



MOANATAIARI SCHOOL

Newsletter

Monday 12th December 2022

Kia ora tātou

This is our last newsletter for 2022, so I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and very enjoyable holiday break.

Thank you all very much for supporting Moanataiari School in various ways.

Special thanks to the MenzShed for their time and donations so generously given this year, and to Thames Rotary for their fantastic support. Your efforts are making our school a better learning environment for our students.

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

David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki

Prize-giving Assembly

Our prize-giving assembly will be held **THIS Friday 16th December at 1.00pm** in the courtyard. Students must wear proper school uniform.



Medication at School

If your child has medication held at the office, these items will be sent home **Monday 19th December**.



2022 Start Date & School Terms

Term 4: Monday 17 October to Monday 19 Dec

2023 Starts

Term 1: Tuesday 31 January

Coming up:

- Mon 12 Dec BoT meeting 5.30pm
- Tue 13 Dec Rooms 2 & 9 Waterworks trip
- Tue 13 Dec Room 7 trip to pools
- Wed 14 Dec Helpers morning tea 11am
- Wed 14 Dec Room 6 trip to pools
- Wed 14 Dec Room 2 pyjama party
- Thu 15 Dec Mufti – gold coin donation
- Fri 16 Dec Prize-giving assembly 1pm
- Mon 19 Dec End of Term 4 - 2.00pm finish**
- Tue 31 Jan Term 1 starts for 2023**

School Helpers Morning Tea

All of our wonderful helpers who have assisted throughout the year are cordially invited to our Helpers Morning Tea on **Wednesday 14th December at 11am** in our kitchen to say “thank you” for all of the time and assistance so generously given to our school.



2023 Classes and Stationery Lists

Notices will be sent home on **Monday 19th** with each child, informing which class they will be in next year with a copy of the relevant stationery list.



School Library Books

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



2023 Staff

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



Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property that has not been collected. These items will be displayed in **our courtyard this Friday**. Please check if any of it belongs to you.

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.

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 4 and 5 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.



Magazines Wanted

If you happen to have any recent magazines about horses, nature, sport, or NZ Geographic that you no longer need, we would very much appreciate them at school.



Health Issues

We currently have a few cases of **Covid** amongst our school community. Please take precautions to stay well, and keep unwell students at home.



We also have a number of cases of nits at the moment, so please check your child's hair regularly.



PTA Mufti Day

We are holding a mufti day **this Thursday 15th December** to help fund our Santa parade float. Please bring your gold coin to the office first thing in the morning.



Tech at THS in 2023

Please return your tech form to Mrs Saunders ASAP.

Student Siblings Starting in 2023

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

Te rerenga korero:

He pātai pai tēnā

That's a good question.

Moana Composters

Would you like to be part of this great scheme? We have a few containers still available.

You will get a container to keep at home and fill with all your kitchen scraps. When it is full bring it in to school and swap it for a clean one. We will compost your kitchen scraps.

Please fill out the form at the office if you would like to join us in our quest to reduce food waste going to landfill and created great garden compost!



Thames Christmas Parade 2022 11am Saturday 17th December

After the Santa Parade there is the Te Kauaeranga Whānau Day at Thames South School with a rock climbing wall, bouncy castle, obstacle course, food stalls and live entertainment.

Santa parade prize-giving will be at the Whānau Day.



Junior Trip to Butterfly Creek

All of our junior school had an amazing day out at Butterfly Creek last Friday.

Thank you so much to everyone who assisted to make this such a fabulous experience for our students. Your time, effort and funding made this wonderful day possible.



Moanataiari School Sport Shirts

Please return any school sport shirts back to school **this Friday latest** for us to use in the Santa parade on Saturday.

Community Notices

Japanese Students

Evakona will have a group of primary school students from Japan next February for three weeks and we place those students in homestays around Thames. We are wondering if any of the families from Moanataiari School are interested in hosting some students for three weeks for their experience.

Our homestay co-ordinator, Michelle, can visit each family and explain the rules and details about hosting these students and the weekly homestay payments (two students per family).

The students are about 10 to 11 years old and are able to speak English.

If you would like more information please contact Eriko on eriko@evakona.co.nz.