



MOANATAIARI SCHOOL

# Newsletter

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

*Kia ora tātou*

*Congratulations and a huge THANKS to Miffy, Saskia, Jay and everyone else involved in our fantastic Santa parade float. We won the best overall float and looked amazing!*

*This is our last newsletter for 2023, so I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and very enjoyable holiday break. Term 1 for 2024 will start on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January.*

*And, of course, we must thank our wonderful staff for their care and dedication to our students throughout the year.*

*Last week was particularly hectic with the helpers morning tea, the Year 8 dinner, and the Santa parade. I must say that Joanne does a fantastic job with the helpers morning tea food.*

*David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki*

## Prize-Giving Assembly

Our prize-giving assembly will be held this **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm** at Thames Civic Centre. We have chosen an evening event to enable more family to attend.

Students need to be at the Civic Centre **by 5.30pm** for roll call. All students are expected to attend in full school uniform.



## 2023 School Term 4

Term 4: Monday 9 October to Friday 15 December

### 2024 Start Date

Term 1: Tuesday 30 January to 13 April

Term 2: Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July

### Coming up:

- Tue 12 Dec Junior trip to MOTAT **7.15am**
- Wed 13 Dec Prize giving at Civic Centre 5.30pm
- Fri 15 Dec PTA mufti day 🪙🪙🪙
- Fri 15 Dec **Last day of school for 2023**  
**1pm finish**
- Tue 30 Jan Term 1 2024 starts – a free juice for everyone on the first day.

## Junior Trip to MOTAT

Rooms 1, 3 and 5 will be visiting MOTAT in Auckland tomorrow, **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. Children are to **be at school by 7.15am** to set up for the day, and will return around 3pm. Any late students will remain at school.



## School Pool Open This Week

Remember to bring your swimming togs and towel to school this week to enjoy a swim in our salt-water swimming pool!



Many thanks to our wonderful PTA for the new pool pump system.

## PTA Mufti Day

We are holding a mufti day **this Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** to help fund our swimming pool upgrade.

Please bring your gold coin to the office first thing in the morning.



## Year 8 Leavers

Thank you to all those people who bought raffle tickets, and sold them. Congratulations to Kera for winning the food hamper, and Sheryl for winning the brownie and slushie maker.

We had a lovely farewell event for our Year 8 leavers last week and we wish them all the very best for the future.



## 2024 Classes and Stationery Lists

Notices will be sent home on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup>** with each child, informing which class they will be in next year with a copy of the relevant stationery list.



## Teacher Aide Needed for 2024

We require a teacher aide to work 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday term time only starting 30 January 2024.

Please forward applications to our school office or email [office@moana.school.nz](mailto:office@moana.school.nz)

## School Uniform

Just a reminder, over summer please check your children have the all the correct uniform items they need for the beginning of school next year. Uniform can be purchased from The Warehouse.

For any year 8 students without younger siblings, donated uniforms are always appreciated at school.

## After School Care

Please note that there will be **no after school care** operating **this Friday** as school is finishing at **1.00pm**.



## Senior School Chromebooks

At Moanataiari School we use Chromebooks in our senior school, Years 6 to 8. We know that these devices will be able to be used at the High School.

We have found that in the classroom environment there are many advantages to using Chromebooks to support teaching and learning in our school curriculum.

Year 6, 7 & 8 students will need access to a chromebook next year. We would encourage parents to purchase a chromebook for their child if possible. A notice will be sent home with chromebook requirements.



## 2024 Staff

Room 1	Mrs Bain	New entrants
Room 2	Mrs Kruger	Years 1 & 2
Room 3	Mrs Pooley	Years 2 & 3
Room 5	Miss Hinds-Haye	Years 3 & 4
Room 6	Ms Trenwith	Years 6 & 7
Room 7	Mr Howes	Years 5 & 6
Room 9	Mrs Saunders	Years 7 & 8



## Medication at School

If your child has medication held at the office, these items will be sent home Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.



## Thames Valley Athletics

Congratulations to Pearl Newton for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 800m.



### School Library Books

Please return any school library books and national library books to the office at school.



### Student Siblings Starting in 2024

If you have a child turning 5 next year who will be joining us at Moanataiari School, please list their full name and birth date here, and return this note to our school office. *Thank you.*

Name

Birth Date

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### Community News

**THE MIGHTY JUNGLE**  
SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS 2024

Jr Camp Yr 3-6: 7-11th January  
Sr Camp Yr 7-9: 14-19th January

WWW.KVCC.ORG.NZ

**KAUAERANGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN CAMP**

Jessica Patton will be running music lessons at Moanataiari School again in 2024. For more information contact Jess on

[gardenmusicaotearoa@gmail.com](mailto:gardenmusicaotearoa@gmail.com)

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