

# Newsletter

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025

*Kia ora tātou*

*Welcome back everyone to another busy school term.*

*We have our triennial elections coming up this term and encourage whanau to consider joining us on the school board.*

*We also have our mid-term break this term from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August where school will be closed on these days. This is an opportunity to refresh, as there are no public holidays this term.*

*David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki*

## School Photos

Our school class photos, individual and sibling photos will be taken **next Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July**. Sibling photo forms are available from our school office.



**Te rerenga korero:**

**He pātai pai tēnā.**

*That's a good question.*

## 2025 Start Date & School Terms

Term 3: Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September

Term 4: Monday 6 October to Monday 15 December

## Coming up:

Thu 17 Jul	Electoral roll available to view
Fri 18 Jul	Tree planting at Hikutaia
<b>Mon 21 Jul</b>	<b>School photos</b>
Sat 26 Jul	Beats by bingo school fundraiser
Mon 28 Jul	BoT meeting 5.30pm

## Room 6 & 9 Camp Fundraiser

We have our Pak n Save sausage sizzle and baking fundraiser for our Finlay Park camp **this coming Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of July**.

This is a collective fundraiser which means the profits go to lowering camp costs for everyone. We will be selling sausages in bread, and baking at our stall outside the main doors at Pak n Save. We realise that not everyone can make it to actually help out on Saturday mornings so helping with the baking is a great way for everyone to participate.

**Could Room 6 and 9 students please bring a plate of baking to school this Friday morning the 18<sup>th</sup> of July, on a disposable plate and covered ready for sale.** We will be setting up our stall outside the main entrance at 8.30am. If you can help set up we will see you at 8.30am, otherwise we will start selling at 9.00am. You don't have to stay for the whole time but some of the time would be great so everyone is helping out.



## Firewood Fundraiser

Remember, Ella Brown and her dad Calvin Brown are selling lovely dry firewood for \$85.00 a cube and can deliver. Please contact Shana during the day on 020 4163 6699 to make an order, and if you have any queries.



## Trees for Survival Planting

Our plants we have been growing for The Trees for Survival planting programme, initiated by Claire Nankivell, are well ready for planting out now. Our Enviro leaders and a small group of students will be joining students from Kopuarahi School and Hauraki Plains College to plant out a property in Maratoto Road, Hikutaia **this Friday**.

This planting is supported by Thames Coromandel district Council and the Rotary Club. It is great to be a part of this project as it is giving students an opportunity to give back to the community. It also helps raise students' awareness of the need to develop sustainability practices to protect our beautiful local environment.



## Gymfest

A big congratulations to all our students who represented Moanataiari school in the Thames Valley Gymfest in the last week of term two.

Our representatives were Caitlin Kenny, Kora Lamont, Alivia Takiwa, Addison Asafo, Zara Johnson, Lily Roath, Sophie Gray London Sutton, Mehar Brar and Alexia Russek.

Caitlin Kenny came first in the year 7&8 Twisters category. Alivia Takiwa placed third in the year 7&8 Flyers category. Kora Lamont placed 4th in the year 7&8 Flyers category. Mehar Brar placed third in the year 7&8 Springers category.

All our students performed extremely well whether they placed or not and we are very proud of them all.



## Netball

Our netball teams have been doing very well this season.

**Our junior team Moana Stars** have gone from strength to strength, they have a great team spirit and have been giving each game their all.

**Our Moana Mystics** have also been doing extremely well and are well up the table as we come to the end of the season.

**Our Moana Mako** team has only lost one game this season so we are looking forward to their game this week.

Well done to all our coaches, managers and players who have been very committed and have done so well.

It has been great to see our junior students taking part in the skills sessions too so they'll be ready to play competition netball in year 5.



## Moanataiari School School Board Triennial Elections

Our triennial elections happen in September this year.

We are calling for nominations for five parent representatives and one staff representative. Nomination forms will be sent home to all eligible voters later this week, and will also be available from our school office.

A candidate in a parent representative election does not need to be a parent of a student enrolled at the school. If not on the roll, the candidate needs someone on the roll to nominate them.

The parent/caregiver electoral roll will be available from Thursday 17 July and will be available to view at our school office during office hours.

Nominations close at noon on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August.

## Community Notices

Kia ora,

Civil Defence Emergency Management Unit at Thames-Coromandel District Council has teamed up with Thames Museum Te Whare Taonga o te Kauaeranga to encourage your school to attend an exciting and informative earthquake exhibition from Te Papa.

The Rūaumoko (Restless Land) exhibition is on display until 19 August 2025, courtesy of Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa. The exhibition offers interactive tools, fun but informative activities and quizzes plus information about hazards in our area.

Our Council has arranged to cover entry costs for a significant (but limited) number of students/ākonga from across our district. Our Civil Defence team has also provided locally minded materials and advice to support this fantastic exhibition.

Please reach out to the Thames Museum Te Whare Taonga o te Kauaeranga team directly, via the links below, to take advantage of this opportunity.

Bookings are essential and group size limits may apply due to the nature of the display and the size of the museum.

We hope to see you there soon.

[thamesmuseum@xtra.co.nz](mailto:thamesmuseum@xtra.co.nz)

[Thames Museum Home](#)

[Touring Exhibition – Rūaumoko: Restless land | Te Papa](#)

Ngā mihi | Regards

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Moanataiari School presents



When: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Doors open @ 7pm Bingo starts 7.30pm

Venue: The Thames on Kirkwood

Tickets \$35 per person with a complimentary free drink on arrival

Bar will be open and food available

Send us an email on

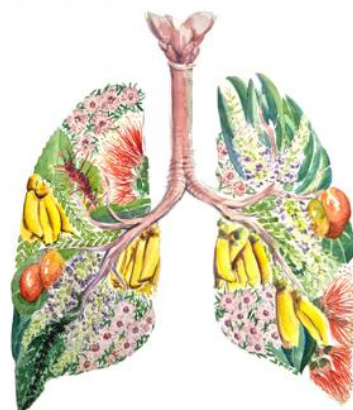
[kuranui@moana.school.nz](mailto:kuranui@moana.school.nz) or message the Moanataiari School facebook page to book your tickets. Tickets are limited.

Bookings close Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July

The Creativity Room

Art class for Pre-Teen/ Teens  
Starts Thursday  
24th July from 3.30 to 5pm

# Take a Deep Breath My Inside-Out Journal



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This course is about self-expression, imagination, and identity. It's for kids who love to make art, tell stories, and discover who they are — or just want a safe space to be wonderfully weird.

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The Creativity Room

# LIFE DRAWING

**Term 3**

**6 - 8pm**

**Thursdays**

17th July

31st July

14th August

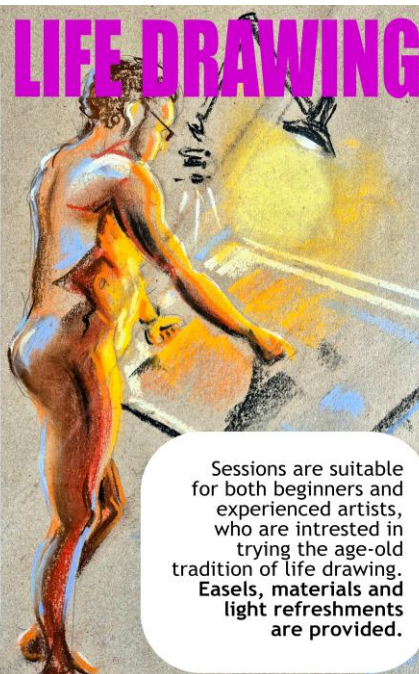
28th August

11th September

**\$110**

**for the term  
or \$25 per class**

To book your space,  
call Laurie Mango  
027 57 57 497 or email  
laurie.mango@gmail.com  
517 pollen street, Thames



Sessions are suitable for both beginners and experienced artists, who are interested in trying the age-old tradition of life drawing. **Easels, materials and light refreshments are provided.**

The Creativity Room

Children 5 to 12 Y.  
Starts Tuesday  
22nd July from 3.45 to 5 pm

# Creative Explorer

where each class is an art adventure!

From foam carving and paper marbling to clay, collage, and curious creatures – this course is all about exploring materials, making a mess, and discovering just how fun art can be.

Perfect for young makers aged 5-12, Creative Explorer builds confidence, sparks imagination, and lets kids try a bit of everything in a relaxed, supportive space.



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