



# Newsletter

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025

*Kia ora tātou*

*It's wonderful to see our tamariki giving their best and representing us so well at all the recent events. Good luck to those students heading to the Thames Valley Cross Country and Interschool Speech Competition – we are proud of you.*

*This Friday we are supporting **Daffodil Day**. We encourage everyone to dress in yellow and bring along a gold coin donation to help the Cancer Society with their important work.*

*Thank you all for your ongoing support – it really makes a difference for our students and school community.*

*David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki*

**Te rerenga korero:**

**Timatahia tō mahi.**

*Begin your work.*

## 2025 Start Date & School Terms

Term 3: Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September

Term 4: Monday 6 October to Monday 15 December

## Coming up:

Tue 26 Aug	TV Cross Country
Thu 28 Aug	Cricket Smash Rooms 1,6,7,9
Fri 29 Aug	Daffodil Day
Thu 4 Sept	Conservation Week Event
Fri 5 Sep	Interschool speech competition

## Notice of Paid Union Meeting

Some of our teachers are attending a paid union meeting today from 1.30pm. Classes will not be affected by their absence as students will go into other classrooms. School will finish as usual at 3.00pm.

## School Lunches

A big thank you to everyone for being so generous and supporting our school lunches camp fundraiser.

We really appreciate your support and especially to Sharon and Brian Morgan for all your help every week.

Thank you to Dominos Thames for supporting last week's pizza lunch.



## Daffodil Day



Dress up in yellow this Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August and bring a gold coin donation for the Cancer Society. Proceeds help Cancer Society's support services, cancer prevention programmes, and life-saving research.

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## Thames Valley Cross Country

We wish Denny Wallace, Izzy Parkinson, and Jessica Bevan all the very best for their runs tomorrow in the Thames Valley Cross Country being held in South Farms Ngatea tomorrow.

You have all trained hard and consistently done well, we are proud of you already.



## Speeches

We had a very successful school speech competition on Friday and very much appreciate our judges, Shelley Johnson and Peggy Morrison for coming to judge the finalists for us.

### Yr 7/8

First: Khloe Donaldson

Second: Katelyn Sem

Highly commended: Lily Roath

### Yr 5/6

First: Macy Donaldson

Second equal: Mason Hopkirk and Zen Lamont

Highly Commended: Serenity Te Ruki

Khloe Donaldson, Katelyn Sem, Mason Hopkirk and Zen Lamont will be representing our school at the Interschool Speech competition at Thames South School on Friday the 5th of September.

## Touch Rugby

We will be entering the touch rugby teams this week, so if your child has not bought their form back, they will miss out on being in a team. Please make sure your child **HAS RETURNED** their permission form by tomorrow, please.

## Rooms 3 and 1 Overnight Experience

These rooms will be holding an overnight experience next term. Any parents/caregivers who would like to participate will need to have a current police vet check. Forms are available from our school office.

## Gymfest girls

Big congratulations to all our gymnasts that represented our school at the regional Gymfest competition last Thursday in Hamilton.

Caitlin Kenny came 5<sup>th</sup> and Lily Roath, 4th overall and Alivia Takiwa 4th in her category. Kora Lamont and Addison Asafo also did very well.

Well done, we are very proud of the commitment these girls have shown, practicing in their own time every day and representing us so well on the day.



## Room 1 Trip to Hamilton Zoo

If you have put your name down to support Room 1's trip to the Zoo, please complete your Police Vetting Form if required. Money and permission slips need to be returned by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September, please.

### Room 9 Market Day

Room 9 students have been working very hard with their financial literacy skills over the last two terms using the Banquer platform. They have been earning Banquer money through jobs and hard work in school, they have been growing their money through term deposits, and investment in housing, and they have been saving money in their Banquer accounts and in Kiwisaver.

As a next step to their learning, this term the students will be working to set up and run a business at our class gala. They are required to submit a business plan, to budget, research, market and operate their business. All profits of their business will go towards the cost of our school camp.

The gala will be held in week 10 on Thursday the 18th of September at 11.00am. All families are also welcome to come and support this venture.



**ROOM 9  
MARKET DAY**

 **Moanataiari School**   
In Room 8 and 9  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of September 11 am-2pm**

**Come and support our  
awesome tamariki!**

Room 9 has been busy creating, baking,  
building, and designing a range of exciting  
products and experiences just for  
you!

**STALLS INCLUDE:**

-  **Homemade treats**
-  **Crafts and art**
-  **Fun games**
-  **Gifts and goodies**
-  **Lollies and more!**

 **Don't forget to bring a few  
coins to spend!**



## Community Notices

### Kiwi SA Expo

This is a unique celebration to explore and find unity in the shared heritage that New Zealand enjoys with South Africa.

This will coincide with the Springboks/All Blacks Test Match in Auckland on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2025, while highlighting significant heritage links.

The Expo will engage all five main heritage sites in Thames, as well as involving local students, in researching and telling the stories of people on both sides of the defining South African War (1899-02). It will also explain how pioneering gold mining extraction processes in Thames helped rescue the early South African gold mining industry. Lots more!

The community will help facilitate opportunities to celebrate the vibrant South African and New Zealand traditional cuisines and music, at the Thames Saturday Morning Market. Venues will be open for live screening of the titan Test match that night!

Its about inter-connectivity, its about reflecting and learning from history, its about exploring, its about celebrating!

For more information visit: <https://sites.google.com/view/kiwisaexpo/home>

*Some of our students are taking place in the poster competition. See details below*



[www.kiwisaexpo.com](http://www.kiwisaexpo.com)





# POSTER MAKING

## Competition for Schools

Join this unique NZ/SA Shared Heritage event by creating an A3 poster!

Choose themes like gold, rugby, war, immigration, or business ties. Your poster can be informative, artistic, digital, written, or hand-drawn. Prizes to be won — selected posters will be displayed for the public!

*Prizes include free flight simulator rides at The Aviator in Thames!*

**Judging Criteria:**

- Is it engaging?
- Is it relevant to the NZ/SA Shared Heritage theme?
- Use of both official languages is encouraged.
- Include: Name, school, and year level.
- Categories: Junior/Senior Primary & Junior/Senior Secondary.
- Submit by Friday 29 August at Thames School of Mines (Carnegie Library), 705 Queen Street, Thames.

**Any queries – contact**

Kate Coatsworth, Thames School of Mines, Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga | 705 Queen Street – Carnegie Library, Thames 3500

mobile 027 2205249 or landline 07 8686227

[kcoatsworth@heritage.org.nz](mailto:kcoatsworth@heritage.org.nz)



Learn, reflect and celebrate!

# KiwiSA EXPO

Exploring Our Shared History

## Gold, war, rugby and more!

Come to Thames to learn about how closely our two countries are so interconnected

**6th September 2025**

### WHAT YOU STAND TO GAIN

- ✓ Join the vibe of the Thames Saturday Market - with the added dimension of South African cuisine and culture!
- ✓ Immerse yourself in the rivalry of live screenings of the Auckland TEST match that evening in our local pubs!



**Thames**

Need More Info?  
[Visit www.kiwisaexpo.com](http://www.kiwisaexpo.com)





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# COROMANDEL

## IT'S TIME TO KILL SOME BILLS!

# KILL BILLS

THE GREAT  
NEW ZEALAND  
ELECTRIC ROADIE

FREE EVENT

WED 27 AUG  
6:30 - 8PM

THAMES WAR  
MEMORIAL CIVIC  
CENTRE

RSVP FREE

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### TERM 4 ENROLMENT INFORMATION:

➤ **RE-ENROLMENTS:** For students currently enrolled in Term 3 lessons.

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September from 12pm – 5pm
- Students must be re-enrolled to secure their space in Term 4 lessons.

➤ **NEW ENROLMENTS:** For students not currently enrolled in lessons.

- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 12pm – 5pm
- All new school age enrolments must have a short assessment prior to enrolling so they can be placed in the correct level, so please come prepared for your child to get in the pool.
- Pre-school aged children aren't required to be assessed in the water prior to enrolling as these classes are based on age, not ability.

➤ Please send enquiries to [learntoswim@tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:learntoswim@tcdc.govt.nz)



# Notification about predator control in Otahu

To protect native species, the Department of Conservation (DOC) is going to reduce Rats and Possums in the area.

## Why we are controlling introduced predators

The Coromandel contains large forest areas and diverse native wildlife. It has scenic natural landscapes with a range of recreation and tourism opportunities.

This area includes regenerating forests of podocarps and broadleaf forests, remaining kauri, coastal pohutakawa and kānuka shrubland rolling into steep rugged back country. These forests also help filter water that flows into nearby farmland and towns.

The area is home to native invertebrates, lizards, pekapeka/bats and birds like the threatened Coromandel brown iwi which is found in many forests and shrubland on the Peninsula.

The forests provides important habitat for the native Archey's frog. These tiny frogs grow to just 37mm – or shorter than your pinkie finger. They're also considered the world's most evolutionary distinct and globally endangered amphibian.

Unique Archey's frogs and other native wildlife in the area need protection from introduced predators. Rats, stoats and possums prey on native wildlife, eating birds, bats, frogs, invertebrates, and their young. Without any predator control, many of these species could go extinct – some within as few as two human generations.

## How are we going to achieve this

The safest and most effective method to control introduced predators over large areas is to use biodegradable bait pellets containing 1080. This bait targets rodents and possums. Stoats are also controlled through secondary poisoning as they feed on the carcasses of the dead rodents.

Helicopters will accurately distribute bait across 6,887 hectares of the forest along pre-determined and monitored flight paths. This is the safest and most effective way to control predators in Otahu area due to the vast and rugged terrain.

A post Rat monitor will be carried out at the conclusion of the operation.



Rare Archey's frog are found in this area  
Photo: DOC

## Consultation and consent outcome

DOC has consulted with hapū, iwi and key stakeholders including landowners adjacent to the treatment area. This involved discussing the operational plan, listening to any concerns and considering ways to mitigate them. DOC is delegated authority by the Environmental Protection Agency to decide applications for permission to use 1080 on land administered or managed by DOC. Permission has been granted for this operation. DOC has also received the required permission from the Ministry of Health.

## Next steps

Adjoining landowners and other stakeholders are being notified and there will be a public notice in the local newspaper/s. There will also be warning signs placed at entrances to the treatment area immediately prior to the operation.

After the operation, DOC will contact iwi, hapū, and stakeholders about the results of the operation. We also aim to share insights about the outcomes for native species overtime.

### Timeframe

The operation is planned for the first clear weather window between July and December 2025.

This operation begins with the distribution of non-toxic pre-feed bait pellets to prepare possums and rodents to eat the toxic bait (dyed green) that is applied afterwards. Both baits are about 16 mm in diameter and cylindrical shaped.

### Managing risk

1080 is poisonous to humans, domestic and game animals. In areas where the toxin has been applied, dogs are highly at risk until poisoned carcasses have disintegrated. This takes four-to-eight months or longer.

**Risks can be eliminated by following these rules:**

**DO NOT** touch bait

**WATCH** children at all times

**DO NOT EAT** animals from this area or within the buffer zone outside the treatment boundary.

The standard buffer zone is 2 km for deer and pigs, 200 m for rabbits, and 1 km for hares, tahr, wallabies and possums.

### Poison baits or carcasses are DEADLY to DOGS

Observe these rules whenever you see warning signs about pesticides. These signs indicate pesticide residues may be still present in baits and poisoned carcasses. When signs are removed this means you can resume normal activities in the area. Always report suspected vandalism or unauthorised removal of signs.

### If you suspect poisoning, please contact:

- Your local doctor or hospital
- The National Poisons Centre: 0800 764 766 (urgent calls) or 03 478 7248 or dial 111
- Seek veterinary advice for suspected poisoning of domestic animals

### Map of predator control area

The map on the next page shows the confirmed area of 6,887 hectares for predator control.

### For more information

#### Please contact:

DOC Operational planner - Hauraki Office Phone 0800 ASK DOC (0800 275 362)

Email [info@doc.govt.nz](mailto:info@doc.govt.nz) AND/OR Epro Ltd

Phone 0800 ASK EPRO (0800 275 3776)

Email [control@epro.co.nz](mailto:control@epro.co.nz)

#### Visit the DOC website:

See more information about DOC's National Predator Control Programme

[www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/national-predator-control-programme](http://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/national-predator-control-programme)

See operational updates and detailed maps of predator control on public conservation land

[www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-threats/pesticide-summaries](http://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-threats/pesticide-summaries)

See updates about track access and safety

[www.doc.govt.nz/perks-and-recreation/know-before-you-go/alerts](http://www.doc.govt.nz/perks-and-recreation/know-before-you-go/alerts)

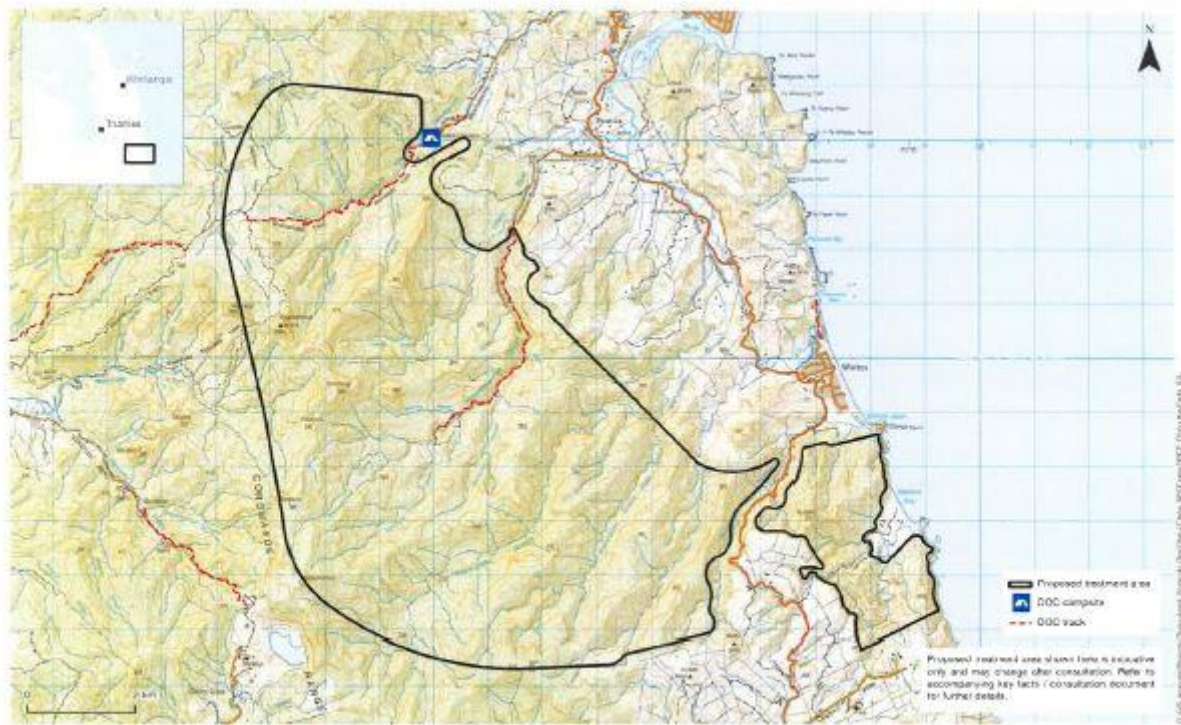
Learn more about why we use 1080 to control introduced predators

[www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-threats/methods-of-control/1080](http://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-threats/methods-of-control/1080)

Learn more about Predator Free 2050

[www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-threats/predator-free-2050](http://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-threats/predator-free-2050)





# Otahu

Aerial Predator Control 2020

Proposed treatment area: 6,687 ha



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