUARY 2024

MATUA RAWIRI'S SHOUT OUT

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers, and Whānau,

Welcome back to Mokoia Intermediate for the exciting year of 2025! We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable break, filled with wonderful memories. As we embark on this new academic year, we are thrilled to reconnect with our incredible school community and embark on another year of growth, learning, and success. We have been eagerly preparing for your return, ensuring that our school is ready to provide the best possible educational experience for each and every one of our students.

Our dedicated staff members have been working diligently to create engaging lesson plans, organise exciting events, and provide a safe and nurturing environment for all. This year we have a big change in our curriculum and our acceleration team has been working hard to create robust, purposeful progressions from the new curriculum that have a universal voice for caregivers, students, and teachers. We are aiming to have a Whānau Curriculum Hui later this year to enable our parents to gain a better understanding of the new changes. We are committed to equipping our students with the skills and knowledge they need to thrive in an ever-evolving world. At Mokoia Intermediate, we firmly believe in the importance of a well-rounded education. Therefore, we are proud to offer a wide range of extracurricular activities, clubs, and sports teams for our students to explore their interests and passions. Whether it's joining the robotics club, participating in the school choir, or representing our school on the sports field, there is something for everyone to get involved in. We also recognise the significance of strong partnerships between home and school. We encourage parents and guardians to actively engage in their child's education through Hero and our Whānau days. It was so lovely to see all the parents and students on our Hello, Let's Grow; Whānau Introduction Day. Over 75% of our students and their whānau had a chance to meet their new teacher and discuss the year ahead.

As we begin this new chapter, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new students and families joining our school community. We hope that you will quickly feel at home and find Mokoia Intermediate to be a place of inspiration, growth, and lifelong friendships. We would also like to welcome Matua Dean, Whaea Tiare Davis, Whaea Rangihotuna Monaghan (Whaea Hotu), Whaea Annie Hutchison, and Whaea Melanie Gordon. We are so lucky to have them all join our kura, and they all bring with them such a wealth of knowledge and experience.

Lastly, we would like to express our gratitude to our amazing students and families for your continued trust and support. Your commitment to education and active involvement in our school community is truly valued and appreciated. We look forward to an exceptional year ahead, filled with exciting opportunities and memorable experiences. Let us work together to make 2025 a year of growth, success, and endless possibilities.

Ngā mihi nui

Matua Rawiri and the "A" Team

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



KEY DATES FOR TERM 1 2025

Term 1 Week 2

- Thursday 6th February - Waitangi Day (No School)

Term 1 Week 3

- Monday 10th February - Yr 8 Vaccination Education

Term 1 Week 4

- Monday 17th February - Board Hui 6pm
- Thursday/Friday 21st February - Super 11 Boys Cricket

Term 1 Week 5

Term 1 Week 6

- **Friday 7th March - Super 11 Surfing**

Term 1 Week 7

- Wednesday 12th February - Vision and Hearing
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Term 1 Week 8

- Wednesday 19th March - Yr 8 Vaccinations
- Friday 21st March - Super 11 Swimming
- Friday 21st March - 1/2 Day Teacher Only Day - School Finishes at 11:30am.

Term 1 Week 9

Term 1 Week 10

Term 1 Week 11

- Friday 11th April - Last Day

KEY DATES FOR 2025

Term 1

Starts - Wednesday 29th January

Ends - Friday 11th April

Term 2

Starts - Monday 28 April

Ends - Friday 27 June

- Friday 16th May - **1/2 Day Teacher Only Day - School Finishes at 11:30am.**

Term 3

Starts - Monday 14 July

Ends - Friday 19 September

- Friday 1st August - **1/2 Day Teacher Only Day - School Finishes at 11:30am.**

Term 4

Starts - Monday 6 October

Ends - Thursday 11th Dec





Meet our Staff

Kāinga o Waengaehe

Senior Leadership Team

Matua Rawiri Wihapi (Tumuaki - Principal)

Matua Dean (Tuarua Heparā Tumuaki - DP Pastoral)

Whaea Kathryn McMurdo (Tuarua Marautanga Tumuaki - DP Curriculum) Administration

Whaea Sue Rasdall (Office Manager)

Mrs Janet Du Fall (Executive Officer)

Mr Gareth Upston - Health and Physical Education Specialist Teacher

Mrs Heather Lind - Resource Manager/Librarian

Caretaker/Groundsman Mr Bert Hollis

Mrs Jann Keick - Release Teacher

Kāinga o Kaituna

K1 Whaea Hotu Monaghan Year 8

K2 Whaea Year 7-8 (Rangatira o Rumaki) supported by Matua Hori Hapi

K3 Whaea Jessica Gibbs Year 8 (Rangatira) supported by Mrs Antonia Wright

K4 Whaea Annie Hutchison Year 7 supported by Whaea Ellen Leach

K5 Matua Richie Year 8 supported by Whaea Donnella Mattock

Kāinga o Puarenga

P1 Whaea Melanie Gordon Year 8 supported by Matua Jireh MacFarlane-Roach

P2 Whaea Deana Turner Year 7 supported by Whaea Karyn Thaine

P3 Mrs Toni Bocock Year 7 supported by Whaea Moana Hunter

P4 Mr Glen Law (Rangatira) Year 8 supported by Matua Jerome Namana

Kāinga o Waiteti

W1 Whaea Evelyn Lukis Year 8 supported by Whaea Rika Climo

W2 Whaea Isabel Katene Year 8 supported by Whaea Cheyla Samuels

W3 Whaea Casey Smith-Pope Year 7 supported by Whaea Anna Ranginui

W4 Mrs Tineke O' Callaghan Year 7 (Rangatira) supported by Matua Renata Clarke

Kāinga o Utuhina - Technology/Art/Science/Food/Music

Whaea Lisa Te Whare (Rangatira) - Multi Media, Digital Technology and Science

Whaea Delina Dibben Food Technology

Whaea Fiona Wilcock - Nga Toi (Art)

Dental Clinic

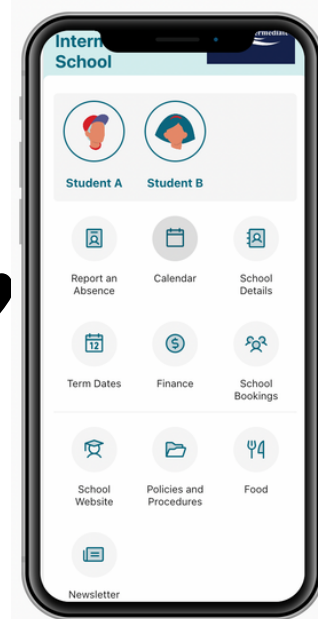
Mrs Wendy Mitchell - Dental Therapist

Ms Sara Gardiner - Dental Assistant

ABSENTEES

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, you have three ways to contact the school and let us know;

- Phone directly into the school office - 07 345 9071
- Send a text message to the school on 027 528 8910
- Send a notification through the Hero app



DIGITAL DEVICES

- **What device?** - We do not specify any one device. Ipads allow students to be creative with photo and film. Chrome books are more cost effective and as we only use online tools, will be all they need. Laptops have more grunt and storage capacity in a hard drive; each student has an online drive in our education domain. We do not install a mobile device management protocol or apps onto your child's device at this point. While we strongly recommend BYOD (Bring Your Own Device), we are aware that not all families can afford their own device, so we have a small supply that can be borrowed from the school library for one school block at a time.
- We cater for everything **as long as it has a screen over 20 cm and does not use data**. We concentrate on using digital applications that can be accessed on laptops, chrome books or tablets, iOS or Android.
- Your children will bring home a **Digital Device Responsible Use Agreement** which they have gone through with their teachers. **Please make sure you read the document and sign it**. Only then will your child be able to use their own or any school digital device.

Note - All student mobile phones MUST BE handed in to the office each morning!

Stationery

If you are still in the process of getting your child's stationery, packs are available from Bay Office Products Depot.





DIGITAL TOOLS - FOR STUDENT USE AND WHĀNAU COMMUNICATION

At Mokoia Intermediate our communication and reporting system is **Hero**, an online sharing platform with complementary smart app. Hero allows us to customise an online environment that enables teachers, students, and families to view and share content anytime, anywhere on any device. The software is secure, easy to use and brings together all school-related information in one place.

By downloading the app you will be able to see your child's profile of achievements and posts. You will also be able to report an absence, have links to our school website, pita pit ordering and our newsletter.

With Hero, you have the ability to:

- read and comment on posts relating to your child's learning
- view information on your child's progress and goals,
- read and comment on school notices sent to the class or groups your child is part of
- respond to school notices such as surveys and trip permission requests
- view school term dates
- view a school calendar of events
- notify the school if your child is absent or late
- navigate to other school-related webpages
- customise your account by adding a profile image
- select how you wish to receive notifications

Learning posts combined with curriculum information and goal-setting will form an online report designed to build year-on-year so that over time you will have access to written posts, images, video, work samples, and helpful resources all in one place. Over the coming year, staff and students will be posting rich content to our Hero software.

At Mokoia Intermediate, we use a lot of digital tools, including online assessments.

Every student has a Google Drive where their work is stored. We have an education domain which has more stringent parameters than a private Google account. Your child has an email address and password controlled by Whaea Kathryn, who also monitors all digital use.

Facebook - For up-to-date posts please look for the group **Mokoia Intermediate 2025**, and ask to join. This is a private group, access to which is controlled by the senior leadership team. No students currently at school are given access as Facebook is restricted to users 13 and over.

We ask that you only post photos of students on the school group page. It is good practice to not post photos of other people's children. We also ask you to direct questions and concerns directly to the school and not post them here. This is a positive forum, and negative or inappropriate material will be declined or deleted.

WALKWAY AND DROP OFF ZONE

- All pedestrians, cyclists, scooter riders and skateboarders, **please use the pathway** on the Owhata School side of our turf.
- **All caregivers collecting students by car**, please follow the arrows to use our drop off zone at the front of the school. Traffic needs to move through smartly. If you need to wait for your child, please park along Brent Road. We ask that you do not expect your child to run across the road, but that you use the pedestrian crossing.
- For health and safety reasons, we ask parents **NOT** to drive vehicles or walk down the driveway.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Pita Pit Rotorua is excited to introduce our new products as part of our Hot Lunch Menu.

In addition to our Pitas, Salads, Lasagna, Butter Chicken, Macaroni Cheese, Drinks and Sides we will be offering the following items from **Monday 3rd February 2025** on the Lunchonline Platform.

Mince Pie \$6.50 – 200 grams of a traditional Kiwi Pie

Mince & Cheese Pie \$6.50 – 200 grams of a Kiwi Favourite Pie

Mini Mince Pie \$5.00 – 100 grams, a great size for those who can't get through a big pie

Mini Mince & Cheese Pie \$5.00 – 100 grams

Sausage Roll \$4.50 – 100 grams

Chicken Nuggets \$4.50 – 6 Chicken Nuggets

Wedges \$4.00 – 150 grams of Golden Wedges

Loaded Wedges \$5.00 – Cheese and Bacon added to the Wedges

You will find all these products under the Hot Lunches Option on **Lunchonline**.

If you are new to school or haven't ordered Pita Pit before please go to www.lunchonline.co.nz

Keep an eye out for further developments throughout 2025. Thank you for your support.

BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS

- Bicycle and scooter stands are in a gated area provided for pupils and they must be locked to the stand at all times.
- While in the school grounds, all pupils must walk their bikes and scooters along the footpath.
- All pupils must wear safety helmets when using bicycles.
- Bicycles and scooters will not be stored in the office area or classrooms.



UNIFORM

Our uniform consists of a range of serviceable items, easily layered for extra warmth, which are readily available at **The Warehouse**.

Additional notes:

- Caps and beanies – **navy blue with no insignia.**
- Socks – **navy blue and black.**
- Tights (winter) – **must be navy blue and not footless tights.**
- Footwear – Black covered-in leather or canvas lace up shoes are permitted. They must have black or white soles and black laces. Covered in shoes are **compulsory for technology classes. No gumboots or cros!**
- Black roman sandals or other sandals with back strap. **(No jandals or slides.)**
- School uniform to be worn to and from school.
- P.E. uniform to be worn for all fitness and sports.
- **Only jewellery accepted** is a watch, plain studs or a taonga.
- **Hair must be tied up** for physical education and specialist classes for health and safety reasons.
- **Only the school polar fleece and jacket** are permitted to be worn. Non uniform jumpers, hoodies or puffer jackets are **NOT** permitted.

SCHOOL LUNCHES CONT....



MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

2025 lunches

PITA PIT – everyday

Orders close at 8:45am each day

Yummy, delicious, healthy lunches delivered to School



If you need a Lunchonline account register at www.lunchonline.co.nz

1. Login/Place an Order
2. Create an account
3. Add member/s include name, school and classroom number
4. Under Lunch Orders select student name – Start order and place your order
5. A pop up will confirm 'your order has been successful' or check 'upcoming orders'
6. A confirmation email will be sent to you (if you haven't unchecked the email box)
7. Any queries please call us on 0800 LOL LOL (0800565565)