

Newsletter

Monday 28th April 2025

Kia ora tātou

We are very pleased to welcome David Kneepkens, our new caretaker, to Moanataiari School. It is great to have you on our staff David.

Congratulations to our EPro8 Year 5/6 team who have made it into the semi-finals to be held on the 2nd of May.

From time to time we are very fortunate to receive food from the ADCR Trust in Thames. If you are happy to receive food packages when we have them available, please tear off the slip at the end of this newsletter and send it into our office.

David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki

EPro8 Competition Semi Finals Friday May 2nd

Our Year 6 team came second in the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Interschool EPro8 Competition at Parawai School at the end of last term. Congratulations to Mason Hopkirk, Izzy Parkinson, Sophie Takiwa and Macy Donaldson. They are competing in the semi-final this Friday 2 May at Maeroa Intermediate School in Hamilton. We wish you all the very best and we are very proud of your achievements so far.



2024 Start Date & School Terms

Term 1: Thursday 30 January to Friday 11 April
Term 2: Monday 28 April to Friday 27 June
Term 3: Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September
Term 4: Monday 6 October to Monday 15 December

Coming up:

Fri 2 May	Movie night
Fri 2 May	EPro8 Year 5/6 semi final
Mon 5 May	BoT meeting 5.30pm
Tue 6 May	Specsavers free screening
Wed 7 May	Thomas train celebration 10am
Wed 7 May	PTA meeting 5.15pm
Thu 8 May	NED event 2pm
Thu 8 May	Netball season starts

School Hours

School begins 8.55am
1st break 10.30 – 10.40am (eating time)
10.40 – 11.00am (play)
2nd break 12.40 – 12.50pm (eating time)
12.50 – 1.30pm (play)
School Ends 3.00pm Monday to Friday

Please ensure that students are in class by 8.55am when the bell goes as late students disrupt the rest of the class, and can miss out on instructions for the day.

As much as we want students to be here in plenty of time before the bell, they mustn't be here before 8.15am as staff are not available for supervision before that time.



Te rerenga korero:

Haere mai ki komei	<i>Come over here</i>
Neke mai	<i>Move closer</i>
Hoki atu	<i>Go back</i>

National Young Leaders Day

Our Year 8's will be attending the **National Young Leaders Day (NYLD)** in Hamilton on Wednesday the 11th of June at Claudelands.

The day consists of hearing a range of inspirational speakers who have achieved amazing things often despite great adversities.

The objectives of NYLD are:

- Inspiration
- Connection
- Student empowerment
- Promoting positivity
- Motivation
- Education

The cost for this trip is \$60.00. We will be taking the school van and private vehicles. The tickets are \$54.00 per student and the extra \$6 is for a koha for parents taking transport.

There is a note going home today with all year 8 students with the details about the speakers etc. **We will need permission slips back by this Wednesday so we can book our tickets as soon as possible.**

Six of the Best

ways to help your children achieve at school

Do whatever you can to ensure your children go to and stay at school for as long as possible.

Listen to your children when they talk about what they are learning, and encourage them to talk to you by showing you enjoy those discussions.

Ask "what did your teacher say to you about your schoolwork today?"

Value effort, sticking to a task, and learning the basics. Evidence shows children from families who value effort and stickability have a head start.

Enjoy being involved with your children in challenging tasks in a fun way. Dealing with challenge is a powerful learning strategy.

Build your children's confidence that they can do difficult things.

Netball

Our netball season starts next Thursday the 8th of May. A big thanks to all the parents who have offered to coach and manage teams. A note will be going home tomorrow to confirm the fees for the year 5-8 teams.

The cost for the years 0-4 teams is \$25.00 per student and needs to be paid to the school office. All parents should have completed the online form to register your child that was sent to you at the end of last term.



Specsavers Free Screening for all Students

Specsavers will be visiting our school on Tuesday 6 May to vision test all of our students for free. If you do not want your child tested, please contact our office on 868 6504.



Free Hand Sanitiser

With winter coming on we are very mindful of good hygiene at school and at home and will give every child a free hand sanitiser to take home. If you would like more of these please fill in the slip below.

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Please send home _____ free hand sanitisers for:

Family: _____

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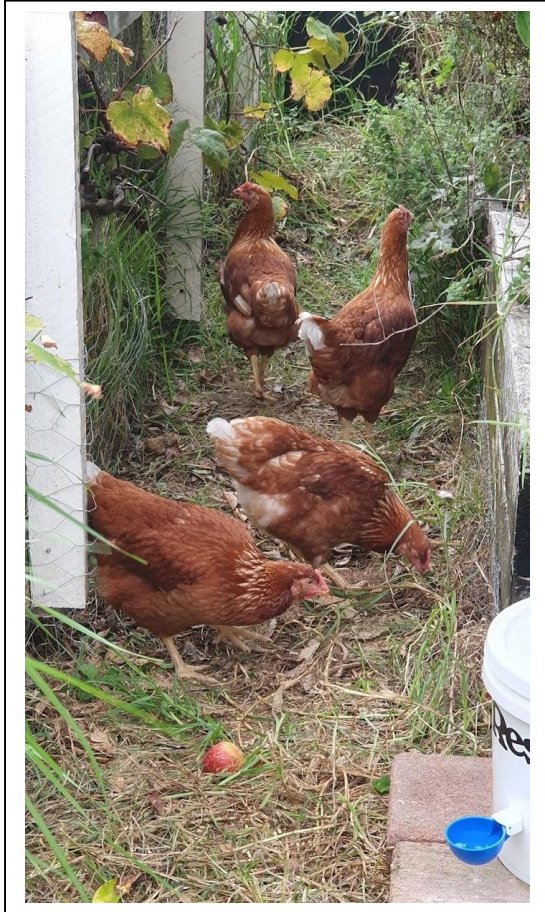
ADCR Trust Food Packages

Please add our family to the list for any food packages available.

Family: _____

Chooks at School

At the end of last term Scott Rodgers delivered our chooks to school. Scott has done an amazing job for us creating a safe enclosure and great little chook house for the birds to shelter in. Thanks so much Scott. We are also very grateful to the Seagull Centre for funding this cool project for us. Now the children can enjoy getting to know our chooks and learning all about them. Hopefully in another few weeks we will have some eggs to share!



A wonderful donation

Many thanks to Korbinian Poschl from Mrs Greenjeans Seedlings for a generous donation of two boxes of vegetable seedlings for our garden. Thanks also to Alia Finn from the Thames Organic Shop for facilitating this lovely donation. We are very grateful and hope to grow some produce to share in our Pātaka Kai.



Community Notices

🎬 Moanataiari School Outdoor Movie Night! 🎬

Get ready for a magical evening under the stars with our outdoor screening of **Matilda**! ★

📅 **Date:** Friday 2nd May

🕒 **Time:** Arrive from 5:30pm | Movie starts at 6:00pm

📍 **Location:** Under our Covered Outdoor Learning Area

✦ **What to Bring:**

A warm blanket, beanbags, or something comfy to sit on

🍷 **Food and Drinks:**

Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase on the night! Bring a reusable cup for a Hot Chocolate.

Eft-pos and cash for all payments

🎫 **Tickets:**

- \$5 per person
- Family of 4 = \$15
- Extra person = \$5 each

Please buy your tickets in advance to help us with planning! Email kuranui@moana.school.nz, private message our Facebook page or call 868 6504

This is a smoke-free, vape-free, and alcohol-free event. It is also family-friendly: we expect students and younger patrons to attend with a parent or guardian, please.

👤 **We Need Your Help:**

If you have a toasted sandwich maker and/or a popcorn machine we could borrow for the night, please let the office know.

★ See you there! ★



Music at Moanataiari

Guitar * Bass * Ukulele * Drums

Tuition by Jessica Paton from Garden Music Thames. I provide the instruments and resources as well as homework. All ages and skill levels welcome!

Lessons happen at school during class hours
\$15 for 15 minutes
\$30 for 30 minutes

Bookings by email:

gardenmusicaotearoa@gmail.com

Invoiced per term, payment plans and sponsorships available.

101 Kuranui Street, Thames * Phone 07 868 6504 * Email: office@moana.school.nz

Moanataiari School Bank Account: ANZ Thames 01 0455 0108122 01

every bite



Want to save money and waste less food at home? Every Bite is a fun, local programme for adults that's all about appreciating our kai and learning easy ways to reduce food waste as a family.

It kicks off with a beautiful lunch and workshop at Falls Retreat on Sunday 4 May, followed by four weeks of tips, tools, and simple weekly challenges. We finish with a pizza celebration on 1 June!

All of this for just \$75 per person, group discounts available. Great for parents, grandparents, and friends – learn together and support each other at home.

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**REPAIR +
REUSE**
CENTRE



www.everybite.nz

Art class for Pre-Teen/ Teens
Starts Thursday
8th May at 3.45

Elemental creatures 8 weeks Course

Create your own mythical creature and explore drawing techniques to bring it to life with personality, power, and epic details!



\$130
per
person

The
Creativity
Room

517 Pollen Street, Thames. All materials included.
Contact Laurie Mango at 027 57 57 497 or laurie.mango@gmail.com.
Limited spaces available.

Creative Explorer where each class is an art adventure!

Term 2

Children 5 to 12 Y.
Starts Tuesday
6th May at 3.45

\$150
full
course

casual rate
\$25
per class



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WINTER TENNIS COACHING PROGRAM

TERMS 2 & 3

8 WEEKS PER TERM

BEGINNER - ADVANCED

4 YEARS - 17 YEARS

TECHNIQUE, TACTIC, FITNESS, MATCH
PLAY AND LOTS OF FUN

WEDNESDAYS FROM 4PM
THAMES TENNIS CLUB
BROWN ST, THAMES

TENNIS
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Concerns and Complaints Procedure

A concern is:

An issue that may be resolved informally directly between the parties involved. Concerns are not expected to have disciplinary, legal or industrial consequences.

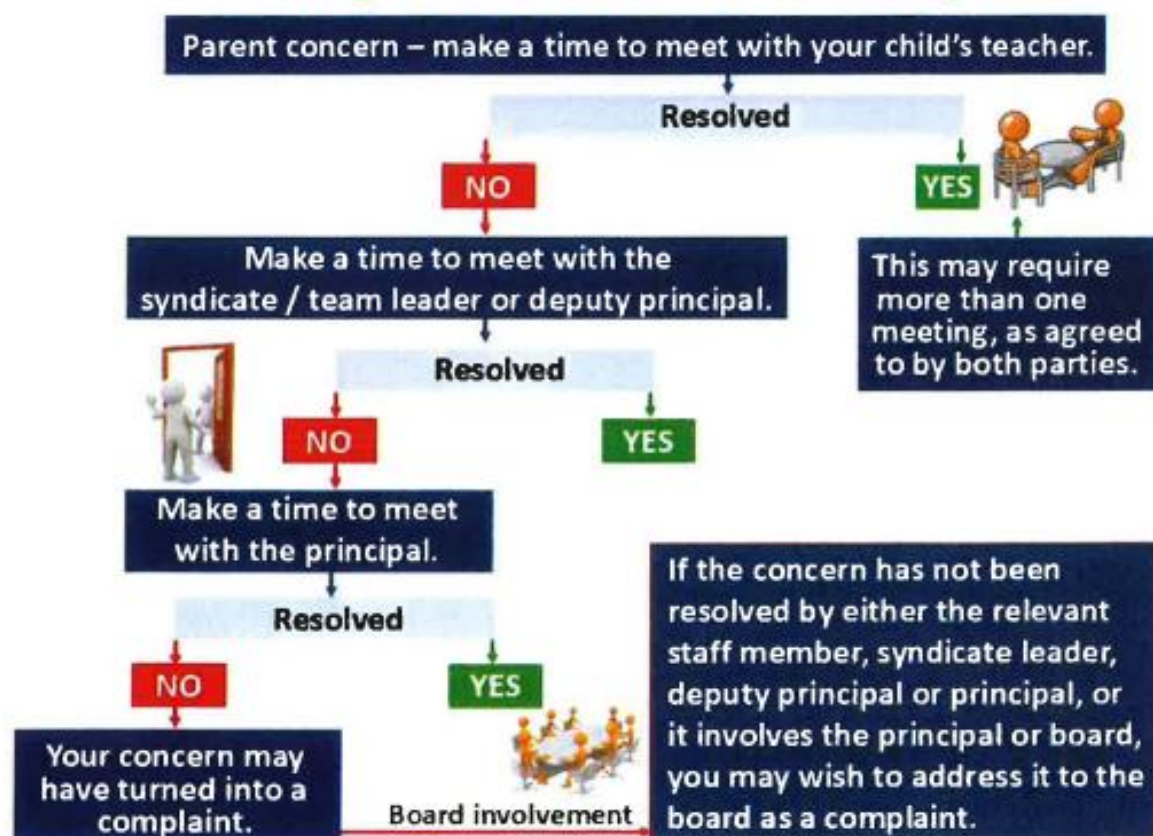
When voicing a concern, approach the conversation calmly, respectfully and with the intention of working together to find solutions.

A complaint is:

An issue of a serious nature and may involve the consideration of disciplinary, legal or employment consequences. It may involve the principal or member/s of the board. An unresolved or repeated concern may be escalated to a complaint.

Complaints must be made in writing.

Dealing with a Concern or Complaint



Note, a 'complaint' must be made in writing and state the word 'complaint'. Date your letter and address your letter to the Presiding Member, Moanataiari School Board. Please clearly state the matter/s, date, time and location your complaint is based on. The person/s mentioned in your letter of complaint will receive a copy of your letter: *principles of natural justice*.

A parent / caregiver may have a concern or complaint about a member of staff, conversely, a member of staff, using the concerns and complaints procedures may have, and action, a concern or complaint about another member of staff, board or community member. A copy of the processes and procedures for making a concern or complaint may be requested from the School Office.