

Newsletter

Monday 27th February 2023

Kia ora tātou

Please note that school will be finishing at 12 noon this Thursday so that our teachers may attend their paid union meeting. As school will be closed at noon, unfortunately we are not able to provide after school care this Thursday.

On Wednesday 1st March we are holding a black and white mufti day to raise funds to send to Hawkes Bay and Tairāwhiti schools, and we would appreciate your support.

Welcome to Ava Smith and Makenzie Clothier who have joined us in Room 4 and started their school lives with us today. It's great to have you in our Moanataiari School family.

David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki

Pukorokoro Miranda Shorebird Centre Trips

Each class has sent home a permission slip and transport assistance request. Please return these asap. ***There is a \$5 fee per student which can be paid at the school office.***

Room 6 – **Wednesday 1 March** - leaving at 11am

Room 2 – **Thursday 9 March**

Room 7 – **Thursday 16 March**



2023 Start Date & School Terms

Term 1: Tuesday 31 January to Thursday 6 April

Term 2: Wednesday 26 April to Friday 30 June

Term 3: Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September

Term 4: Monday 9 October to Friday 15 December

Coming up:

Tue 28 Feb	Year 7 & 8 EPro8
Tue 28 Feb	PTA meeting 5.30pm
Wed 1 Mar	Room 6 shorebird trip
Wed 1 Mar	Mufti day for the bay
Thu 2 Mar	School Closing at 12 noon for teachers' paid union meeting
Fri 3 Mar	Senior swimming at 10am
Wed 8 Mar	Dominos pizza fundraiser
Thu 9 Mar	Room 2 shorebird trip
Mon 13 Mar	Swimming time trials
Thu 16 Mar	Room 7 shorebird trip
Thu 16 Mar	Thames Valley swimming event
Fri 17 Mar	Super Smash cricket
Mon 20 Mar	BoT meeting 5.30pm
Wed 22 Mar	Hockey Big Days Out at Ngatea
Thu 23 Mar	EPro8 Year 7&8 5.00pm
Fri 24 Mar	EPro8 Year 4&5 9.30am

Teachers' Paid Union Meeting

THIS Thursday 2nd March school will close early at **12.00 noon** so that our teachers can attend a paid union meeting in the afternoon.

With school closing at 12 noon, unfortunately we are not able to provide after-school care on this day.

PTA Meeting

Our re-organised PTA is meeting **TOMORROW evening at 5.30pm** here at school, Tuesday 28th, and would appreciate input and assistance so **please come along if you are able to help.**



Specsavers Thames came in last Tuesday for all our students to have their vision screened by Sam and Freya. It was 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 was sent home with your child if further testing is recommended. If you didn'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 Anthony, Sam and Freya from Specsavers Thames.



EPro8

We have 6 ePro8 kits in our school for today and tomorrow for years 5 - 8. Some students have been selected to work with this equipment in teams these days. We will be selecting 4 year 5 & 6's for one team, and 4 year 7 & 8's for our other team. These teams will compete against other school teams at Parawai School on Thursday 23rd March Yr 7 & 8, 5.00-8.00 pm and Friday 24th March Yr 5 & 6, 9.30 am - 12.30 pm. If your child has been selected you will get a note home towards the end of this week.



Senior Swimming

Our senior swimming event has been postponed to **this Friday 3rd March**, starting at 10am. Supporters are welcome to come along.

Qualifying students will be selected to compete in time trials with Te Puru at Thames Centennial Pool on **Monday 13th March**.

Qualifiers from that event will be selected to compete at the Thames Valley swimming competition on **Thursday 16th March**.



Unfortunately we had to cancel our junior swimming demonstration due to the weather.

Moanataiari School Sports Shirts

Our sports shirts were issued to some students last year for various events and with the 2023 sporting events about to start, we need all shirts returned. If you have a sports shirt at home, please bring it back to school asap.

These shirts cost approximately \$40 each to replace. *Thank you.*



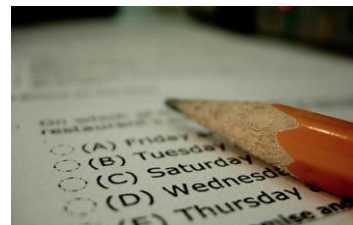
A poster for the 'Hunger for Colour' campaign. It features the Salvation Army logo at the top. The main text reads 'HUNGER FOR COLOUR' with 'FOR' in a red box. Below this, it says 'Swap 2 cans of food for 1 FREE Resene testpot'. Further text explains that by adding a little more colour to your life, you can also help those in need. It mentions that bringing in 2 cans of food will result in a 1 FREE Resene testpot (60-80 mL, worth up to \$6). All cans of food will be donated to local Salvation Army and community foodbanks to give to Kiwi families in need. It encourages starting gathering up those cans and bringing them into your local Resene owned ColorShop. The Resene logo is at the bottom, with the tagline 'the paint the professionals use'. The website 'resene.co.nz/hungerforcolour' is listed at the bottom. Small text at the very bottom states: 'Cans of food must be at least 200g weight of food or more, in good condition and suitable for humans to eat. If you prefer to bring in canned food, we can accept that also and will donate it to the SPCA and local community animal shelters. Limit 7 free testpots 60-80 mL per household. Maximum of 1 testpot per Resene colour. The Hunger for Colour programme runs 7-28 February 2023 or while testpot stocks last. If you have extra unwanted canned food you'd like to donate, we'd be delighted to accept it and will pass it on to the Salvation Army, foodbanks and other community foodbanks on your behalf.'

We would appreciate any canned food donations so that we can get some test pots to paint a design on our composting cupboard.

This **initiative ends tomorrow**, so if you are able to help, please bring cans into school **TOMORROW**, *many thanks.*

Kiwi Competitions

Those interested in English, Science, and mathematics external examinations please pick up a registration letter from the office.



Te rerenga korero:

Tangohia tō pōtae

Take off your hat.

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Supersmash Cricket

Thank you to all those that returned their forms for this cricket event on **Friday 17th March**. We have entered a team in each age group. **However, there is not enough transport for all students.** If you can help with transport please make contact with Andrea Saunders, otherwise, some students will not be able to attend.



Take It Down

In the event that students come across any objectionable material of themselves and wish to attempt to have it taken down, please see link below as to how this is supported/done by the National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)

<https://takeitdown.ncmec.org/>

Community Notices

Sunday 5th March



Marimba Classes for ages 9 and over

Marimbas are part of the percussion family. My approach is to teach simple music as a vehicle for a successful musical experience. This way non-musicians and young beginners can experience the fun and exhilaration of playing marimbas together.

Contact Shelley Sweet for more information on 021 915 891.

THEATRE 101 KIDS WORKSHOP



Join
Now

14 - 16 APRIL 2023 - Tararu Cultural Centre

For registration & info: thamesmad.co

Waikato BOPO Schools XC MTB Champs 2023

Wednesday 15th March held at Te Miro MTB Park

Track suitable for all abilities. Open from Year 5 to Year 13. Enter at your school office by 6th March.

Food and drink available for cash.

Email temiromtbclub@gmail.com for further information.

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