

MOANATAIARI SCHOOL

Newsletter

Tuesday 30th January 2024

Kia ora tātou

Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had an enjoyable holiday and are refreshed for another busy year.

*Everyone is invited to join us for our family fun night on **Monday 5th February** here at school from 5.15pm to 7.15pm. Sausages, juices and drink will be provided for free, so we hope to catch up with as many of you as we can. The swimming pool will be open also.*

*And, everyone is also invited to come along to our whakatau on **Friday 16th February** at 1.30pm.*

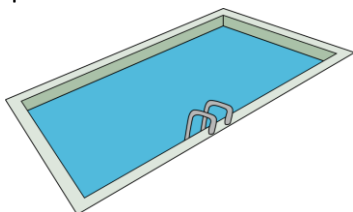
Last week our classroom staff and myself attended a first aid training course to keep us up to date with current first aid for the safety of our students. Our office staff are also currently fully trained.

David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki

Family Fun Night Monday 5th February

Come and join in the fun and games **from 5.15pm until 7.15pm** here at school. **Students MUST be accompanied by an adult.**

Free food and drink will be provided and the swimming pool will be open for use.



2024 Start Date & School Terms

Term 1: Tuesday 30 January to 13 April

Term 2: Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July

Coming up:

Mon 5 Feb Family fun night 5.15pm

Mon 5 Feb Tech starts at Thames High School

Tue 6 Feb Waitangi Day holiday

Fri 16 Feb Whakatau at 1.30pm

Mon 19 Feb BoT meeting 5.30pm

Fri 23 Feb Junior swimming sports

School Hours

School begins 8.55am

1st break 10.50 – 11.00am (eating time)

11.00 – 11.25am (play)

2nd break 1.20 – 1.30pm (eating time)

1.30 – 1.55pm (play)

School Ends 3.00pm Monday to Friday

Please ensure that students are in class by 8.55am when the bell goes as late students disrupt the rest of the class, and can miss out on instructions for the day.

As much as we want students to be here in plenty of time before the bell, they mustn't be here before 8.15am as staff are not available for supervision before that time.



Whakatau

Friday 16th February at 1.30pm

Everyone is invited to join us **this Friday at 1.30pm** for our Whakatau to formally welcome our new students and families to our school.

We would very much appreciate a plate of food from our existing families to go towards an afternoon tea for our new families. Food can be left in our school kitchen before 12 noon. *Many thanks.*



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Uniform Reminder

All students must wear our correct school uniform during school hours. Our uniform consists of:

School polo shirt with school logo

Plain navy shorts/skorts/pants (not black or denim)

Plain navy sweatshirt or navy polar fleece with school logo

Navy bucket hat/navy wide brim hat

Shoes: covered, flat/practical that child is free to run and walk in (no heels)

Hair: long hair must be tied up for protection against nits

Jewellery: watches, stud/sleeper earrings only. (If a student has taonga that they wish to wear at school, a letter must be written to the principal for approval first.)

Please put your child's name on ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING. In the swimming season all clothing, togs and towels should be named and swimming gear brought to school in a water-proof bag.

If students are not able to wear uniform, for whatever reason, a note to the class teacher explaining is required. If assistance with uniform purchase is needed, please talk to the Principal for a supporting letter to WINZ. On-going non-compliance with uniform is considered to be a discipline issue. Second-hand uniform is available from Room 8 for a gold coin donation.

Sun Hats

During Terms 1 and 4 children must wear uniform navy blue sunhats when outside the classroom. Children not wearing sunhats will play under the shade sail.



Te rerenga korero:

Tēnā koutou katoa

Greetings to you all – hello everybody.

Health Issues

If students are feeling unwell, please do not send them to school until they are completely recovered, as germs spread very easily at school and cause other students and staff to become unwell also, which is not fair to them. Any students who are unwell at school will be sent home.



If your child's health has recently changed to what we have on record, please advise our school office asap and provide any necessary medication.

Medications

Should you need to leave medication permanently at school, such as for asthma or allergies, please make sure we have labelled, up to date medication for your child. Out of date medications held at the school last year have been disposed of so will need replacing if still required.



2024 Staff

Room 1	Mrs Bain	New entrants
Room 2	Mrs Kruger	Years 1 & 2
Room 3	Mrs Pooley	Years 2 & 3
Room 5	Miss Hinds-Haye	Years 3 & 4
Room 6	Ms Trenwith	Years 6 & 7
Room 7	Mr Howes	Years 5 & 6
Room 9	Mrs Saunders	Years 7 & 8



Moanataiari After-School Care

Our after-school care service will continue to run from our school kitchen and Room 4 library. The service is structured with homework supervision and assistance as well as 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.



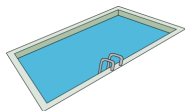
Absence From School

All pupil absences from school must be notified by phoning the school office (07) 868 6504 or sending a message through on Skoolloop or Edge **before 9.15am**. We need to know that our students are safe, so please tell us if they are going to be away.



School Swimming Pool

Our school pool is ready for our students to enjoy during class swimming lessons, so remember to bring your **(named)** swimming togs and towel. Students are expected to take part in swimming instruction every day for most of this term so please ensure they bring their swimming togs each day.



Our swimming pool is now available for family use until **Sunday 3rd March**. If you would like to purchase a pool pass for \$20 please contact our school office. The code will change as from tomorrow.

Nutrition for Learning

The school day involves lots of concentration and physical exertion so our students need plenty of nutritious food to get them through the day. We encourage plenty of healthy food options in student lunch boxes to help them learn and perform their best.

Sandwiches, fruits, nuts, vegetables and dairy products provide sustained energy.

We suggest processed foods should be reserved for occasional special treats at home. We also ask that students take home any food packaging and uneaten lunch. Parents and caregivers are then able to note food that children are not eating, and it also reduces waste at school.



Hydration and adequate rest are vital to optimum learning. Remember to drink water throughout the day to keep your body and brain hydrated and alert. Bottles can be refilled at school.



Tech at THS for Year 7 & 8 students

Our year 7 & 8 students start tech at Thames High School on **Monday 5th February**. This will happen every Monday and these students need to bring closed-in shoes to tech each Monday and a container for food when in the kitchen.



Community Notices



T-H A M E S R A N G A T A H I A D V I S O R Y P A N E L
T-RAP

*Want to make change in your community but dont know where to start?

*Do you like planning events and want your voice heard?

*Are you aged between 12-24yrs old and want to join an awesome bunch of rangatahi?



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Track suitable for all abilities - Open from Year 5 - Year 13
Enter through your school by Tuesday 5th March
NEW FOR THIS YEAR - TEAM RELAYS

Thursday 14 March
Te Miro MTB Park

Please email
temiromtbevents@gmail.com
for any queries

Food and drink available - please bring cash



For more information, please read the Event Manual on the Te Miro MTB Club website

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