



Newsletter

Monday 16th June 2025

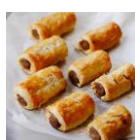
Kia ora tātou

We are celebrating Matariki this week and have a great line-up of events and activities planned.

Matariki is a significant celebration in the New Zealand Curriculum, promoting understanding of Māori astronomy, cultural traditions, and values. This unit incorporates cross-curricular learning with a focus on Social Sciences, Science, and The Arts, culminating in the creation and flying of kites (manu tukutuku). Including a hakari, kī-o-rahi practice, and the game pūkana enriches the experience, fostering community and student engagement.

We will be creating star-themed artwork today, planting a tree tomorrow, making kites on Wednesday, and having a shared lunch on Thursday.

Please bring kai to share on Thursday for lunch at 12.30, which can be left in our school kitchen in the morning.



We will hold a whole-school hui after lunch on Thursday with a kapa-haka performance, story-telling, waiata, then finishing our celebration with kite flying at 2pm.

Whānau are welcome to join us on Thursday for our celebrations.

2025 Start Date & School Terms

Term 2: Monday 28 April to Friday 27 June

Term 3: Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September

Term 4: Monday 6 October to Monday 15 December

Coming up:

Tue 17 Jun Matariki tree planting

Wed 18 Jun Y7&8 ki-o-rahi

Thu 19 Jun **Shared lunch at 12.30pm**

Fri 20 Jun Matariki holiday

Mon 23 Jun BoT meeting 5.30pm

Tue 24 Jun Gymfest

Fri 27 Jun End of Term 2

Te rerenga korero:

Tukua kia tū takitahi ngā whetū o te rangi.

Let each star in the sky shine its own light.

Year 7&8 Ki-O-Rahi Celebration

Matua Clay and a group of students from room 6 will be taking part in the Our Cluster Matariki Ki-o-Rahi sport celebration day, **this Wednesday 18th June** at Te Puru school.

They will be departing school **at 8.50 am** as the event starts at 9.30am.

They will return approximately 2:45pm to be back in time for the end of school.

Students will need to bring:

A big lunch and snacks, a big drink of water, and a warm jacket.

Families are most welcome to come and be part of the day.



Chocolate Fundraiser for Rooms 6 and 9 Finlay Park Camp

A notice went home on Friday for you to fill in how many more boxes you want to order.

These will need to be returned to school as soon as possible as we will be ordering more chocolates at the end of this week.

The notice for re-ordering will only be given to students who have returned all their money from the first order. **Can we please have all the money in from the first chocolate order by next Wednesday the 25th of June.**



Firewood Camp Fundraiser

Ella Brown and her dad Calvin have been splitting firewood and have very generously offered to sell it as a fundraiser for our senior camp. The cost is \$85 per cubic metre, and they will deliver to you. Phone our school office on 868 6504 to order and arrange payment.



Gymfest

Please encourage your child to practice for the gymfest at home as well as at school.

Danielle Hutchinson and Debbie Roath are coming to work with the students on Wednesday lunch times but the students entering will need to be practicing each day.

They can practice at lunchtimes in room 8 also.

Please make sure your child's entry fee of \$8 is paid as soon as possible as the event is on Tuesday 24th June.

There will be a note home this week to see who can help with transport to and from the event.



Moanataiari School presents



When: Saturday 26th 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 or message the Moanataiari School facebook page to book your tickets. Tickets are limited.

Bookings close Monday 14th July

Heritage NZ – Pouhere Taonga - Thames School of Mines...
July School Holiday Program 2025

Nature Doodles on Smooth Rocks

Wednesday 2nd July

Thames School of Mines
705 Queen Street -
Carnegie Library

10am - 1pm
No Booking Required

Entry by Koha,
(Donation) at the door

We are bringing back one of our holiday faves...
With a twist...

We will continue learning about the different
patterns to be found in nature...

However...

We will be re-creating these patterns on a
selection of locally gathered smooth ocean stones.
These look great in the garden, on display in your
home... They also make great whānau gifts!

Create Your Own Mini Mining Village

Thursday 3rd July

Thames School of Mines
705 Queen Street -
Carnegie Library

10am - 1pm
No Booking Required

Entry by Koha,
(Donation) at the door

Come along for a creative day, where we
step back 150 years and create our own
individual mini mining villages, using a
variety of (provided) craft resources.
Learn about what life was like for the
people who lived and worked on the
Goldfields, and let your creativity shine,
as you bring the past to life.

VOLCANOS AND FOSSILS

Wednesday 9th July

Thames School of Mines
705 Queen Street -
Carnegie Library

10am - 1pm
No Booking Required

Entry by Koha,
(Donation) at the door

Are you interested in erupting volcanoes?
What makes them erupt? What do they leave behind?
And more importantly, how does this relate to us here in
the Hauraki? Come along and find out... You can also make
your own mini volcano with hidden gems that might flow
out when it erupts!

Also...

How is a fossil formed, and how do we find them?
You will also have the opportunity to create your own fossils
to take home

Create your own mini gem tree

Thursday 10th July

Thames School of Mines
705 Queen Street -
Carnegie Library

10am - 1pm
No Booking Required

Entry by Koha,
(Donation) at the door

You may have seen our beautiful crystal/gem mini
trees on display and for sale in our retail shop...
Come along and have a go at making your own to
take home...

You can choose from a selection of mini gems to
attach to the wire trunk...
Let's see if we can put our creative thinking caps
on together and work out the best way to make
the trees bloom!

Mānawatia a Matariki

FRIDAY, JUNE 20th 2025

- Heritage NZ -
Pouhere Taonga
Thames School of
Mines

705 Queen Street -
Carnegie Library,
Thames

Open 10am-4pm

Whānau Activities

- Make your own woven
Matariki star
- Add a sparkly star to
our 'Hiwa-i-te-rangi'
wishing wall
- Shared kai on offer -
(Vegetable soup with
bread rolls)

Ngā mihi o Matariki, te tau
hou Māori!