

MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER



TERM 1 WEEK 7 | 14TH MARCH 2025

MATUA RAWIRI'S SHOUT OUT

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers, and Whānau,

A warm welcome to our new staff members!

Welcome to Whaea Allison Brailey – Kaiawhina in Rumaki:

He mihi nui ki a Allison Brailey. Nau mai ki Te Kura Takawaenga o Mokoia, tō kura tawhito. He kaiawhina hou i roto i te whānau rumaki. He rangatira i roto i te kapa haka me te raranga, i ērā atu taranata me ngā huanga. Congratulations and welcome to Allison Brailey! Allison is an ex-student of Mokoia Intermediate and has returned to us as a new kaiawhina in Whānau Rumaki. She is an expert in kapa haka and flax weaving, among many other talents and attributes. We are excited to have her back at her old school to share her skills and knowledge with our students.

Welcome to Jeremy Donnell – Hard Materials Teacher:

A huge welcome to Matua Jeremy Donnell, who has joined us as our new hard materials teacher in Utuhina. He is also a qualified cabinet maker and has taught at several different schools. With his expertise, we are excited to now offer four technology options with four specialist teachers. Nau mai, haere mai, Matua Jeremy!

Student Wellbeing and Safety:

We continue to prioritise the safety and wellbeing of our students. Any wrongdoings are dealt with promptly and appropriately to ensure a safe learning environment for all.

Extension Classes on Fridays:

Our extension classes are well underway, providing a range of exciting options for our students to explore and develop their talents.

Managing Sports Opportunities:

With the many sports opportunities happening, it's important for our students to take responsibility for managing their commitments effectively.

Ngā mihi nui

Matua Rawiri

The Mokoia "A" Team

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



KEY DATES FOR TERM 1 2025

Term 1 Week 8

- Monday 17th March – Hockey Trail One
- Tuesday 18th March – RATS Duathlon
- 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 10

- Monday 30th March – Hockey Trail Two
- Tuesday 1st April – Whānau Curriculum Evening
- Friday 4th April – Super 11 Touch

Term 1 Week 11

- Friday 11th April – Last Day

Sports Fees

At Mokoia Intermediate, we encourage all students to get involved in as many opportunities as possible—whether in the arts, science, technology, or sports. We believe every child should have access to these experiences, and we work hard to remove any barriers to participation. However, many of our afterschool sports come with a cost that the school must pay. We strive to communicate these costs efficiently to whānau and offer options such as automatic payments to spread costs over time. In the past, we have been very understanding when it comes to collecting payments, but unfortunately, this has resulted in the school covering thousands of dollars in unpaid fees—money that could otherwise support our ākonga in other ways. To ensure fairness and sustainability, we will be implementing a stricter approach to sports fee payments:

✓ Term 2 Sports Fees – Mr. Upston will be sending out information about Term 2 sports teams and associated fees. Invoices will also be sent to follow up on any unpaid Term 1 fees.

🚫 Unpaid Sports Fees & Participation – Students with unpaid sports fees at the start of their season may miss games until payment is made. Additionally, outstanding fees may impact eligibility for AIMS Games.

We understand that circumstances can change, and we are here to help. If you have concerns about payments, please reach out to our DP Pastoral, Matua Dean, at dhenderson@mokoia.school.nz for a confidential discussion on available support options. If you have questions about outstanding fees, please contact the office at office@mokoia.school.nz.

We appreciate your understanding and support in ensuring all students can continue to enjoy the benefits of sport at Mokoia.

KEY DATES FOR 2025

Term 1

Ends – Friday 11th April

Reminder!

Friday 21st March **1/2 Day Teacher Only Day – School Finishes at 11:30am.**

Term 2

Starts – Monday 28 April

Ends – Friday 27 June

Term 3

Starts – Monday 14 July

Ends – Friday 19 September

Term 4

Starts – Monday 6 October

Ends – Thursday 11th Dec



Camp 2025 Payments

This year we are attending our camp at Ōhope. This week, you will have received a notice regarding our upcoming school camp. Attendance at camp is an essential part of our Education Outside the Classroom program, and all students are expected to participate.

As always, we strive to make camp both enriching and as affordable as possible. While Mokoia Intermediate has opted into the Ministry of Education's Donation Scheme, schools are still able to ask for a donation towards overnight school camps. This means:

- ✓ Families can choose to contribute in full, in part, or not at all.
- ✓ All students will attend camp, regardless of whether a contribution is been made.

Due to rising costs for accommodation, transport, food, and staff allowances, we are asking families for a contribution of \$150.00 to help cover expenses. This support enables us to continue providing this valuable learning experience for our students.

You will notice on Hero (under Finance) that all students have been invoiced for camp. This is to allow families to make a full or partial contribution at any time, with the option to spread payments across the year. If, for any reason, your child is unable to attend camp, any payments made can either roll over to the following year or be credited back to your account.

We appreciate your support in making camp a memorable and rewarding experience for all our tamariki. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Whānau Curriculum Hui

We warmly invite all our whānau to join us for our **Whānau Curriculum Information Evening on Tuesday, 1st April, from 5:45pm to 6:45pm in the school hall.**

The New Zealand Curriculum has recently undergone a significant refresh, designed to better support our ākonga (students) in their learning journey. These updates focus on clearer learning progressions, stronger connections to real-world skills, and a more inclusive approach to education.

This evening is a great opportunity to:

- ✓ Learn about the key changes in the new curriculum and what they mean for your child.
- ✓ Understand how the new curriculum compares to the previous levels you've seen in school reports.
- ✓ See how learning at Mokoia Intermediate will align with these changes.
- ✓ Ask any questions or share any thoughts you may have.

We are here to share, inform, and support you through these changes. We look forward to seeing you there!

A survey has been put out on Hero around attendance. If you are considering attending, could you please take the time to answer the survey to give us an indication of numbers.



MERIT AWARD WINNERS

K1 Rumaki	Freyja Stewart - Kua tau a Freyja ki roto i to mātou akomanga. He rawe te rere o tōna reo. He kaha ia ki te whakaoti i āna mahi katoa ia rā. He kaha anō ia ki te kōwhiri me te whakamārama i te rautaki e tino whaihua ana hei whakaoti rapanga e whai wāhi mai ana te rautaki whakawehe māmā. Miharo!!!
K2 Rumaki	Te Haeata o Te Rangi May. Ko koe ā runga Te Haeata! He kōtiro ngāwari, he kōtiro mōhio ki tau ake huarahi ako. Kua tino puāwai i ēnei wiki kua pahure, nā tō kaha ki te whakapuaki i ōu whakaaro ki te marea me tō ngana ki te whakautu i ngā pātai i te reo Māori. I tutuki hoki koe i te tūranga kaihautū mō te whānau Kaituna, hei kanohi hāpai i te whānau rumaki otirā, te kura whānui. Me he tē Te Haeata!
K3	Campbell Porter - Campbell you have a heart of gold and do a fantastic job at looking after your peers and those around you! You are always willing to go the extra mile and willing to help anyone who is in need. Keep being you Campbell and keep it up! Ka Rawe!
K4	Lily-Rose Drummond - You are such a kind, caring, and hardworking student in our class. I can see the effort you put into everything you do and how deeply you care about your learning journey. Keep shining bright, Lily!
P1	Wiremu Hughes - Wiremu Hughes - Thank you for showing the Mokoia Way both inside and outside of school. The way you have stepped up showing that you're an Upstander is commendable. Keep it up, I am proud of you!
P3	Robert McMurdo - Thank you for being such a humble, hardworking, honest, enthusiastic and kind member of P3. You take risks, help others and always give everything 100% effort. These skills will take you a long way in life. You also have a wonderful sense of humour. Keep being you Robert. 🌟👍😊
W1	Braiden Kerrison - Well done on showing Ūpoko Pakaru with your mahi this week. You have done well on your maths, especially your Exponents. keep up, ka rawe!
W2	Trinity Haimona-Marks - Whakaiti - Always using good manners when talking with our Waiteti teachers and amongst her peers. Rawe e Trinity! Eli Hall - Kōmaitanga - Elis has learned how to reflect on positive and negative feedback and is learning his next steps to improve his learning. MIHARO KOE Eli!
W3	Kade - For your active participation in classroom discussions and your dedication to learning. Your willingness to take ownership of your education and help out when needed is truly commendable. Keep up the fantastic work! Olivia - For your quiet but determined approach to learning. I really enjoyed sitting with you this week as we worked on percentage discounts in maths. I could see you were trying really hard to understand the concept, and I look forward to watching you grow more confident in maths!
W4	Tyler Gibbs - Thank you for being such an awesome carer for our class kitten 'Molly'. Your kindness, gentleness, responsibility, and compassion have truly shone through, and we are incredibly fortunate to have you in W4. Isabel Swart - Thank you for being such an awesome carer for our class kitten 'Molly'. Your kindness, gentleness, responsibility, and compassion have truly shone through, and we are incredibly fortunate to have you in W4.

UTUHINA MERIT AWARD WINNERS - TECHNOLOGY

<p>Hard Materials</p>	<p>Mac Hereford K3 - Mac, You always come to class with a positive attitude and a willingness to learn. It is always great to see you with your head down, on task and completing your mahi. Keep up the great work!</p> <p>Coby Steer P3 - Coby, your hard work is really shining through in your projects. In class you have your head down, working tirelessly. You are always well prepared for class and always arrive with a smile on your face and a willingness to learn new things. Keep it up!</p> <p>Sienna Shoebridge W2 - Sienna you always use your time in Wood tech to its fullest, you work hard consistently, even having time to help me with other tasks. You don't shy away from new challenges and always put your best foot forward. Keep up the fantastic work!</p>
<p>Art/Toi Ataata</p>	<p>Lagan Nora P1- Thank you for assisting Whaea Delina in making an eggless quiche. You worked so diligently and followed my instructions well. I'm also proud of you for having a go and tasting both dishes and being able to compare them. It's such a pleasure having you in class Lagan.</p> <p>Izayah Harrison K1 - You were a super star this week. Adapting and just getting on with the mahi when your buddy left. You showed how well you can work independently and your bubble personality is a pleasure to have in class.</p> <p>Veer Dhillon W2 - Veer, you made me so proud today, having a go at foods you normally wouldn't eat. Well done for having a go and even quite enjoying it, I believe. Keep being brave and embrace new opportunities and flavours. It's a pleasure having you in Food Technology.</p>
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He Tohu Whakamanawa

Congratulations to this week's recipient of our He Tohu Whakamanawa - All that I value I will uphold award, Paige Harrison in W2. Awarded for showing kindness and compassion as an upstander when someone needed assistance after school, and for being an outstanding all-rounder who consistently works hard and stays up-to-date with all your learning.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

! A REMINDER AROUND BIKING AND SCOOTERING

Whānau we have two very important messages for those of you who have children who bike or scooter to and from school everyday.

1. It is imperative that students bring a bike lock to school and use it when putting their bikes or scooters away. As a school we are doing everything we can to ensure they are safe during the day. All bikes and scooters are locked away in the bike compound from 9am till 3pm and this can only be accessed by a staff member if needed. We also have 24hr camera surveillance on the area. However having items locked up inside will add an extra level of security and safety.

2. Travelling to and from School – Safety & Respect

We have received a growing number of concerns from both staff and the community regarding unsafe and disrespectful behaviour from some of our students while travelling to and from school on bikes and scooters.

Some of the key concerns include:

- 🚲 Unsafe road crossings – not stopping or checking for traffic.
- 🚲 Riding at extreme speeds on the wrong side of the road.
- 🚲 Not wearing helmets while riding at speed on the road. All students on bikes **must** wear helmets.
- 🚲 Riding through groups of younger primary students at high speeds.
- 🚲 Blocking pathways by standing in large groups with bikes, forcing pedestrians (including younger children) onto the road.

While many pathways are dual-use, it's important that everyone shares them with care and respect. Unfortunately, unsafe behaviour is becoming so frequent that it feels like a matter of when, not if, someone gets hurt.

We have spoken to our students about this, but we need your support as whānau to reinforce the importance of safety, respect, and responsibility on our roads and pathways. Please take the time to have these conversations at home and gently remind them that the pathways are not the forest bike tracks.

Thank you for helping us keep all our tamariki and community members safe!



DON'T FORGET!!!!

Gold coin donation

Happy
St. Patrick's
Day

Mane 17 Maehe
Rāhina 17 Poututerangi
2025

Come and dress up in green
Funraising for the Rumaki to
go to Te Mana Kuratahi.



CHECK IT OUT!

2025 Kiwi English, Mathematics & Science Competitions

Registrations are now open!



The competitions are open to all Year 5-10 students in English, Mathematics and Science. Students can enter in one or more subjects. Each competition will provide parents/caregivers with an individual student report of their child's overall performance. These are available through your school. If you are interested in your child taking part please do so via the HERO post.



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)

Hot Lunches

Mince Pie - \$6.50

Mince & Cheese Pie - \$6.50

Mini Mince Pie - \$5.00

Mini Mince & Cheese Pie - \$5.00

Sausage Roll - \$4.50

Chicken Nuggets - \$4.50

Wedges - \$4.00

Loaded Wedges - \$5.00

Beef Lasagne - \$5.50

Butter Chicken on Rice - \$5.50

Cheesy Mac with Ham - \$5.50

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FRIDAY FOOTBALL FUN FOR THE GIRLS!

Celebrate the launch of a new U8 and U10 GIRLS' ONLY Football competition in Rotorua by joining us on our Friday Football Fun Roadshow!

- Have a go at football
- Learn some new skills
- Bring your friends and have fun!
- Its FREE!

**All PRIMARY SCHOOL
aged Girls welcome.**

Fridays 3.45pm - 4.45pm

28th February Ngongotaha
Football Club, Stenbridge Rd
7th March Otonga School
14th March Lynmore School
21st March Selwyn School
28th March Puarenga Park

COME TO ONE, OR COME TO THEM ALL!

To register Txt your name, age and email address to
Catherine 021 634 807, or just come along on the day.
For updates and cancellations visit
www.facebook.com/lakesfcgirls



2025 WINTER REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

Lakes Football Club

We're a whanau-friendly club offering football and futsal for all ages, from kids to adults, in our community.

Our focus is on having fun, fostering a love for football, and growing together.

Winter Season: Open to players 5th grade and up (turning 5 this year).

Training Locations: We have teams from all over Rotorua, we can put your Tamariki in a team near you.

Girls' Pathway: Dedicated programs to grow female participation.

Find us on Facebook and Instagram:
Lakes Football Club

Email us for more info:
office@lakesfc.co.nz

**Junior Open Day
March 22
Follow us for more details**



www.lakesfc.com

Waiariki Football Club Youth and Juniors 2025

The Beautiful Game Football School.

Training with Sergio has started up again for 2025 Term1.

This happens at Neil Hunt Park on
Tuesdays and Thursdays 4.15pm – 5.45pm.
Contact Sergio on 021 116 9547 to be added to
the WhatsApp group for updates and

[2025 Winter Season
Registration of Interest](#)

www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/220128

SATURDAY PRESEASON FUN DAYS

Scheduled to start March 2025, come down for a brief warm-up and skills sessions followed by age graded games. All welcome.

Follow the Waiariki FC facebook page for updates and Junior registration details.



YOUTH FOOTBALL:

We are seeking expressions of interest to play the 2025 season in an U16 or U14 squad.

We have a number of talented and dedicated players seeking teammates for the upcoming season.

Come along to any of the club days and have a chat with the team about how we can support you this season or contact Angela on 0274397885 to receive any new information.

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Neighbours Aotearoa 1-31 March 2025

Neighbours Aotearoa is about creating stronger, more connected neighbourhoods across the country



DAILY SCHEDULE:

8-9.30: Intro and Games
9.30-10.30: Gym Sport Skills
10.30-11.00: Morning tea break
11.00-11.30: Free Play
11.30-2.30: Daily activity & lunch break
2.30-3.00: Quiet games (SHORT DAY ends)
3.15-5.15: Afternoon tea and play

ACTIVITIES:

GYMNASTICS
CIRCUITS & GAMES
COOKING
TRAMPOLINE
CHALLENGES
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AND MORE

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email: migsholidayprogramme@outlook.co.nz

DAILY COSTS: 8AM-3.00PM \$45
8AM-5.15PM \$55

Week 1

Monday 14th April: Circuits -using all the equipment
Tuesday 15th April: Craft Day
Wednesday 16th April: Fun in the Kitchen -will it be savoury or sweet?
Thursday 17th April: T-Day (Towers, Trampoline, Tag.....)
Friday 18th April: **CLOSED** for GOOD FRIDAY

Week 2

Monday 21st April: **CLOSED** for EASTER MONDAY
Tuesday 22nd April: Teams & Challenges Day
Wednesday 23rd April: Trampoline & Tumble Day
Thursday 24th April: Equipment Day
Friday 25th April: **CLOSED** for ANZAC DAY

EACH DAY INCLUDES AN HOUR OF LEARNING SPECIFIC GYM SPORT SKILLS

DAILY REQUIREMENTS:

Children need to be dressed in appropriate clothing for active play. They are to bring their morning tea & lunch, some afternoon tea for the Full Day bookings, a named water bottle and socks for trampoline use.

We reserve the right to alter the daily schedule depending on the enrolled numbers.

Terms and Conditions apply, see them at www.migs.co.nz

OSCAR FORMS ARE REQUIRED TO BE INTO THE OFFICE, 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO HOLIDAYS START DATE.
email: admin@migs.co.nz

MID-ISLAND GYM SPORTS