

## Moanataiari School Newsletter – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

Many thanks to everyone who assisted at our school athletics days last week and at the tennis day. Your help is much appreciated.

We have another busy week ahead with the Thames Schools Athletics here tomorrow, and a whakatau this Friday instead of our assembly at 1.10pm to welcome our new staff and students.

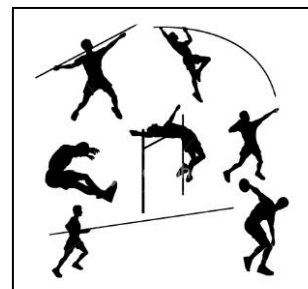
David Brock Principal

### Athletics

**Thames Schools Senior Athletics:** Selected senior students (8 to 12+ years) will compete against other Thames students here at Moanataiari School tomorrow, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November starting at 9.15am.

Sausages, juices and bottled water will be for sale during the day. Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> is the reserve day if it is wet tomorrow.

**Thames Valley Athletics:** Will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at Paeroa starting at 9.15am. Participants will be selected from the Interschool Athletics results.



**Students – please remember to wear your sunhat and sunblock and drink plenty of water!**

### Thames Santa Parade

If you would like to participate in our school Santa Parade entry please reply to the office by this Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, thanks.



### Scooters at School

Scooter days are: Juniors: Mondays Seniors: Thursdays

Keep within the quad area and remember to wear shoes and a helmet.

No bikes on these days. No riding scooters on the grounds before or after school.



**Te rerenga korero: Kia tere Hurry up**  
(the flow of speech)

### Year 8 Students

Thames High School are holding their orientation day on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November. If you will be attending Thames High School next year, please enroll at their office as soon as possible.

Second-hand Thames High School uniforms are currently available from their office for free.

### Juicies for Sale at School throughout Term 4

Juicies can be ordered each day for \$1 at the kitchen window before 8.55am. Orders will be brought to the classrooms before lunch break.

Parent helpers would be appreciated Monday-Thursday 1.00 to 1.30pm and Friday 10.30-11.00am. Please see Rechelle if you are able to help. Thanks.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Coming Up:

Tue 12 Nov HPV Y8 Immunisation  
Tue 12 Nov Thames Senior Athletics here  
Mon 18 Nov BoT Meeting 5.30pm  
Tue 19 Nov Thames High School Y8 Orientation  
Wed 20 Nov Thames Valley Athletics at Paeroa  
Tue 3 Dec Year 8 Leavers Dinner

### Consultation on the National Education Learning Priorities (Replacing the NAGS)

**Thursday 14th of November 6-8pm**

Pārāwai School hall, 106 Lowe Avenue, Thames

Kai will be available

Anyone may attend, especially from ECEs, Schools,  
High Schools, Boards, principals, teachers,  
manawhenua

<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/shaping-a-stronger-education-system-for-all/>

This meeting is being facilitated by Helen Walter and Rosemary Sutcliffe and supported by the Hamilton MOE. Helen and Rosemary are based in the Wellington MOE office.

### School Terms for 2019

Term 4 Monday 14 October to Monday 16 December

### School Terms for 2020

Term 1 Monday 3 February to Thursday 9 April  
Term 2 Tuesday 28 April to Friday 3 July  
Term 3 Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September  
Mid-term break Friday 28 to Monday 31 August.  
Term 4 Monday 12 October to Tuesday 15 December

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(for school donations and trips, etc.)

*Please note*

Our School Office is attended between  
8.30am to 4.00pm

### Term 4 Garden News

Hello everyone. Super busy term four is here and rushing toward the summer holidays! Just wanted to give you a quick update on the garden front.

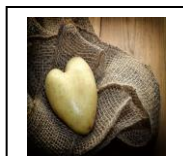
Classes have been busy clearing their garden beds and spreading mulch and planting their last crops for the year.

We have been planting chillies, tomatoes, peas, beans, sunflowers, dianthas, lavender and we are preparing places for carrots, cucumbers, kumi kumi, pumpkin, watermelon and passionfruit.

The ground dries out very fast at this time of year so it is important for us to encourage the children to water their plots whenever they are able.



We are very lucky this term to have help and valuable input of knowledge from Tony Winter. Tony came to school on our open day that we held for The Festival of Living Solutions and he was really impressed with what he saw our children working on out in the garden, so he decided to volunteer his time to help us. Tony has been coming in to work with the year 6 children in the native garden on a Monday and he has been coming in at different times on Thursdays to see what all the different classes do on that day. He came in and helped rooms 4 and 5 make newspaper pots to grow sunflowers and yesterday he helped room 7 clear and prepare their garden bed. It is great to have his help.



Our potatoes in the garden are growing well, I think a few children are growing some at home for Spud in a Bucket. We will have a potato harvest and our Spud in a Bucket competition before the end of term.

There are many end of term clean-up and repair jobs happening in the garden at the moment.

The Bird of the Year winner is announced on Monday, voting closes 5pm on Sunday (10th). So remember to check in with your class and see if the birds you supported are in the top 5. <https://www.birdoftheyear.org.nz/>



It is a pleasure to work with your children out there, they are so enthusiastic and enjoy the environment in many different ways!

Claire