



MOANATAIARI SCHOOL

# Newsletter

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023

*Kia ora tātou*

**This Friday** we are holding a **whakatau at 1.30pm** to welcome our new students and families. We will also be blessing our wonderful new sculpture, the gardens, the new covered court, and new toilet block.

Everyone is welcome to join us for the whakatau and some refreshments afterwards.

On **Wednesday this week at 3.15pm Māori whānau** are invited to meet with me in the kitchen for a catch-up.

David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki

\*\*\*\* Please note on your calendar \*\*\*\*

## School will close at 12 noon on Thursday 17 August

for our teachers to participate in curriculum development in Matamata.

## Term 3 2023 Mid-Term Break

Please note on your calendar that our mid-term break will be from **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August to Monday 21<sup>st</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 3.



## 2023 Start Date & School Terms

Term 3: Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September

Term 4: Monday 9 October to Friday 15 December

## Coming up:

Mon 31 Jul	PTA meetng 5.00pm
Wed 2 Aug	Whānau group meeting 3.15pm
Fri 4 Aug	Whakatau 1.30pm
Mon 7 Aug	Police maritime unit
Wed 9 Aug	THS enrolment interview evening
Thu 10 Aug	Beginners evening
Fri 11 Aug	School cross country day 12.30
<b>Thu 17 Aug</b>	<b>School finishes at 12 noon</b>
<b>Fri 18 Aug</b>	<b>Mid-term break</b>
<b>Mon 21 Aug</b>	<b>Mid-term break</b>
Tue 22 Aug	Back to school

## Whakatau 1.30pm this Friday 4 August

We would really appreciate a plate of food from each family to go towards our afternoon refreshments for the whakatau. These can be left in our kitchen before 12 noon. Many thanks.



## Senior Cross Country

All 8 year-olds and upwards (from the start of this term) will run in our school cross-country competition **on Friday 11th August**.

If it is raining on this day we will cancel the run. We will take our top 3-4 runners from each age group and if cancelled these students will be selected from how they have placed in our daily practices.



## Police Maritime Unit

Many thanks to Thames Police Community Constable Brian Connors, for organising a special day to reward a number of our hard working students, with a visit to the Thames Wharf on **Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023** with the police vessel Deodar.

## School Photos

This year our school photos will be held on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**.

Each child will be photographed individually and in their class group.

Ordering and payment information will be notified closer to the date.



## Uniform Reminder

Please note that jewellery is not part of our school uniform. The only jewellery items allowed to be worn at school are stud or sleeper earrings and approved taonga.

## Soccer Thanks

Savannah Morgan-Bevan stepped up and helped out the Thames High School Soccer Years 9 & 10 team last Saturday. This is her sister and past Moanataiari School student, Bella's team. Well done Savannah, we hope you enjoyed it.



## MOE Attendance Interventions

The Ministry of Education has advised us that any students who have 5 days unjustified absence in a term will now need intervention recorded against them. This information will be sent to the Ministry automatically each week from every school.

Students with 3 days or more absent with illness will need to bring a doctor's certificate to the school office. More information will follow on this issue.



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Notify Us Of Your **Child's Absence** Within Seconds On Our **Skool Loop App**

### ATTENDANCE

- Open the Skool Loop App & select Absentee
- Select a date range, if applicable
- Receive email receipt of your submission

Download **The Skool Loop App**. A simple 100% free download:  
In Google Play & App Store search **'Skool Loop'** & choose our school once installed.

## Te rerenga korero:

### Tāria I konei

*Please take a seat*

## Year 8 Leavers

Thames High School are organising a number of evenings for students and families to visit and book appointments for interviews.

Their opening evening is next **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 6-8pm**. Flyers have been sent home with further information and dates.



**ENQUIRIES WELCOME**

**FREE On-line Parenting Programme**  
 (For parents of children aged 3-8 years)  
 14 weekly sessions held via Zoom  
**Starting:** 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023  
**Time:** 6.15pm-8.30pm  
**To register or for further information**  
**Please contact:** Jo 027 429 3688

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Te Kura Tuarua o te Kauaeranga  
**Thames High School**



# OPEN EVENING

**Monday 7 August at 6pm**

We warmly welcome prospective students, their Whānau and friends to our school open night on Monday 7 August.

The evening will start at 6 pm in the school hall followed by a guided tour of our curriculum areas and opportunities. Meet our teachers and student leaders who will be available to answer all of your questions.

Ministry of Education

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*Kia kōtahi ai te piki ake, kia ikeke rawa ki te taumata*  
 We grow together to achieve ones true potential

Visit Thames High School website [www.thameshigh.school.nz](http://www.thameshigh.school.nz)

Thames High School Events and Celebrations ~ Ph +64 7 868 8688

**SEPTEMBER 13TH 6-7.30 PM**

**NETSAFE**

BRIAN CONNORS - POLICE SCHOOL COMMUNITY OFFICER

A NIGHT OF INFORMATION  
 FOR PARENTS, FOLLOWED  
 BY A Q&A ABOUT THE  
 IMPACT OF SOCIAL MEDIA  
 AND ONLINE BULLYING ON  
 OUR RANGATAHI



**SCHOOL  
 BULLYING  
 & SOCIAL MEDIA**

HAURAKI PLAINS COLLEGE - HALL



THIS IS A WHĀNAU EVENING FOR ADULTS ONLY  
 CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE ONSITE



And also at Thames High School  
 21<sup>st</sup> August at 5.30pm.

## Mini Basketball Tournaments

At Kauaeranga Christian camp gym for the month of August on Mondays.

7th and 14<sup>th</sup> 5-6 yrs 3.45-4.30pm  
 7/8yrs 4.30-5.15pm

21st and 28<sup>th</sup> 9/10yrs 3.45-4.45pm  
 11+yrs 4.45-5.45pm

Cost will be \$5 per child. This is to cover donation for gym hire and refs fees.

If this is something your child/ren are interested in, please let me know asap via email or txt.

[adrienehodgson@icloud.com](mailto:adrienehodgson@icloud.com) Ph 02041511489.

Add this info: Child's name, age, school and school yr.

## After School Care

Contact Donna on 027 547 9407. \$7 per hour.

