



Newsletter

Monday 15th March 2021

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Kia ora tātou

Congratulations to Taj Shiriwastow-Gardyne, Jep Donaldson, Reign Rapana, Lilly Donaldson, Lincoln Donaldson and Lily McCarthy for qualifying for the Thames Valley swimming competition next week. Best of luck to all of you.

Welcome to Sophie Wenzlick who joins us in Room 4 and starts her school life with us today. It's great to have you in our Moanataiari School family.

David Brock, Principal – Tumuaiki

Coming up:

Thu 18 Mar	Hockey big day out, Ngatea – 8.30am
Tue 23 Mar	Room 9 trip to DOC centre – 9.00am
Tue 23 Mar	BoT meeting 5.30pm
Wed 24 Mar	Room 5 trip to DOC centre – 9.00am
Wed 24 Mar	Thames Valley swimming
24 & 25 Mar	Teen Esteem for Y6 students
Thu 25 Mar	Cricket Festival at Rhodes Park
Wed 31 Mar	Immunisations for year 8 students
Fri 2 Apr	Good Friday
Mon 5 Apr	Easter Day
Tue 6 Apr	Easter Tuesday – school closed

2021 School Terms

Term 1:	Tuesday 2 February to Friday 16 April
Term 2:	Monday 3 May to Friday 9 July
Term 3:	Monday 26 July to Friday 1 October
Term 4:	Monday 18 October to Thurs 16 Dec

Moanataiari School Bank Account:

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Hockey Big Day Out

Thursday 18th March. We will be leaving school at **8.30 am** and travelling to Ngatea. Please bring your \$2 to the office ASAP for this day. Remember to bring warm clothes, a hat, a drink bottle and plenty of food. If you have a mouth-guard or shin-guards please bring them. A mouth-guard is advisable!

Create the Vibe Launch Event – and bake sale!

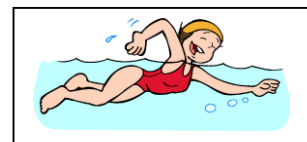
This Friday 19th March from 5.30pm until 7pm at the Thames town hub (Mary Street) is the TCDC Create the Vibe launch event. Everyone is welcome to attend and join in the fun.

Our Room 6 and 7 students will be providing food at this event as a camp fundraiser. Room 6 and 7 students, please bring your **bake sale items to school this Friday** and Mrs Saunders will take them down to the event.



Thames Valley Swimming

Wednesday 24th March at Thames Centennial Pools. We have Taj Shiriwastow-Gardyne, Jep Donaldson, Reign Rapana, Lilly Donaldson, Lincoln Donaldson and Lily McCarthy representing our school and area. We wish them all the best. Please return your form to Mrs Saunders ASAP.



Thames Schools Cricket - Rhodes Park

Thursday 25th March at Rhodes Park. Please remember to bring a drink bottle, lunch, snacks, warm clothes and a hat. We will be leaving school at 8.45am.

DOC Information Centre Visits

This term Rooms 5 and 9 are focussing on insects and invertebrates. On **Tuesday 23rd March Room 9** students are travelling to the DOC information centre up the Kauaeranga Valley to explore the world of insects in the native bush and beside rivers. Students need to assemble **at school at 9.00am** and will return to school before 3pm.



Room 5 will be making the same trip on **Wednesday 24th March**. Information and permission slips have been sent home for students in these classes.



Whittaker's Chocolate Fundraiser

Our senior students are selling chocolate bars as a fundraiser for the Wellington trip. We realise that chocolate is not a particularly healthy option, but it is a very yummy special treat!



These have been selling so well, we have placed another order and they should be available tomorrow or Wednesday.

Te rerenga korero: Kia pai rawa atu koe! Be the best that you can be.

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.



Interested in playing hockey in 2021?

Musters:

Year 7/8 only - Saturday 20th March 1.00 - 3.00 pm St Francis School
All grades - Sunday 28th March 1.00 - 2.30 pm Ngatea hockey turf
Come along for an introduction to hockey and fun games
thamesjuniorhockey@gmail.com



Moanataiari School now has a School App!

Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android Device and Search Moanataiari School to download the App to your phone or tablet.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE MARCH 2021

Kia ora koutou,

What an awesome night the family fun night was. Thank you to the staff for organising this annual get together for parents, students and teachers to get to know each other a little better over some fun sports and a sausage sizzle. A relaxed and fun summer's night was had by everyone who came.

The pōwhiri held on 12 February was led by local Iwi Ngāti Maru. It was an excellent cultural and learning experience for the students. We were also honoured to have the Waikato's Ministry of Education Director, Shane Ngatai attend with his fellow colleagues. Principal David Brock and Board Chair Siobhan Flanigan said it was a significant and successful event that provided a fantastic opportunity to enhance our relationships with both Ngāti Maru and the Ministry of Education. Thank you to both Ngāti Maru and the Ministry of Education for taking the time out of your busy schedules to attend the pōwhiri.

The Board had its first meeting for the year on 23 February. We would like to thank and congratulate Siobhan Flanigan for accepting the nominations for Board Chair again this year. It is a huge role that requires educational sector knowledge, good relationships with staff, students, parents and other stakeholders plus a tremendous amount of personal time. Best wishes Siobhan for another successful year in the role as Board Chair.

Lisa Donaldson has been co-opted onto the Board. Lisa has shown an interest in becoming a board member for some time. She has 3 children in the school and has teaching experience so her knowledge and experience will be a welcome asset to the Board. Welcome Lisa.

Lisa joins existing Board members, Principal David Brock, Chair Siobhan Flanigan, Ross Ashby, Jaspreet Kaur, Lisa Dsouza, Charles Corry and staff representative Wayne Howes. A Deputy Chair is still to be nominated.

The Board approved its budget for 2021. This included the extra funding for the reading and writing programmes we approved in term 4 of 2020 which we updated you on in our final communications last year.

In other news:

Local Curriculum work continues to progress and there will be a hui between staff and the Board to present this work in more detail next term.

Communications – there are a number of ways the school is communicating with its school whānau now. These are:

- Taiari Times of Thames – Principal David Brock blogs at the start of term and throughout the term if there are important messages such as school closures etc.
- Skool Loop app – keep an eye on these for daily notices and weekly newsletters.
- Website – moana.school.nz - a fantastic new website that has up to date information. If there is anything you want to know about the school, use the easy navigational tool bars to find what you are looking for. If it's not there and you think it should be, just contact the school office.
- Moanataiari Sign Board – keep an eye on the sign for relevant messages for the day/week as you drop off/pick up children.
- Facebook and Instagram
- Parent Teacher Conferences – these are face to face meetings with the teacher so parents can find out how your child is doing and what support you can give at home. These will occur later in term 1 but in the meantime, if you have any concerns, just email your child's teacher. Email addresses are on the website at moana.school.nz.

Road safety – this continues to be a major concern for the Board. To keep our children safe, please follow the road rules by:

- Not stopping or parking on yellow lines. They are painted yellow for a reason which is to keep that area free of vehicles to allow for clear visibility for children crossing the road/walking into school.
- Not speeding around the perimeter of the school – it is not a race track.
- Not cutting corners – this is a real issue and has nearly resulted in a number of head on accidents.
- Being mindful that we have children crossing and running out in front of cars without sometimes stopping and looking first.
- Ensuring your child wears a helmet to and from school if they are riding a bike or a scooter.

Let's work together to keep our children safe.

Attendance – the more your children attend school, the more they learn which at this level provides the foundation for the future. Please avoid unjustified absences as this impacts their daily learning.

COVID-19 – we are now back in alert level 1. Parents and caregivers are welcome to come onto the school grounds in alert level 1. When entering the school, please sign in using the COVID tracer app at the school gate or office. Staff are prepared for any alert level changes. Please follow the government's rules for each alert level and keep our school whānau safe. Keep an eye out for important updates as alert levels change.

The Board wishes students and staff all the best for a productive learning / teaching year, hopefully with as minimal disruption as possible.

Kia kaha

Ngā mihi
Moanataiari Board of Trustees

CREATE the Vibe

LAUNCH EVENT

**FRIDAY
19 MARCH
2021
5.30PM-7PM
THAMES TOWN HUB**

- BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO ENJOY A NIGHT OUT WITH THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY.
- THE CHUMES BAND WILL BE PLAYING
- MR WHIPPY WILL BE THERE
- MOANATAIARI SCHOOL WILL HOLD A BAKE SALE/SAUSAGE SIZZLE
- THE VILLAGER CAFE WILL STAY OPEN LATE

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