

# Newsletter

Monday 9th December 2024

#### Kia ora tātou

It was great to see so many of our Year 8 students' families at our Leavers Dinner last week, joining us to recognise and celebrate their achievements.

We have a bit more celebrating to do this week with our school prize-giving this Thursday at the Civic Centre. I look forward to catching up with more of our families there.

David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki

#### **School Prize-Giving**

This Thursday is our end of year Prize Giving evening. It is to be held at the Civic Centre at 6.00pm.

We will be walking to the Civic Centre on Thursday during school time for a practice.

Could all students, except the Kapa Haka group, please be at the Civic Centre <u>by 5.40pm</u>, dressed in full uniform.

All the Kapa Haka group are to wear black pants and top please. A note will be coming home this week with the details.

This will be a lovely family evening to celebrate another successful year. We look forward to seeing you there.



### 2024 School Terms

Term 3: Monday 22 July to Friday 29 September Term 4: Monday 14 October to **Wed 18 December** 

#### 2025 Start Date

Term 1: Thursday 30 January to Friday 11 April

#### Coming up:

Thu 12 Dec Mon 16 Dec	BoT by-election closes at 4pm EOY event at Civic Centre 6pm BoT meeting 5.30pm PTA mufti day
Wed 18 Dec	Last school day for 2024 School finishes at 1pm

Thu 30 Jan

Jan School starts for Term 1 2025

#### Year 8 Leavers Dinner

Our Year 8 leavers dinner was a lovely evening last Thursday. It was a special time to celebrate our year 8 students' achievements and wish them all the very best as they embark on their adventures to high school next year.

Maia Harrison was our guest speaker. She is a past Moanataiari student who came runner up Dux this year at Thames High School, and has won a \$30.000 scholarship for her university studies next year.

We give a special thanks to Miffy Welsh for sponsoring our night and making the golf club look amazing.

A special thank you to Jess and Cade Morgan-Bevan for sponsoring Photo Booth at the dinner. We all had lots of fun and have some great photos to remember the night.

A special thank you too, to Joanne North who made some beautiful cookies for each of the students, each having a special icing with our school emblem and colours.

Thank you to all those who made the night such a special event.



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#### **Touch Rugby**

This week is the last week of Touch Rugby for this season.

We would like to say a big well done to all our students and thank you to all our coaches and managers for taking the time to work with the teams. We really appreciate your support.

#### **Coaches and managers are:**

Moana Makimaki (Yr 7/8): Coach: Dan Newton. Manager : Pearl Newton

Moana Munchers (Yr 7/8): Coach: Matua Clay. Manager: Jenni Milner

12 Tigers (Yr 5/6): Coach: Adam Bain. Manager: Kate Butterfield-Reece

Mini Moanas (Yr 3/4): Coach: Desiree Russek. Manager: Dianne Doney

We will have a small treat for the students that played touch on Friday at lunchtime. Coaches and managers welcome to join them.

Can we please have all first aid kits returned to the school office after the last game, thanks.

#### Te rerenga korero:

Kua reri koutou katoa?

Are you all ready?

#### 2024 By-Election

Please note that voting closes THIS week on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm. If you have not yet received your voting papers, please check we have your correct postal address.

Our last Mufti day raised \$271.70 for Sam Clarke. We also drew the name from our \$100 raffle (name drawn by a staff member who didn't enter), and Mr Brock won! He is kindly donating the prize back to Sam and her family. A total of \$408.70 will be deposited via Sam's Give a Little page.

Here's an update on Sam from her Mum: Sam is going ok at the moment. It's been really good for her to be back based at home - we travel weekly to Waikato and Starship for her treatment. Here is a photo - she's still smiling!



## **Community Notices**



#### **Calling all Singers**

The Star of Christmas: WIN \$1000 to spend at JB Hi-Fi.

This Christmas morning on Newstalk ZB – it's The Star of Christmas singing competition on The Crazy Kiwi Christmas Kids Show! The grand prize? \$1000 in JB Hi-Fi gift cards!

If you can sing, and are under 13, email a recording of yourself singing a Christmas carol to

christmas@newstalkzb.co.nz before the 18th December. Then tune into Newstalk ZB on Christmas morning from 8am to see if you've won!

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