



MOANATAIARI SCHOOL

Newsletter

Monday 26th February 2024

Kia ora tātou

Congratulations to all our senior students who applied for leadership positions this year. There were many strong candidates and persuasive letters written to apply for these positions.

We are delighted to announce our student leaders for 2024 are...

Technology: Ben Ashby, Byron Johnson, Nihal Thiara

Library: Yuki Zhang, David Bayley

Environment: Maggie Carter, Jacob Kidd

Sport: Olivia Kenny, Thamemen Kong (Deputy's - Boston Gray, Jaxon Inch)

House leaders

Kiwi: Pearl Newton, Sapphire Taurua-Stoneham, Caspian Milner

Tui: Haeley Gabb, Olivia Gill, Katelyn Sem

Kakariki: Bianca Garland, Mia McCaskill, Savannah Morgan-Bevan

Weka: August Reid, Niya Welsh, Liam Le Roux.

David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki

Senior Swimming Sports

These will be held in our school pool this **Friday 1st March from 9.50am**. We encourage all students to wear their house colours and to fully participate.



2024 Start Date & School Terms

Term 1: Tuesday 30 January to 13 April

Term 2: Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July

Coming up:

Wed 28 Feb Hearing & vision testing

Fri 1 Mar Senior swimming sports 9.50am

Tue 5 Mar R6&9 camp meeting 5.30pm in R9

Tue 12 Mar Specsavers vision testing 9.15am

We 13 Mar Hockey big day out

Mon 18 Mar BoT meeting 5.30pm

Hockey Big Day Out

Thank you to all those who offered to help transport and manage for Hockey Big Day Out on **Wednesday 13th March**. We have entered 8 teams in total! Mrs Saunders will be sending out further information as she receives it. The whole school has hockey skills being taught to them on Friday 8th March, within their classes.



Room 6 & 9 Camp

There is a meeting in Room 9 (Tararu) on Tuesday 5th March at 5.30pm. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible attend this meeting to discuss our city camp this year, which will take place in Term 4.



Te rerenga korero:

Whakamaua tō potae

Put on your hat

Tangohia tō potae

Take off your hat

Moanatairi School AED

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraiser for the AED lockbox.

Congratulations to Mason, who won our Jaffa's in the jar. The correct number of Jaffa's was 285, and Mason was the closest with a guess of 299.



Also, congratulations to Emma Ball who won our \$100 raffle.

\$445.51 was raised from our raffle, sausage sizzle, mufti day, donations and Jaffa Competition. We have been fortunate to have a lockbox donated to us by Thames Police so the money raised will now be donated to Embracing Hearts, the donor of our AED.

Thank you to everyone who donated funds and to Exceed – We Fix Windows and Doors, The Heartbox NZ, Embracing Hearts and Gareth Carter.

The AED will be located at the end of Room 9 and is available for the whole community should it be required in an emergency.



Specsavers Thames will be visiting again this year on **Tuesday 12th March** for all our students to have their vision screened. It is a very quick and easy screening.

As a result of the screening, some of our students may need a full comprehensive eye test.

A letter will be sent home with your child if further testing is recommended. If you don't receive a letter, your child passed their screening test.

Good vision is directly related to learning. Research has shown that 80% of what children learn in school is through visual presentation, and when they cannot see a book or blackboard clearly, they can struggle. So, a huge thank you to Specsavers Thames.

Icecream Monday and Friday

To help improve our student attendance we are handing out icecreams at morning tea time on Mondays and Fridays to those students who come to school before the bell goes at 8.55am.

Students who arrive after the bell will unfortunately miss out on an icecream, so please try and get your children to school on time.

Late students miss out on instructions in the classroom and also disrupt the class when they arrive, so it is important that our students are here before the bell.

Any late students due to appointments will still receive an icecream at morning tea time.



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Community Notices

Whitianga Run Fest

Saturday 25 May 2024

6km, 10km, 21km

www.whitiangarunfest.co.nz

info@whitiangarunfest.co.nz

Into the light

After school art programme

Work to exhibition

Term 1 – Monday 3.30 to 5.30pm

Age 5 to 10y \$130

Free individual assessment

Contact: Fay Tutahi on 027 486 2394 or

faytutahi@gmail.com

Moanataiari After-School Care

Our after-school care service will continue to run from our school kitchen and Room 4 library. Join fun activities with our very experienced and qualified teacher aide, Donna Weir. Bookings can be made through our school office (868 6504) or by contacting Donna directly on 027 547 9407. Casual or regular bookings cost \$7.00 per hour per child.



2024 Registrations for

Thames Junior Rugby Junior Muster

Sunday 12th March @ 3pm at Thames Rugby Club

Come and join the fun sausage sizzle and games at muster.

Y3-8 \$60/player Y0-2 ripper rugby \$50/player

Enquiries tjrsec@gmail.com

A promotional graphic for a fundraising program. The background is a collage of various food dishes. At the top center is the 'PEPPER & ME' logo. The main text reads 'Fundraising Program' in a large, white, cursive font. Below this, it says 'USE THE DISCOUNT CODE FUNDTRASC for 5% discount on all Pepper & Me products* AND 15% of all sales using the discount code will be donated to support Thames Rugby and Sports club'. At the bottom, it states 'At checkout please use the code above. Valid from 01/03/24 to 17/03/24.' and a small note '* Excludes Addicts Monthly Bundles.'

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