



# Newsletter

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025

*Kia ora tātou*

*This is our last newsletter for the year, so I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very enjoyable, restful and safe holiday season.*

*I will be away from school at the start of 2026 while on sabbatical, and return at the start of Term 2.*

*Mrs Pam Kruger will be acting principal during my absence, with Mrs Adrienne Dines and Mrs Karen Ekaton job sharing in Room 2 during Term 1.*

*We must farewell a few of our staff next week: Mr Wayne Howes from Room 7 is retiring after 11 years of outstanding service here at Moanataiari School, Joanne North from our office is retiring after 16 dedicated years here at Moanataiari School, and Marion Vivien and Sandy Good are finishing their contracts. We will recognise their contributions at our prize-giving event.*

*Please note that school will **finish early at 1pm next Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December.** All children attending on the last day will receive a sweet treat.*

*David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki*

## 2026 Classes and Stationery Lists

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



## 2025 School Terms

Term 4: Monday 6 October to Monday 15 December

## 2026 Start Date & School Terms

Term 1: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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:

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 Last school day for 2025**

**School finishes at 1pm**

**(bring a sturdy bag to take stationery home)**

**Tue 27 Jan Term 1 starts for 2026**

Fri 6 Feb Waitangi day holiday

Tue 10 Feb R6&9 Waihi beach education

## Prize-Giving Event

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the final assembly and prize-giving of the year this **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 6.00 pm.**

The school will be going down to the Thames Civic Centre for a practice on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025 from 10am. The weather forecast so far is promising. We will be back at school in time for the usual 3.00pm pick up.

Please ensure your child has sunscreen applied at home for the walk to and from the centre. All students are to wear school uniform, school sun hats, walking shoes, and bring a school bag with a packed lunch and a water bottle. Please leave all other items at home, eg. book bags and unnecessary items, as your child will carry the bag to and from the centre.

We look forward to celebrating the successes of 2025 with you.



## Te rerenga korero:

**Kia tau, e hoki, hīkoi**

*Stop, go back and walk.*

## After School Care

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



## 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, and **please label all items**. Uniform can be purchased from The Warehouse.

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

## 2026 Beach Education – Rooms 6 & 9

Room 6 and 9 students will be learning beach education at Waihi Beach on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February next year, so we are giving advance notice to ask for assistance with supervision and transport for this amazing event.

Notices have been sent home today. These need to be returned to the office as soon as possible to help with organisation.



***Happy and Safe Holidays***

## Medication at School

If your child has medication held at the office, these items will be sent home Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.



## Senior School Chromebooks

At Moanataiari School we use Chromebooks in our senior school, and the government now requires students in Years 4 to 8 to have a device at school. 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 to 8 students will need access to a chromebook next year. We would encourage parents to purchase a chromebook for their child if possible.

Noel Leeming usually have robust chromebooks, along with a very reasonable package deal.



## 2026 Staff

Room 4	Mrs Bain & Miss Hinds-Haye	NE & Year 1
Room 2	Mrs Adrienne Dines (Term 1) & Mrs Karen Eketone	Year 2
Room 3	Mrs Pooley	Years 3 & 4
Room 1	Miss Barrier	Years 4 & 5
Room 6	Mr Cossey	Years 5 & 6
Room 9	Ms Trenwith	Years 7 & 8

