

# Newsletter

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025

*Kia ora tātou*

*In preparation for our trips and camps we have a number of fundraising initiatives on the go. We appreciate your support of these efforts, which enable our children to have memorable experiences.*

*Thank you to our PTA for hosting a very successful and fun Beats by Bingo event last Saturday. Proceeds will go to improving our junior playground.*

*David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki*

## School lunches Senior Camp Fundraiser

As part of our camp fundraising, we are offering school lunches each **Friday for week's 3, 4 and 6** this term.

### This week, August 1st: toasted sandwiches

Orders to be placed and paid for **this Thursday by 9am at the kitchen window** so we know the catering numbers.

Toasted sandwiches are:

**Cheese \$3**

**Spaghetti \$3**

**Cheese and spaghetti \$3.50**

**Cheese and pineapple \$3.50**

Sandwiches will be delivered to each classroom just before lunch break.



## 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:

Mon 28 Jul	BoT meeting 5.30pm
Thu 31 Jul	Orders in for toasted sandwiches
Mon 4 Aug	Oxford pie orders close
Wed 6 Aug	BoT nominations close
Wed 6 Aug	PTA meeting 3.15pm
Fri 8 Aug	School cross country
Mon 11 Aug	Room 9 speech competition
Wed 13 Aug	Interschool cross country event
<b>Fri 15 Aug to</b>	
<b>Mon 18 Aug</b>	<b>Term 3 mid-term break</b>
Tue 19 Aug	Back to school at 8.55am

## Junior End of Year Trip Fundraiser

We're excited to be running our much-loved Oxford Pie fundraiser once again to support our junior students with their end-of-year activities. Please note that there is a quick turnaround for orders – **all orders and payments need to be returned to the office by next Monday, 4th August.**

Orders will be ready to collect from the school kitchen on Tuesday 12th August. We'll confirm pick-up time.

Payment options: Cash, EFTPOS at the office, or internet banking (details for internet banking can be found on the order form).

Thank you for your ongoing support – every order helps make our juniors' end-of-year activities extra special!



## Te rerenga korero:

**Tukua ō whakaaro ki tētahi atu.**

*Share your ideas with another person.*

## Moanataiari School School Board Triennial Elections

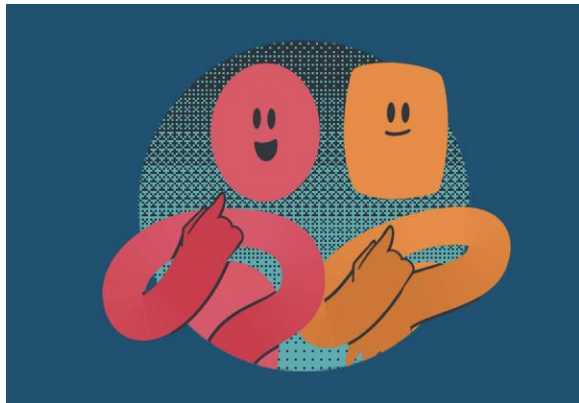
Our triennial elections happen in September this year.

We are calling for nominations for five parent representatives and one staff representative. Nomination forms have been sent home to all eligible voters, and will also be available from our school office. If you have not received one, please contact the 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 is available to view at our school office during office hours.

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



## Term 3 2025 Mid-Term Break

Please note on your calendar that our mid-term break will be from **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August**. This gives us all a four-day long weekend with time to take a break and refresh as there are no public holidays in Term three.



## Cross Country

Practise has started for our school cross country which will be held on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August**. We are extending our cross country training this year as the interschool cross country track and the Thames Valley track both involve hill climbs.



## Speeches

All our senior classes, Rooms 1, 6, 7 and 9, are underway with speech writing.

The students have come up with some very thought provoking and entertaining topics. The class teachers will notify you when your child's class speech competition is going to be held.

The senior school competition for years 5-8 (the winners from the class competitions) is being held on **Friday 22nd August at 11.00am**. The year 3 and 4 winners will also present their speeches to the senior school.

The Interschool speech competition is on **Friday 5th September**.



## Netball

Our Moana Stars team played a fantastic game last week in the semi-finals but didn't quite make it to the finals. Our Moana Mystics and Moana Mako teams have made it through to the finals this week so all the very best for Thursday night, it is an exciting finish to the season.

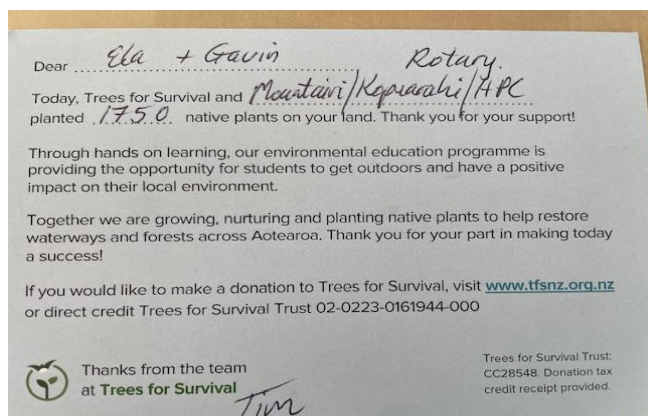


## Trees for Survival Planting

Last Wednesday we took a group of students from rooms 6 and 9 to a farm in Hikutaia to plant our Trees for Survival native plants that we have grown over the last year.

We worked with small groups of students from Kopuarahi School and Hauraki Plains College.

We supplied 1,000 of the 1,750 plants that we planted to encourage more bird life and increase the presence of native plants in the area. Our students worked hard and did an amazing job.



## Year 8 Students

There is a poster in our community events section advertising the Year 8 open evening on Thursday 7th August at Thames High School.

We would encourage all prospective students to go along for a look at what to expect next year at high school.

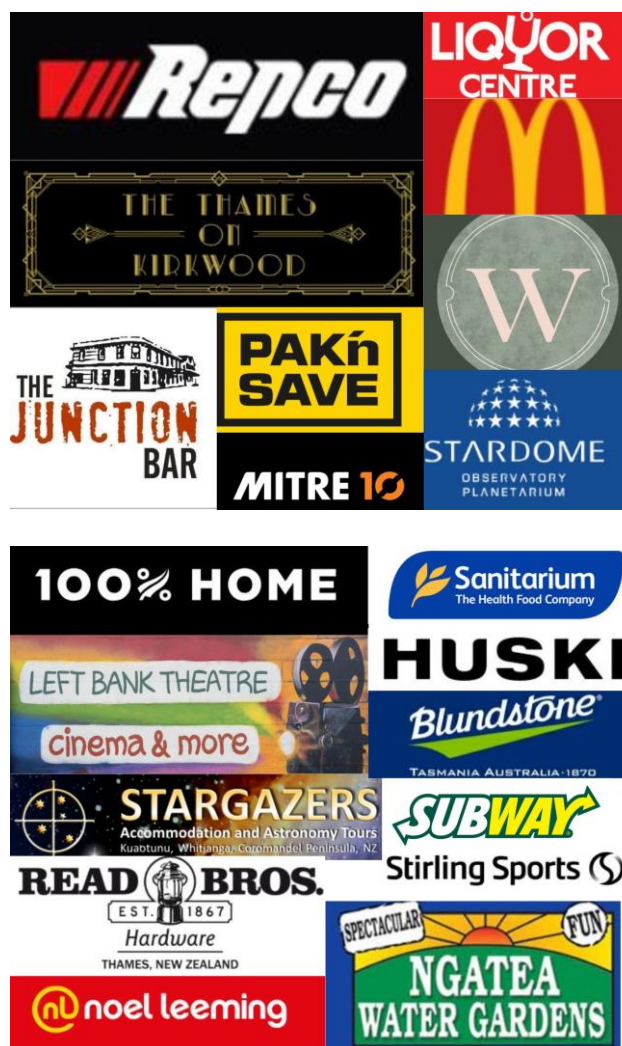
## Beats by Bingo

Thank you to everyone who joined us for such an unforgettable night of Music Bingo!

A huge thank you as well to our dedicated local and out-of-town sponsors—your support made this event possible. To everyone who attended: your energy, enthusiasm, and engagement made the event a fabulous success.

Congratulations to all our prize winners, and thank you to those who supported all our auctions and raffles.

All in all, the night was an absolute blast. Thank you for being part of the fun, the music, and the laughter.



## Community Notices



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Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kāuaeranga  
Thames High School



**Year 8 Open Evening  
Thursday 7 August**



An invitation to all Year 8 student whānau.  
Please go directly to the school hall from 5 pm.  
The evening will start at 5:30 pm.

**ENQUIRES FOR 2026 ENROLMENTS WELCOME**

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Thames High School Events and Celebrations

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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.



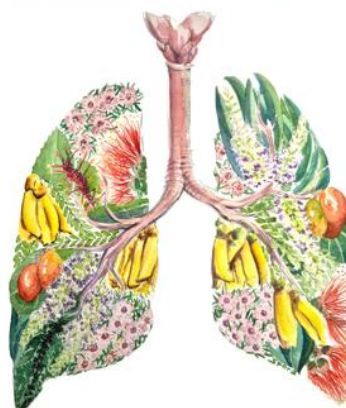
517 Pollen Street, Thames. All materials included.  
Contact Laurie Mango at 027 57 57 497  
or [laurie.mango@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.mango@gmail.com).  
Limited spaces available.

**\$130  
full course  
or \$25  
per class**

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



**8 Weeks of Art, Identity & Imagination**

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.

Because when you take a deep breath... there's a whole world inside you, waiting to be drawn.

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101 Kuranui Street, Thames \* Phone 07 868 6504 \* Email: [office@moana.school.nz](mailto:office@moana.school.nz)

Moanataiari School Bank Account: ANZ Thames 01 0455 0108122 01

## Moanataiari School - Pie Fundraiser

Room Number:



Please use the sellers name and PLES as the reference - Thank you **\*\*One payment per form\*\***

Price per Family Pie: \$11.00

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