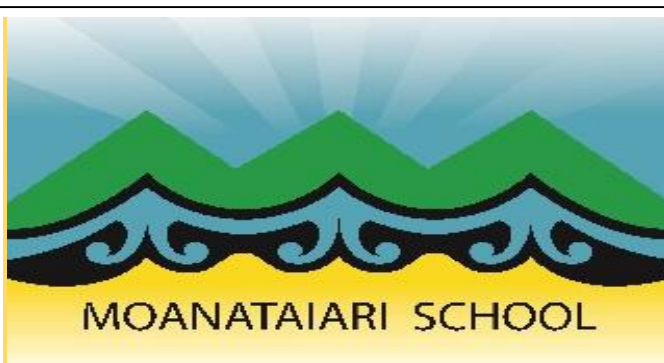




Newsletter

Monday 1st December 2025

Kia ora tātou

It was great to see so many whānau enjoying our pet day last week. Congratulations to all category winners, and many thanks to our judges and assistants.

We have another busy week ahead this week with our Year 8 leavers' dinner tomorrow night, and our helpers afternoon tea this Thursday.

David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki

Year 8 Leaver's Dinner.

Our Leaver's Dinner is on **tomorrow evening**, Tuesday 2nd December, Thames Golf Club at 6.00pm.



Prize-Giving Event

Our school prize-giving event will be held next week on **Wednesday 10th December at 6.00pm** at Thames Civic Centre.



2025 School Terms

Term 4: Monday 6 October to Monday 15 December

2026 Start Date & School Terms

Term 1: Tuesday 27th January to Thursday 2 April

Term 2: Monday 20 April to Friday 3 July

Term 3: Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September

Term 4: Monday 12 October to Wednesday 9 Dec

Coming up:

Tue 2 Dec	Year 8 leavers dinner pm
Thu 4 Dec	Helpers Afternoon Tea 3pm
Sat 6 Dec	Thames Santa parade
Wed 10 Dec	End of year prize-giving 6pm
Fri 12 Dec	Junior school movie & shared lunch
Mon 15 Dec	PTA mufti day
Mon 15 Dec	Term 4 ends
Tue 27 Jan	Term 1 starts for 2026

School Helpers' Afternoon Tea

All of our wonderful helpers who have assisted throughout the year are cordially invited to our Helpers' Afternoon Tea this **Thursday 4th December at 3pm** in Room 8 to say "thank you" for all of the time and assistance so generously given to our school.



School Library Books

Please return any school library books to your classroom **by the end of this week**, thank you.



Te rerenga korero:

Kia tau, e hoki, hīkoi

Stop, to back and walk.

Here is some of the fun from pet day:



And here's a few pictures from our beach exploration today:



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SIGN THE PETITION

To Government: Back education that works for all tamariki

What we are asking:

As educators, whānau and community, we are calling on the Government to back our future. This means:

Tamariki need a teacher aide in every classroom

Fund a teacher aide in every class in Budget 2026.

Value educators fairly and ensure their work is secure

Attract – and retain – the best people to educate our tamariki, by delivering fair pay and secure work to all educators – and restoring pay equity.

Uphold te Tiriti o Waitangi in education

Protect te reo Māori as a taonga for our tamariki by reinstating funding for te reo Māori learning for education professionals.

Defend quality early childhood education

Make early childhood education accessible, affordable, culturally appropriate and high quality for all tamariki, by retaining 100% qualified teachers and pay parity, and by improving teacher: child ratios.

Why we are asking for this:

All tamariki deserve an education where they can learn, feel included and access learning support when they need it. However, the Government is taking public education in the wrong direction and tamariki are being left behind.

Schools, kindergartens, and early childhood centres have faced cuts to school lunches, te reo Māori programmes, beginning teacher pay, and literacy and te reo jobs. Some schools have to fundraise to help pay for teacher aides, whose support in the classroom is invaluable for all students. Many tamariki sit on learning support waitlists for months due to inadequate learning support staffing.

Attacks on quality early childhood education and scrapping of pay equity claims for our lowest paid in education make it clear the Government does not value the work of education professionals nor our children's learning.

Primary and early childhood education teachers, learning support workers, principals and support staff, kohanga reo, wharekura and whānau are coming together to seek a new dawn in education.

**Join us in demanding
better for our tamariki!
Kimi Haeata.
Back Our Future!**

Community Notices

Tamariki Improv Comedy Show

Parawai School Hall

Monday 8 December 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Gold coin koha

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Unique Christmas Gifts

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