



Dear parents and caregivers,

We hope you all have a safe and happy holiday. We wish to let you know that 2026 will begin with several important school and community events, along with opportunities for whānau to connect with staff and support their children's learning. We appreciate your ongoing partnership and look forward to a positive and productive term 1 together.

If you are interested in attending our one-day **AI course on 22 January 2026**, please email **[principal@moana.school.nz](mailto:principal@moana.school.nz)** to secure your place. The cost for this workshop is **\$75.00**.

Below is a summary of key dates relevant to families across Term 1:

#### **Term 1 Key Dates for Families (2026)**

- **Thursday 22 January** – Bex Rose AI One-Day Workshop (open to adults/whānau).
- **Monday 26 January** – Auckland Anniversary Day (public holiday).
- **Tuesday 27 January** – First school-wide attendance incentive event (ice block per child).
- **Wednesday 4 February** – Tsunami Evacuation Practice, 9:15 a.m. (whole school).
- **Tuesday 10 February** – Waihi Beach Education Day (relevant classes).
- **Friday 13 February** – Whakatau (1:30 p.m.) welcoming new students and staff; Family Fun Night 5:00 p.m.
- **Friday 27 February** – Junior Swimming Sports, 1:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday 3 March** – Senior Swimming at Centennial Pool.
- **Thursday 12 March** – School Immunisations as per the national immunisation schedule.
- **Monday 9 – Friday 13 March** – Hockey Big Day(s) Out (selected teams/students).

The term will also include regular Waiata and Kapa Haka sessions, PTA meetings, and newsletters scheduled throughout the term. These support strong home–school connections and help keep whānau informed.

We are excited for a year of learning, community, and growth, and we thank all families for their continued support of Moanataiari School. If you have any questions or require further clarification about any event, please contact the school office.

David Brock

Moanataiari Principal

A vibrant, stylized landscape featuring a large, friendly-looking robot character in the center. The robot has a white and orange body with blue accents and large, expressive eyes. It stands in a lush green valley with rolling hills, a winding river, and distant mountains under a blue sky. In the top right corner, there's a blue arrow pointing upwards next to the word 'AI' in large, bold, blue letters. The overall theme is about AI in education.

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We're  
coming!

AI

# MOANATAIARI SCHOOL

## TEACHER ONLY DAY

A circular inset photo of a smiling woman with blonde hair and glasses, wearing a light blue shirt.

 **FEEL CONFIDENT USING AI IN YOUR TEACHING**

- HOW TO PROMPT EFFECTIVELY
- WHAT GOES IN TO A GREAT PROMPT? GET THE RESULTS YOU WANT

**Bex Rose** 

 **GET TIME BACK BY USING AI TOOLS - SHARING OUR FAVOURITE TOOLS AND SHOWING YOU THE BEST WAYS TO USE THEM!**

*Looking forward to seeing you all on Thursday 22 January*

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