



MOANATAIARI SCHOOL

Newsletter

Thursday 30th January 2025

2024 Start Date & School Terms

Term 1: Thursday 30 January to Friday 11 April

Term 2: Monday 28 April to Friday 27 June

Coming up:

Tue 4 Feb Y7 vision testing catch up

Wed 5 Feb PTA meeting 5.15pm

Thu 6 Feb Waitangi Day holiday

Fri 7 Feb Tsunami practise

Tue 11 Feb Y7&8 start tech at THS

Fri 14 Feb Whakatau at 1.30pm

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 **on Friday 14th February at 1.30pm** for our Whakatau to formally welcome our new students and families to our school. I look forward to catching up with as many families as possible then.*

David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki

School Hours

School begins 8.55am

1st break 10.30 – 10.40am (eating time)

10.40 – 11.00am (play)

2nd break 12.40 – 12.50pm (eating time)

12.50 – 1.30pm (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.



Attendance at School

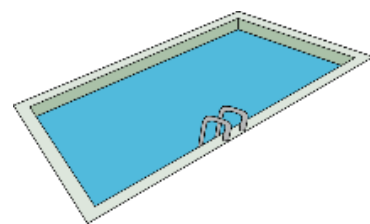
The Government is focusing on attendance at school. As it is a legal requirement for all school aged children to attend school, the Ministry of Education is now collecting **daily attendance data** from each school via school management systems.

We will be working closely with attendance services this year. Any students not attending school for any reason other than health or bereavement issues may be contacted by the truancy officer. Any holidays may only be taken outside the school terms and on public holidays.

Please notify our school office of any student absence **by 9.15am** either by phone (8686504), Skoolloop or Edge. We need to know that our students are safe, so please tell us if they are going to be away from school.

Swimming at School

Our swimming pool is currently undergoing some urgent repairs, but we hope to have it available for use from mid next week.



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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:

Nau mai hoki mai

Welcome back

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.



Whakatau

Friday 14th February at 1.30pm

Everyone is invited to join us **on Friday 14th 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.*



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.



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.



TABLE OF RECOMMENDED SLEEP

3-5 years - 11 to 13 hours

6-12 years - 10 to 11 hours

12-18 years - 8.5 to 9.5 hours

2025 Staff

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



Tech at THS for Year 7 & 8 students

Our year 7 & 8 students start tech at Thames High School on **Tuesday 11th 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.



Sleep Requirements for Children (ages birth to 12 years):

1. Go to bed at the same time every night.
2. Have an age appropriate nap schedule.
3. Establish a consistent bedtime routine.
4. Make your child's bedroom sleep conducive – cool, dark, and quiet.
5. Encourage your child to fall asleep independently.
6. Avoid bright light at bedtime and during the night, and increase light exposure in the morning.
7. Avoid heavy meals and vigorous exercise close to bedtime.
8. Keep all electronics, including televisions, computers, and cellphones out of the bedroom and limit use of electronics before bedtime.
9. Avoid caffeine, including many sodas, coffee and tea.
10. Keep a regular daily schedule, including consistent mealtimes.

Kia ora

Our Mobile Dental Unit will be visiting Moanataiari School in the New Year. Children have regular dental checks to ensure their teeth and gums are healthy. It is free for 0 to 17 year olds.

We will begin inviting students from Moanataiari for dental appointments from the beginning of Term 1 2025. If we have consent on file to see your child we will invite them over from class. You will receive a text message with the time of your child's appointment. Parents and guardians are very important. You are most welcome to attend with your child. This way we can let you know what's happening with your child's teeth and mouth; tell you about the latest tips for a healthy smile and plan any additional care that may be required. To change the appointment time, please phone us direct on 021 356 297, call 0800 TALK TEETH, or simply pop in to see us when you're passing.

Feel free to make contact to book in your pre-schoolers as well.

Check-up appointments take about 20 minutes.

If you do not attend the appointment, please be sure to check your child's bag regularly for any dental notices.

If we do not have consent on file we will send a dental consent form home for you to fill in and return to school. Children without consent will not be seen.

We look forward to seeing your children.

Ng`a mihi nui



Music at Moanataiari

Guitar – Bass – Ukulele - Drums

Tuition by Jessica Paton from Garden Music Thames
I provide the instruments and resources as well as homework
All ages and skill levels welcome!

Lessons happen at school during class hours
\$15 for 15 minutes
\$30 for 30 minutes

Bookings by email: gardenmusicaotearoa@gmail.com
Invoiced per term, payment plans and sponsorships available.

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