



Newsletter

Monday 22nd March 2021

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Kia ora tātou

Our senior students had a very successful evening last Friday selling food to raise funds for their Wellington camp at the Create the Vibe launch on Mary Street in Thames. Many thanks to everyone who donated food and helped run this event.

A few lucky students also had a fantastic time at the America’s Cup last Wednesday in Auckland. We made a last minute call for senior students to travel up to this special event, and fortunately we did, as it turned out to be the final race and we watched New Zealand win the race and retain the America’s Cup! This event will be an exciting memory for these students for years to come. Many thanks to everyone involved for making this impromptu special occasion happen.

Many thanks also to the volunteers and staff for their assistance at the Hockey Big Day out last week. Your help to provide our students with this experience is much appreciated.

David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki

Coming up:

- 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 – 8.45
- 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
- Wed 7 Apr Back to school
- Wed 7 Apr Y3, 4 & 5 girls self-defence
- Thu 8 Apr Y7 & 8 girls self-defence
- Fri 9 Apr Disco

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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DOC Information Centre Visits

This **Tuesday 23rd March Room 9** students are travelling to the DOC information centre up the Kauaeranga Valley. 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.





Thames Schools Cricket - Rhodes Park

This **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.**

Teen Esteem

This **Thursday 25th March** our **Year 6** students will be participating in the Teen Esteem programme here at school. This programme fosters creativity and well-being.

Repcos Beach Hop

The Beach Hop is coming to Thames **this Thursday** with a parade of cars on **Pollen Street at 11am**. Up to 600 cars will be displayed up and down the street. Our senior students will be running a food stall at the event to contribute to their trip fund-raising. The event will run until 2pm so we hope you can go along and join in the fun.



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!

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

University of Canterbury Kiwi Competitions

Once again this year the University of Canterbury is offering the Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions for schools. The Kiwi competitions are based on the New Zealand curriculum and the on-line competitions will be run in the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3. All participating students will be awarded a certificate, and a prize will be awarded to the top student in each competition. The cost for a student to participate is \$9.50 per competition entered. These are open to Year 5 to 8 students. Please see Mrs Saunders if you are interested.

School Attendance in 2021

Moanataiari School is committed to ensuring that all of our students get the most out of their education, and wants to support our students to maintain regular attendance. Students who attend school regularly learn more and achieve better results.

As parents, you have an important role in ensuring that your child attends school whenever it is open, unless there is a good reason for his/her absence. Acceptable reasons for absence include sickness or serious family circumstances, such as bereavement. Where there is a good reason for absence, please contact the school on 078686504, via the school app, or our website to let us know as soon as possible.

Your role in ensuring your child's regular attendance is so important that if you allow your child to miss school without a valid reason, you can be prosecuted under the Education Act 1989. While Moanataiari School does not want to prosecute any parent for their children's absence, we do take regular attendance seriously. We will be monitoring all unexplained absences and parents may face prosecution in cases where their child's unexplained absences are persistent.

If students frequently miss school without an explanation being provided, we will be contacting parents to request a meeting and to work with you to encourage better attendance. If the unexplained absences persist, we will send a formal warning letter, and may involve other agencies, such as the District Truancy Service, to follow up on the reason for the absence. If ongoing unexplained absence continues, a formal notice of prosecution and court action may follow. In a small number of cases where there has been a low percentage of attendance, this process will be reduced through an in-committee discussion of the Board of Trustees.

Please work with us to ensure that prosecutions can be avoided and help support your child to attend school regularly this year. **Attendance is important and every day counts.**



Moanataiari After-School Care

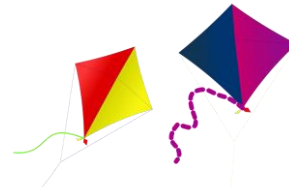
Bookings can be made through our school office (868 6504) or by contacting Donna directly on 027 547 9407.


Free Family Kite Making

Sunday 11 April – 1pm

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Anzac Parade

The Thames RSA has extended an invitation to our school community to participate in this year's ANZAC Day parade and civic service on **Sunday 25th April**. The parade will fall in at the corner of Pollen and Sealey Streets at 9.45am, and march along Pollen Street to the Thames War Memorial Civic Centre for the public service and laying of wreaths at the cenotaph.

