



Newsletter

Monday 20th June 2022

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Kia ora tātou

Our four teams had a sensational day of Rippa Rugby on Wednesday last week in Ngatea. All teams steadily improved throughout the day and we saw great sportsmanship displayed. A huge thank you to all those that helped transport our 42 players and an even bigger thank you to Ngaio Hodson for managing the Year 7 & 8 Boys Team, Jess Morgan for managing the Year 7 & 8 Girls Team, Lisa Dsouza for managing the Year 5 & 6 Boys Team and Mel Krishna for managing the Year 5 & 6 Girls Team.

Good luck to all of our students competing at the Gymfest event this week. Many thanks to those staff and parents involved in the preparation and transport.

Those students who entered Kiwi Competitions will complete their online test today and Wednesday this week. Mrs Saunders will be taking them for this. We wish them all the very best.

This Thursday we are celebrating Matariki with free soup and buns for everyone at lunch time, followed by kite flying. This Friday is the first Matariki holiday, so we wish everyone an enjoyable long weekend.

David Brock, Principal – Tumuaiki

Coming up:	
Mon 20 Jun	Kiwi competitions start
Wed 22 Jun	Gymfest at Kopu
Thu 23 Jun	Matariki celebration
Fri 24 Jun	Matariki holiday
Mon 27 Jun	BoT meeting 5.30pm
Wed 29 Jun	School photos
Diary Notes:	
Mon 22 Aug	Kāhui Ako TEACHER ONLY DAY
26-29 Aug	Mid-Term break – SCHOOL CLOSED

2022 Start Date & School Terms
Term 2: Monday 2 May to Friday 8 July
Term 3: Monday 25 July to Friday 30 September
Term 4: Monday 17 October to Monday 19 Dec

Moanataiari School Bank Account:
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Matariki Celebration 2022 (Manu tukutuku)

On **Thursday 23rd June**, weather permitting, we will be celebrating Matariki with **free soup and buns at lunch time**, followed by flying kites on the field in the afternoon.



Traditionally kites known as manu tukutuku, manu aute or pākau (manu translates to bird or kite, pākau means ‘bird wing’), were flown to celebrate the new year. We encourage students to **make or bring** their own kites to fly. The focus will be on participation.

Five Planets Align In Time for Matariki

Star-gazers searching for the Matariki constellation will be treated to a rare alignment of five planets and the moon.

The alignment of Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn will be visible in the early morning sky from Friday 17 June, and joined by the Moon on **Tuesday June 21**, in time for Matariki or the Māori New Year.

The Matariki constellation will be just below Venus, which will be the brightest planet in the sky.



Gymfest

Thank you to those parents who helped with transport on Friday for our practice run, it was valuable as we could use the tall beams which we are not used to using and other apparatus.

We will be leaving school at **12.30 on Wednesday 22nd June** for our competition at the Kopu Gymfest starting at 1.00. Please ensure your child is wearing fitting clothes suitable for active participation, they have been issued our school tee shirts today that they will also wear. No jewellery, hair must be tied back. No shoes or socks on the gym floor, so please wear suitable shoes that are easily taken off when we arrive.

They will need a drink bottle and snacks, we will be having lunch before we depart school.

Thank you to Nicole Johnson, Jess Morgan, Lisa Donaldson, Deborah Roath and Tash Donaldson for offering to help with transport. If you can no longer help please contact Andrea Saunders ASAP.

We look forward to this opportunity and have given up many lunchtimes to practice.

Our cheerleaders and aerobic groups will participate on Friday 1st July. We do not have any details about this yet.

School Photos

Photolife will be here on **Wednesday 29th June** to take individual and class photos. Details for ordering will be sent home shortly.



Menzshed

A number of our senior students are working on projects each Monday at the Thames Menzshed. Many thanks to Tony Winter and the crew there for offering their skills and supervision for our students.



Advance Notice of Kāhui Ako Teacher Only Day

All of the teachers in Thames will be attending a professional development day on **Monday 22nd August**, so all Thames primary schools (including Moanataiari) will be closed on that day.



Term 3 2022 Mid-Term Break – Advance notice

Please note on your calendar that our mid-term break in Term 3 this year will be from **Friday 26th August to Monday 29th 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.

Te rerenga korero:

kei te pēhea koe
Kei te tino pai

How are you?
I am very good

Here are some wonderful Matariki poems from Room 6:

I'm Tupa-a-Nuku.

*I thrive, just like our blossoms are blooming.
I rise, just like plants popping up from rich soil.
I'm just like a little seedling, delicate but strong.
I grow just like a sprout, and glow twinkling in
the sky!
I ripen the apples, I lush the fields and the crops.
I flourish the buds and the trees,
I make the flowers blossom just for the bees.
Now get out there, plant some trees, flowers.
Anything that will help our kai!
You will be approved by me,
If you make a bud,
just one little ,twinkling bud germinate.
I'm Tupa-a-nuku.*

By Mia McCaskill

I AM WAITA.

*I am Waita, I represent salt water; creatures
that thrive there.
I am Waita.
There are endless creatures in the water in
my care.
I am Waita and the swells, waves, tides,
ika (fish) and Tangaroa (God of the sea)
are what I stand for.
I stand for the oceans and the surge of
the tide.
I am Waita.
I shine in the sky over Aotearoa
(New Zealand).
By Caspian Milner*

Disco

Room 6 & 7 are putting on a school Disco on Friday 1st July. Please keep this night free (and don't feed your children, they will be selling food) there will be more details in next week's newsletter.



Community Notices

Moanataiari After-School Care

Bookings can be made through our school office (868 6504) or by contacting Donna directly on 027 547 9407. Casual or regular bookings will cost \$7 per hour.

For the safety of our school students

**PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE
YELLOW LINES AROUND OUR SCHOOL**

Thames Coromandel District Council

Our Council is thinking about developing new aquatic and sports field/ outdoor facilities in the Thames area and we would like your feedback.

We are conducting a survey that asks questions about your use of and opinions about the facilities. It will help our Council to decide what is needed in the future.

To complete the survey, go to www.tcdc.govt.nz and click on this image which moves across the top of the main page.

Complete the survey by 30 June and enter a draw for one of 10 family passes to Thames Centennial Pool.



Tuesday 12th of July

10 am: Creative Science (5 to 10 years old)
1pm: Drawing 101 (10 years +)
4pm: Portrait for beginners (10 year+)
7pm: Drawing 101 for adults

Thursday 14th of July

10 am: Introduction to watercolor (5 to 10 years old)
1pm: Introduction to watercolor (10 years +)
4pm: Anatomy for beginners (10 years+)
7pm: Introduction to watercolor for adults

Limited space available! Pre-booking is essential at spera.art@gmail.com or 027 57 57 497. Each workshop last 2 hours and cost 30 dollars per person. 8 student maximum per workshop. Held at Vessel art Co-Op, 750 pollen street Thames.

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Is your child/teen anxious or stressed, or maybe has lost confidence or just feeling at a loss with how they fit in? These feelings are part of life, however when you are young you often have no idea how to control them, and they can manifest in a sore tummy, headaches, loss of appetite and not sleeping.

Enroll your child/teen into this individualised programme NOW, let me teach them some simple techniques on how their mind works and how to get it working for them not against them.

My goal for these sessions is to teach your child how to increase their resilience, feel better about themselves and show them a new way of thinking that will have them feeling mentally stronger and able to cope.

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Contact me now for a free consult.]

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