

## Moanataiari School Newsletter – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

Congratulations to our fantastic cricket teams for their fantastic performances at the Cricket Smash last week. We've received some lovely compliments about your ability and sportsmanship - well done!

Congratulations also to our successful swimmers at our swimming sports last Friday. It was good to see so many supporters cheering our students along.

Welcome to Nixon Kelly and Elijah Halalilo who have joined us in Room 4 and started their school lives with us today. It's great to have you in our Moanataiari School family.

Please find below a survey form as we would like your feedback about our Friday 2pm finish. The 2pm finish is very helpful for our staff but we want to check how our families are finding it.

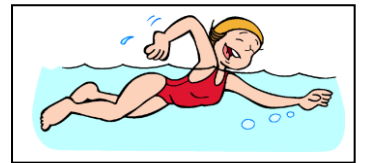
With the threat of corona virus we would also like to update our student health details. Please find an update form attached to this newsletter.

We have our Family Fun night this Friday and look forward to enjoying the evening with as many families as possible, from 5.15 to 7.15pm.

David Brock, Principal

### Swimming Events

Senior place-getters selected to go to Thames Centennial pool on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March** for time qualifying have received a notice regarding parent help and transport.



### \*\*\* Family Fun Night \*\*\*

Bring the family along to our Family Fun Night here at school on **THIS Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** from **5.15pm** until around **7.15pm**. Food and drink will be available to purchase, or bring your own picnic dinner and join in the fun and games.

### Hockey Big Day Out

We are sending two teams to the Hockey Big Day Out on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**. There is a fee of \$2 per player, so can those team members please bring their fees to our school office asap.



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### Survey – Friday 2pm Finish

I am happy for school to continue finishing at 2pm on Fridays  Yes  No

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this note to our school office as soon as possible.

Thank you for your participation.

## Senior Fund-Raisers

The year 8 students have put together some fundraising ideas for the upcoming National Young Leaders day and are currently selling tickets for an Easter Egg raffle. \$2 per ticket or \$5 for 3.

**Te rerenga korero:**

*(the flow of speech)*

**Ahiahī mārie**

*Good afternoon*

## Juicies

Juicies are available for purchase each school day from the kitchen window by 8.55am for \$1.00 each and will be delivered to classrooms at second break.



## Corona Virus Update from the Ministry of Health/Education

Many of you will be aware that three of the five cases of COVID-19 confirmed in New Zealand have had links to four school communities. I appreciate this could be unsettling for some of you so wanted to provide you with an update.

It was very reassuring to read the information from the Auckland Regional Public Health Service that the children in these families are not showing any symptoms of COVID-19 and are doing well. Because the children continue to not show any symptoms, they were not infectious when they were at school and the Ministry of Health is confident there is no risk for the students and staff in those schools.

You will also be interested to know that research published by the World Health Organisation notes that children and young people under 18 account for only 2.4% of all reported cases of COVID-19. This means we are unlikely to see widespread cases in schools and early learning services in New Zealand.

The Ministry of Health's current advice is that **with continued vigilance**, the chance of widespread community outbreak is expected to remain low. So we all have a role here to minimise the spread of COVID-19.

Our school staff and leadership remain well prepared for the possibility there might be a case in our community. If that were to occur we are confident we can put our plans in place and know we will be supported by regional health authorities and the Ministry of Education.

I am sure you are all keen to do what you can to prevent risk of infection. The best preventative steps are:

- **wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and dry thoroughly**
- **avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands**
- **avoid sharing anything that has come in contact with saliva, whether in your living or social environments**
- **stay home when you are sick and seek medical attention**
- **cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the rubbish**
- **get adequate sleep and eat well-balanced meals to ensure a healthy immune system.**

It is so important we continue to care for and support all members of our wonderful school community, especially those who may be impacted by COVID-19 in some way.

If you want to know more about COVID-19 please make sure that any reading you are doing is from a reliable source. The Ministry of Health is the best source of information for New Zealand and they update this information regularly - <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

**A reminder that anyone who is ill should not be attending school**, ie. sore throat, runny nose, cough, headaches, temperature, etc.

The COVID-19 symptoms are a fever, coughing and difficulty breathing. If anyone has these symptoms and has recently been to a [country or area of concern](#), or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with COVID-19, please encourage them to contact Healthline (for free) on [0800 358 5453](tel:08003585453) (or [+64 9 358 5453](tel:+6493585453) for international SIMs) or their doctor immediately.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Coming Up:

Tue 10 Mar Senior Qualifying Trials  
Fri 13 Mar **Family Fun Night 5.15pm**  
Thu 19 Mar Hockey Big Day Out  
Wed 25 Mar Thames Valley Swimming  
Thu 9 Apr Mufti - End of Term 1  
Tue 28 Apr Term 2 Starts

### 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 Fri 28 to Mon 31 August**  
Term 4 Monday 12 October to Thursday 17 December

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*Please note*

Our School Office is attended between  
8.30am to 4.00pm

### Thames Junior Hockey Muster/Registration

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March  
1 – 2pm (all grades)

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March  
4.30pm to 5.30pm (all grades)

**St Francis turf**

Sticks provided if you don't have one,  
mouth-guards compulsory.

Contact Rachel on 021 191 2417  
[thamesjuniorhockey@gmail.com](mailto:thamesjuniorhockey@gmail.com)

### Thames Junior Football Club Muster

@ Rhodes Park  
with refreshments provided

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March @ 5.30pm - 6.30pm  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March @ 11am - 12pm

**\*\*Bring your boots down for a swap/sell\*\***

For more info email

[Thamesjuniorfootballclub@gmail.com](mailto:Thamesjuniorfootballclub@gmail.com)

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Thames Heritage Festival  
One Town, Many Tales  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
[www.thamesheritage.co.nz](http://www.thamesheritage.co.nz)



### Student Medical Information

Due to our new student management system, we are updating medical records. Please complete this form if your child has any medical conditions. If they have an existing medical condition that we are already aware of, please still complete the form in case of any changes or new information.

Many thanks

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| <b>Name of student:</b>  |  |
| <b>Dr's Name:</b>  |  |
| <b>Medical Centre:</b>   |  |
| <b>Medical Centre Ph no:</b>   |  |
| <b>Medical Condition/s:</b>  |  |
| <b>Severity:</b>   | Low risk / Moderate risk / Emergency care required<br><i>(Please circle)</i> |
| <b>Hospitalisation required:</b>   | Yes / No<br><i>(Please circle)</i>   |
| <b>Contact caregiver:</b>  | Yes / No<br>Caregiver name:<br>Caregiver phone number:                       |
| <b>Details:</b><br><i>Please provide as much information as possible</i>                     |  |
| <b>Medicine required:</b><br><i>Please note the medicine required and bring into office.</i> |  |