



MOANATAIARI SCHOOL

# Newsletter

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023

*Kia ora tātou*

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

*A special welcome to our new students: Cassidy Bain, Hailey Hollister, Mehar Brar and Hunter McGuire who join us in Room 2, Rajuir Brar in Room 5, Seungho Cho in Room 3, Geonho Cho and Lylah Bain in Room 6, Calais Carroll and Pearl Joy Newton in Room 7, and Aria Sutton, Alaska Duncan and Ava Corr who are starting their school lives with us today, along with Addisyn Bain in Room 4. It's great to have you all in our Moanataiari School family.*

***Weather Warning: The MET service has issued a heavy rain warning for this evening and tomorrow on the Coromandel.***

*If local roads are blocked our school may be closed tomorrow. Please listen to CFM **between 7.20am and 7.30am tomorrow morning** to check that school is open tomorrow. We will also advise via our website, SkoolLoop, facebook and Instagram.*

*David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki*

## 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 Thursday 14 December

## Coming up:

- Thu 2 Feb Parent Fundraising Group Mtg 5.30  
Mon 6 Feb Waitangi Day  
7 & 8 Feb Year 6 Teen Esteem  
Fri 10 Feb Whakatau 1.30pm  
Fri 10 Feb Family fun night  
Mon 13 Feb Tech starts for Y7 & 8 students  
Tue 14 Feb Supersmash cricket  
Mon 20 Feb BoT meeting 5.30pm  
Tue 21 Feb Spec Savers screening  
Thu 23 Feb School beginners' evening

## 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.



## 2023 Staff

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

## Uniform Reminder

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

**Jade 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 or explaining to the class teacher 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 the school office for a gold coin donation.

## Tech at THS for Year 7 & 8 students

Our year 7 & 8 students start tech at Thames High School on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



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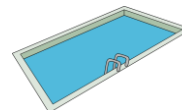
### Tēnā koutou katoa

Greetings to you all – hello everybody.

## 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.

*Unfortunately, due to the new Health and Safety Regulations, we are not able to open our pool for public use.*



## 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.

School sores are common at this time of year. Impetigo (school sores) is very contagious and causes blisters anywhere on the body where the skin has been damaged in some way, eg. cuts or scrapes. Treatment must be sought from the doctor, and children must stay away from school until the sores have healed.



## 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.



## Moanataiari After-School Care

Our after-school care service will continue to run from our school kitchen. 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.



## Reminder

With the exception of our Pet Day, **no dogs are allowed on our school grounds** for the health and safety for our students and staff.



## 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.



## Advance Notice of Teacher Only Day on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Our school will be **closed on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April** for our teachers to participate in professional development with other Thames Schools.

Term 2 will therefore start on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

## 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.



## 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 the app or website **before 9.15am**. We need to know that our students are safe, so please tell us if they are going to be away.



## Spec Savers Screening

On **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** Spec Savers will be screening the vision of all of our students for free. If you do not want your child to be screened, please advise our school office asap.

Any issues picked up from screening will be advised by a letter sent home. Community service card holders can get subsidies for further testing and glasses.