

# **Newsletter**

Monday 15th August 2022

Kia ora tātou

Please remember that our school, and all primary schools in Thames, will be closed next **Monday 22**<sup>nd</sup> **August for a teacher only day** while the teachers attend professional development.

Then, at the end of next week we have our midterm break which means Moanataiari School will be closed from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August to Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August. School will resume as per normal on Tuesday 30 August. We hope you all take this time to spend some family time together and refresh, ready for the rest of the term.

Voting forms for parent Board of Trustee elections should be in your mail box this week, if you have not already received them. Please remember to send your voting form into the school office by 4pm Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion celebration is getting close so please register on line if you wish to join in, or encourage anyone else you know of who wants to come along to register online.

David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki

#### Te rerenga korero:

Whakarārangi ki waho line up outside

#### 2022 Start Date & School Terms

Term 3: Monday 25 July to Friday 30 September Term 4: Monday 17 October to Monday 19 Dec

#### Coming up:

Wed 18 Aug Careers Expo (Room 7) Fri 19 Aug Whole school cross country Sat 20 Aug Senior camp fundraiser at market Sat 20 Aug Playground fundraiser Quiz night **SCHOOL CLOSED** – Teachers only Mon 22 Aug Wed 24 Aug Primary tackle rugby tournament Thu 25 Aug Thames primary schools XC event Fri 26 to **SCHOOL CLOSED** – Mid term break Mon 29 Aug **SCHOOL CLOSED** – Mid term break Wed 7 Sep BoT election voting closes at 4pm

## **Whole School Cross Country**

This **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August** we will be holding our Moanataiari School cross country event for **all age groups**, starting at 9.30am.

We will need a number of helpers for this event so if you are able to assist for the morning of the 19<sup>th</sup> please contact the office or see Mrs Leach.

Students will be practicing for cross country most days up until this event so please make sure they bring appropriate running shoes to school.



### **Important Dates**

#### Kāhui Ako Teacher Only Day – NEXT WEEK

All of the primary school teachers in Thames will be attending a professional development day on **Monday 22**<sup>nd</sup> **August**, so all Thames primary schools (including Moanataiari) will be closed on that day.

#### Term 3 2022 Mid-Term Break - NEXT WEEK

Please note on your calendar that our mid-term break will be from **Friday 26**<sup>th</sup> **August to Monday 29**<sup>th</sup> **August.** This gives us all a four-day long weekend with time to take a break and refresh as there are no public holidays in Term 3.

Here is a sample of Room 6 students' recount writing.

Jason has included some carefully chosen words for effect, a great selection of sentence types that our students have been learning on Writer's Toolbox, and his recount is entertaining and personal. Our students are really benefitting from our investment in Writer's Toolbox. There will be a few more samples in the newsletter over the coming weeks to showcase our students' increasing success in writing. Enjoy.

#### **Christmas Barbecue**

Today was the day, it was Christmas!
It was Christmas morning and my dad had told me we were having a barbecue!
All of our friends and family were going to come over.

Soon evening had arrived, everybody had helped get all the preparations ready. All I had to do now was wait; I could already tell this party was gonna be a blast. Suddenly, people started arriving, sooner or later the house was packed with people and I could smell that barbecue from miles away.

Mid-way into the party I really started to get hungry, so I slowly approached my mum and ordered a couple things to eat. I had ordered some spicy Cambodian salad, 2 kebab sticks, and some cucumber.

Cautiously, this little girl named Dhallis snuck up to my plate and stole a lot of my cucumber and ate it. I was amazed at how much this girl loved vegetables. Then this guy in his 20's or 30's went up to me, my sister, my cousins and handed us \$50 dollars each!

Everyone had finished eating, the party was now at the point where I liked to call it, the chill-zone. People were talking on their phone, or just relaxing on the couch. So me and my friends just went to go play together on our devices.

Night came, more and more people started to leave as the night got darker. Soon it was just me and my family. I got ready for bed and slept as the new day started to rise upon me.

Jason Prak

#### **Teen Esteem**

Teen Esteem Workshops offer a range of strengthsbased child-centred programmes that empower tamariki through the use of creativity, group process and positive personal reinforcement. We are now taking names for Year 8 students for the *Transisiton* to High School Workshop. Transition to High School is a one-day workshop tailored to meet the specific needs of Year 8 students as they are getting ready to transition into high school. At these workshops, we address how social interactions can impede learning and personal development at this level. We increase the participants' self-esteem by dealing with issues that directly impact this group: Peer-pressure, bullying, and how to deal positively with success and failure. We strive to empower adolescents by teaching them the tools and strategies which facilitate a positive transition into high school.

Please email or contact Julia for more information:

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## **Community Notices**

#### **Moanataiari After-School Care**

Bookings can be made through our school office (868 6504) or by contacting Donna directly on 027 547 9407. Casual or regular bookings will cost \$7 per hour.

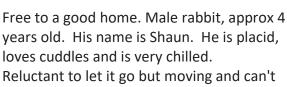
Have you downloaded our school app with Skool Loop vet?



Bookings for our parent/teacher conferences later this term will be booked via the app, so please download it if you haven't already got it.

We will be able to process manual bookings also if you are not able to use the app.





take him with us. Includes a big cage and a transporting cage.

Ph: Brendon 021 150 2483 if interested or for more information.











