



Newsletter

Tuesday 7th June 2022

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Kia ora tātou

We were pleasantly surprised to receive a letter from the Mayor of South Waikato regarding our Room 6 students' recent trip to the Blue Spring, and their pamphlets they made to promote the springs area. We are very proud of the effort these children have made and thank Ms Trenwith for providing this opportunity for our students to learn and experience. We've included the letter for you to read.

*It is with a very heavy heart that we must farewell four of our teacher aides this **Thursday 9th June** at a special assembly at **12.50pm**. Unfortunately, our current funding from the Ministry of Education is only sufficient for two teacher aides.*

We are very grateful for the amazing care, assistance and skills they have given our students over the years, and have enjoyed working with them. We would like to thank Rita-Mae, Tracey, Rechelle and Ngaio for their service to our school, and wish them all the very best in the future.

David Brock, Principal – Tumuaiki

Coming up:

Tue 7 Jun	Senior camp meeting 5.30pm
Thu 9 Jun	Special farewell assembly
Wed 15 Jun	Rippa Rugby at Ngatea
Wed 22 Jun	Gymfest at Kopu
Thu 23 Jun	Matariki celebration
Fri 24 Jun	Matariki holiday
Tue 28 Jun	Photography workshop

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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Camp Meeting for Room 6 & 7

There is a camp meeting for parents of students in rooms 6 & 7 to discuss the camp plan and possible fundraising options. This will take place in **Room 6 TONIGHT Tuesday 7th June at 5.30pm**. Debbie and Andrea look forward to seeing you then.

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.



School Photos

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



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.

Rippa Rugby

Wednesday 15th June. Our tournament in Ngatea is only 1 week away. Thank you to all those that have offered to manage teams and help transport on the day. Please contact Andrea Saunders if you can no longer help with transport.

All players need to be registered with Rugby NZ via the link below and complete the form. If they already play Junior Rugby and are registered, they don't need to do this again. When it asks you for 'Grade Playing' please select either the *Year 5/6 Rippa* or *Year 7/8 Rippa* option. Ignore the payment option if this pops up.

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/ThamesJuniorRugbyClub/2022-junior-registration-form/tab1>



Gymfest

Practices for Gymfest are in full swing. The Springers, Flyers and Twisters competition will be held at the Gymfest Club at Kopu now on **Wednesday 22nd June**. Our group events will be held at the same place on **Friday 1st July**.

A huge thank you to Lisa Donaldson who is coaching our aerobics and cheerleading groups, along with our springers, flyers and twisters on Wednesday. Thanks also to Christine Swindells who comes in on Friday to take our springers, flyers and twisters. Many of the students are doing very well to remember and perfect their routines.

A note has gone home today asking for transport, etc. Please return this by **Thursday 16th June**.

2022 Board of Trustee Elections

What do trustees do? Trustees on a school board of trustees work together to make sure every child/ tamariki reaches their highest possible standard in educational achievement. As part of that key responsibility, here are some of the things boards do:

- Work with the principal and consult with staff, students and the community
- Set the educational goals and strategic direction of the school
- Monitor progress and let parents know how the school is progressing against its annual targets and how well students are achieving
- Decide how the school's funding will be spent
- Support the school's principal and support the development of all staff
- Oversee the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.

Te rerenga korero:

Whakapainga te ruma

Clean/tidy up the room

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.

Room 6 Trip to Blue Springs

We had been studying our Te waihou river in Room 6 and as part of that study, we went for a trip to the Te Waihou Blue Springs Walkway and had a wonderful day.

After the trip I gave the children a homework task in which they had to follow a criteria and create a brochure recommending the Blue Springs.

The children did a fabulous job of their brochures and for me, they were too good to just keep so I sent them to the South Waikato District Council.

Here is the lovely, encouraging letter we received back from Jenny Shattock, the mayor of South Waikato. We are very proud of her response in room 6!



Tokoroa Office: Phone (07) 885 0340
Putāruru Office: Phone (07) 883 7189
Tirau Agency (Information Centre): Phone (07) 883 1202

Private Bag 7 (Torphin Crescent) Tokoroa 3444 • Website: www.southwaikato.govt.nz • Email: info@southwaikato.govt.nz

Enquiries to: Jenny Shattock
Email: jenny.shattock@southwaikato.govt.nz

26 May 2022

Debbie Trenwith
Moanataiari School
101 Kuranui Street
THAMES 3500

Dear Debbie

VISIT TO TE WAIHOU/BLUE SPRING

What an absolute joy to read the wonderful pamphlets your class put together regarding their trip to Te Waihou and the Blue Spring.

The area is certainly a special taonga and much loved by locals and visitors alike. I'm really pleased the students enjoyed their visit too.

I have passed on your comments about the walkway being well maintained to our parks team who put in a lot of effort along the trail. I know the feedback will make them feel very happy.

I couldn't agree more with you about the standard of their brochures. They are amazing! I have read every one of them. Please pass on our hearty well done to your students for their tremendous effort, insight and care for the environment.

We will be featuring this story on our social media pages (we will tag your school) and in our community newsletter, In Touch. Our Head of Communications has noted your address and will forward a few copies of the issue to you once printed.

Fast forward a decade and we're always on the lookout for staff who are custodians of our special places and staff with a flair for design and storytelling. You never know, one or two may well join us one day!

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shattock".

Jenny Shattock QSM JP
MAYOR

Homestay Families Wanted

BE A PART OF OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY



Thames High School is looking forward to welcoming back international students in 2023! We're now on the lookout for homestay families.

Hosting a student from another country can be a hugely rewarding experience for your family. You will be able to share your own culture and learn about a new one as well as create lifetime connections with people from other countries.

The international student will be part of your family during their stay so you will care for them as you would your own children. Homestay families provide a warm and comfortable bedroom with study facilities and three meals a day. In return, you will receive \$270 per week.

If you'd like to know more, please contact Pauline by phoning school on 868 8688, texting 027 536 1001 or emailing internationalsupport@thameshigh.school.nz

URGENTLY REQUIRED:
TERM 3 2022 (TWO TERMS)
HOST FAMILY FOR 16 YR OLD
GERMAN FEMALE



Matariki

Glow Show

July 16

at Thames War Memorial Civic Centre

11am (0-5 years) \$16.50pp +fees

1pm (6-12 years) \$18.50pp +fees

One day only

Book at

www.glowshow.co.nz/bookings

Email for more information at

hello@glowshow.co.nz

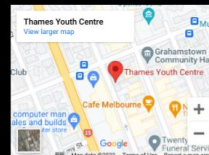
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMES JUNE 2022

- MONDAY**  GUITAR CLUB**
- TUESDAY**  GAMES DAY (PS4/VR/PC)
- WEDNESDAY**  YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSALS **
- THURSDAY**  DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS ROLE PLAYING GAME
- FRIDAY**  JOB READINESS/CV/GOAL SETTING


3:30-5:30




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** programme requires pre-registration



BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE JUNE 2022

Kia ora koutou,

We hope everyone had a nice long weekend in honour of the Queen's birthday and the 70th anniversary of the Queen's reign. What an amazing achievement.

Firstly, the Board of Trustees (the Board) acknowledge and thank staff and students for adapting their everyday teaching and learning to accommodate changes needed to cover absenteeism to ensure teaching continues for our students during these challenging COVID times. We acknowledge it is a difficult time for everyone but together we are getting through this with plenty of manaakitanga – caring, manawaroa – grit and determination, and whakaute – respect for each other.

At the end of term 2, Siobhan Flanigan left the Moanataiari School Board after many years of service to the school both as a board member and as the Board Chair.

In a letter to the Board, Siobhan thanked the Board for its efforts and said '*Moanataiari will always have a special spot in my whānau as it has been the place where my three children were given the best foundations for High School and to become young adults. It is the place that has created many laughs, memories and accomplishments for us all*'.

The Board thanks again Siobhan for her extensive mahi on the Moanataiari School Board of Trustees and wishes her and her whānau well for the future.

As previously advised, Lisa Donaldson was appointed the Board Chair at the beginning of term 1. You can find out who your Board representatives are here [Board of Trustees | Moanataiari School](#).

Student Voice Report

At its May meeting, the Board received the results of a student voice survey entitled 'promoting a culture of well-being and learning 2022' undertaken by 60 students that sought input from years 4-8. This aligns with the strategic goal 1 - student engagement on the Board's work plan. Overall, the results were positive with students saying learning at Moanataiari school was fun, with particular interest in Maths, Art, Writers Toolbox and wanting more school educational trips.

Staff will discuss the results further and look at ways to improve learning opportunities at Moanataiari School.

Parents can also play a role too with student learning and wellbeing by ensuring students attend school when well and encourage them to do their best. Please feel free to contact the school if you would like to know how you can help your student(s) with their learning and wellbeing.

The Board is also exploring the opportunity of having a student voice representative involved with the Board. As already advised and for your information, the three strategic goals focused on for 2022 are as follows:

1. Student engagement;
2. Giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi; and
3. To raise writing levels of achievement.

Speaking of School Trips

Well done to year 6 class who recently visited and walked the Blue Springs Trail in Putaruru as part of their Waihou River studies. It was a fabulous educational day out for both students and whānau who attended. Students were then asked to make a brochure that included 5 main facts, photos and a description on how the walking trail is maintained. They did such an awesome job Ms Trenwith sent the brochures to the South Waikato District Council. Year 6 were delighted to receive a letter of thanks from Mayor Jenny Shattock QSM who was extremely impressed with the brochures and thought there could be some future South Waikato District Council Parks and Reserves staff in the making.

Fundraising Group

A new fundraising group has been formed after a successful fundraising meeting was held early in term 2 inviting people to attend with their fundraising ideas. It was a positive meeting with some awesome ideas raised.

The top three fundraising priorities which will benefit the students directly are:

- New junior playground;
- School van to transport children to inter school events and activities;
- Local curriculum educational school trips.

Moanataiari School can and will apply for funding where we can, however, any money that can be fundraised ourselves and used as leverage against any funding application sought will be considered favourably by funding boards.

If any parent, grandparent or older sibling is interested in joining the fundraising group, please contact Jo or Julie at the school office by email office@moana.school.nz or by phone 07 868 6504.

Uniforms

At Moanataiari School, there is a uniform policy in place that has the full support of the Board. This is a reminder that all students are required to wear the correct uniform every day (unless when it is advertised a mufti day). The uniform policy can be found on [School Docs | Moanataiari School](#).

Board of Trustee Elections

The Board of Trustee elections will be held in September 2022. The Board is responsible for seven key work areas, which are:

- Development and ongoing review of the school charter;
- Monitoring and reviewing your school's progress;
- Putting in place a policy framework;
- Employing the principal;
- Managing assets;
- Ensuring the school's legal compliance;
- Implementing the National Education Guidelines.

The Board is responsible for showing leadership and taking a strategic view of its work programme, monitoring progress and reporting back on performance and engaging the community as needed.

If you are interested and would like to know more information, NZSTA has a lot of useful information on its website you can explore including this publication:

[A-parents-guide-to-the-role-of-the-board-of-trustees.compressed.pdf \(nzsta.org.nz\)](#).

Nominations open mid-July to 3 August. Keep an eye on the school newsletter for more information – an update on Board elections was included in last Monday's newsletter (30 May).

Student Welfare

If children are sick, parents are asked to please keep them at home to recover before sending them back to school. Unfortunately, there is still a lot of COVID in the community and we want to keep everyone at school as safe as possible.

New Enrolments - our school is open for enrolments from new entrants to year 8. For more information, please contact the school office on 07 868 6504.

Enjoy the rest of term 2 – we are half way through already.

Ngā mihi

Moanataiari Board of Trustees