



MOANATAIARI SCHOOL

# Newsletter

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023

*Kia ora tātou*

*Thank you to all those people who supported our last Disco. \$922.39 was raised, which will be split between the upcoming camps for our senior and middle school, and the day trip for the juniors.*

*As the last disco was so much fun we've decided to have another one to celebrate spring. This time we will have a discount for families: \$5 for your first child, then \$3 per sibling. Tickets can also be bought from the school office before the night between 22<sup>nd</sup> August and 9am 25<sup>th</sup> August. If tickets are pre-purchased between those dates, then you'll be in to win a small prize: a ticket number will be drawn on the night.*

*On **Wednesday this week at 3.15pm Māori whānau** are invited to meet with me in the kitchen for a catch-up.*

*David Brock, Principal – Tumuaiki*

## Senior Cross Country

All 8 year-olds and upwards (from the start of this term) will run in our school cross-country competition **on Friday 11th August**.

If it is raining on this day we will cancel the run. We will take our top 3-4 runners from each age group and if cancelled these students will be selected from how they have placed in our daily practices.



## 2023 Start Date & School Terms

Term 3: Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September

Term 4: Monday 9 October to Friday 15 December

### Coming up:

- Mon 7 Aug Thames High open evening 6pm
- Wed 9 Aug THS enrolment interview evening
- Wed 9 Aug Whānau group meeting 3.15pm
- Thu 10 Aug Beginners evening 5.30pm
- Fri 11 Aug Senior cross country day 12.30
- Thu 17 Aug Daffodil day mufti
- Thu 17 Aug School finishes at 12 noon**
- Fri 18 Aug Mid-term break**
- Mon 21 Aug Mid-term break**
- Tue 22 Aug Back to school
- Tue 29 Aug Thames Valley Cross Country

\*\*\*\* Please note on your calendar \*\*\*\*

**School will close at 12 noon  
on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

 **Daffodil Day Mufti** 

On **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August** dress in yellow – or however you like - and bring your gold coin donation into the office for us to pass on to the Cancer Society for their daffodil day fund raiser.



## Term 3 2023 Mid-Term Break

Please note on your calendar that our mid-term break will be from **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August to Monday 21<sup>st</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.



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## Here are some fabulous examples of writing from Room 6:

### Science Fair...

On Wednesday Rm 6 and Rm 7 we went to the Science Fair. As we walked in there, there were amazing machines. When we sat down the show started. My favourite part of the first half of the show was when the people who were leading the first half of the show had a balloon and popped it. I (SCREAMED!) because the pop was so loud. Next, they put a balloon inside of a jar and sucked all the air out of the jar to make it pop and to see if it would be louder than the 1st one. When it popped it didn't make a bigger noise and because there was no air for the noise to travel. Then we got to go and see and use the science machines. Soon enough, we were ready to leave there, having had a fun time.

*By Khloe Donaldson*

### The Trip to the Science Fair

Yesterday, room six and seven went to the Science Fair at Parawai School. My favourite equipment to play with was the launching ping pong ball. What you had to do was pick up the bowling ball with the handle on the end of it. Once you picked it up, you pressed the bowling ball down but not so hard that the bowling ball pressed against the ground. As the ping pong ball launched in the air, we waited for the ping pong ball to get a quarter of the way down then pressed the bowling ball one more time. Then, the ping pong ball launched out of the wide plastic cone and it flew right out of it. It was really fun in my opinion because there was a wide range of different science equipment to experiment with.

*By Te Koha Stockman*

### Science Fair

On Wednesday the 26th of July, room 6 and 7 went to Parawai School for the Science Fair. As soon as we got there we played games like Halo Tag while we waited to go in. After the games, we went into the hall and sat down. We were all surrounded by cool science stuff to try out, but first we watched a science show with a stuffed animal dog named Kevin. The science instructors played a loud noise and if you could hear it you put your hand up until you couldn't hear it anymore to show the range of sound we can hear. We also did balloon science in a jar and someone popped it and it didn't make a noise. I learned a lot from all the things we did and I hope there is another one soon.

*By Caitlin Kenny*

## MOE Attendance Interventions

The Ministry of Education has advised us that any students who have 5 days unjustified absence in a term will now need intervention recorded against them. This information will be sent to the Ministry automatically each week from every school.

Students with 3 days or more absent with illness will need to bring a doctor's certificate to the school office. More information will follow on this issue.



## Reminder

Can we please have all forms returned asap for the Room 3, 4 & 5 end of year trip. Thank you.



## Te rerenga korero:

**Tāria I konei** *Please take a seat*

## Beginners Evening

This **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August at 5.30pm in Room 4** we are holding our beginners evening. Get top tips for preparing your child for school and discover how our unique learning programmes in reading, writing and maths are gearing learners for success.

Please contact the office on 868 6504 if you would like to attend.



Our school is proudly supporting the Cancer Society this

**Daffodil Day**

Kei te tautoko whakahi tō mātou kura Te Kāhui Matepukupuku i tēnei Ra Daffodil

Find out more at [daffodilday.org.nz](http://daffodilday.org.nz)

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Homebased childcare available in the Thames area. Spaces available for children to join our little team of awesomeness. Megan has been an early childhood educator for 13 years and believes in nurturing every child and help them to flourish. As part of our weekly curriculum, we attend many community groups such as Playcentre, tumble tots and library time. To discover more about the opportunities I offer, call JeMMA's for more details and/or arrange a visit to meet me. I am more than happy for you to talk with the other parents I currently care for to help you with making your decision. You can reach JeMMA's on 0800536627. To learn more, click the link: <https://www.jemmas.co.nz/educators/megan/>

We are looking for parents to undertake PAID market research!

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**PRIME**  
"giving the right answer"

Rotary Thames

**QUIZ NIGHT**

Hot Food

**SATURDAY 26th Aug 2023**

6.00 pm. Registration 6.30 Start

**Thames Bowling Club**  
512 MacKay Street

only \$5 per person. Teams up to 6.

Also book...  
Sept. 23th

**Raffles Great prizes**  
Dont miss out!

Register your team now!  
or come along and join a team  
email:- [thebrowncows@extra.co.nz](mailto:thebrowncows@extra.co.nz) mob. 027 499 5445

**SEPTEMBER 13TH 6-7.30 PM**

**NETSAFE** 

**BRIAN CONNORS - POLICE SCHOOL COMMUNITY OFFICER**

A NIGHT OF INFORMATION FOR PARENTS, FOLLOWED BY A Q&A ABOUT THE IMPACT OF SOCIAL MEDIA AND ONLINE BULLYING ON OUR RANGATAHI



**SCHOOL BULLYING & SOCIAL MEDIA**

HAURAKI PLAINS COLLEGE - HALL



THIS IS A WHĀNAU EVENING FOR ADULTS ONLY  
CHILD CARE WILL BE AVAILABLE ONSITE



And also at Thames High School 21<sup>st</sup> August at 5.30pm.

**NZ MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL**  
NATIONAL TOUR



NZ Mountain Film Festival



A FUNDRAISER BY TE PURU PTA

SCREENING AT THAMES CIVIC CENTRE

**SATURDAY AUG 12** ★ TWO SCREENINGS ★  
AFTERNOON SESSION » 2PM  
EVENING SESSION » 6.30PM

★ MOVIE INFO ON TE PURU PTA FACEBOOK PAGE ★

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- Environment that inspires learning through play and supports inclusion.
- Ngahere (bush) excursions every Monday with our eldest tamariki (4-5 year olds).
- Free pick up/drop off van service for tamariki with no means of transport.
- Affordable fees, 20hrs FREE for 3, 4 & 5 year olds.
- WINZ subsidies.

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07 868 7797  
021 190 6558 (txt)

308 Grey Street, Thames 3500

[thames@centralkids.org.nz](mailto:thames@centralkids.org.nz)

**Nau mai, haere mai**  
Call in and see us today!



**After School Care**

Contact Donna on 027 547 9407.

\$7 per hour.



Fees can be paid in cash at the office or directly online into our account no.  
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The poster features a light blue background with stylized white and light blue clouds. At the top, the word 'SPRING' is written in large, green, block letters with floral and leaf patterns. Below it, 'DISCO' is written in large, orange-outlined letters. A musical staff with a treble clef and various notes in red, yellow, and purple is positioned above a cluster of colorful flowers in shades of pink, purple, and red. The flowers have green stems and leaves.

# SPRING DISCO

**25  
AUG**

**FOOD AND DRINK FOR SALE**



**IN THE COURTYARD  
\$5 ENTRY PER CHILD**

**6:00  
8:30**

*Parents will need to stay with their children if they are a Junior  
(Rooms 4 & 5 students)*

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Moanataiari School invites you  
to our

# *School Beginners'* **EVENING**



**GIVE YOUR CHILD THE BEST  
BEGINNING**

**THURSDAY Aug 10th 5:30 PM  
MOANATAIARI SCHOOL, RM 4**

- Come and see our beautiful junior space
- Get top tips on preparing your child for school
- Discover how our unique learning programmes in reading, writing and maths are gearing learners for success



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attending:  
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