



MOANATAIARI SCHOOL

# Newsletter

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023

*Kia ora tātou*

*Our students had a wonderful day at hockey last week. It was great to see them demonstrate our school values and show some fantastic hockey skills! Thank you to the awesome parent help, without you our tamariki wouldn't have had this experience. Louise Hinds-Haye.*

*Congratulations to our EPro8 teams for placing 4<sup>th</sup> in both age categories. Many thanks to our team managers and all the parents who came along to support our students.*

*High School teachers are planning to strike later this week, however **this will not involve primary school teachers**, so it will be school as usual for us.*

*David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki*

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Student reports will be sent home on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**, and parent/teacher conferences will be held on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April**.

Bookings can be made via the SkoolLoop app, or manually at our school office.

Please note that school will **finish at 12 noon on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April**.



## 2023 Start Date & School Terms

Term 1: Tuesday 31 January to Thursday 6 April  
Term 2: Wednesday 26 April to Friday 30 June  
Term 3: Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September  
Term 4: Monday 9 October to Friday 15 December

### Coming up:

Tue 28 Mar Thames Valley Swimming Comp.  
Wed 29 Mar Whole School to Kuranui Bay  
Thu 30 Mar Room 7 trip to Miranda  
Mon 3 Apr Reports sent home  
Wed 5 Apr Parent/Teacher conferences

### School finishes at 12 noon

**Thu 6 Apr End of Term 1**  
Mon 24 Apr Teacher Only Day  
Tue 25 Apr Anzac Day  
**Wed 26 Apr Term 2 starts**

## Jelly Cups Offenders

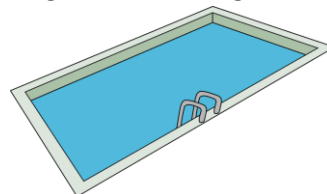
We often get all manner of items being flushed down the student toilets and blocking our sewerage system. The latest offenders have been small jelly cups.

Sometimes the lids can be difficult to tear off and the contents often spill out, so please do not send these to school in your child's lunchbox.



## Swimming Pool Closed

Our school pool is now closed for the season, so students no longer need to bring their togs to school.



All the best to Pearl Newton, Lilly Donaldson and Josh Dennis at the Thames Valley School swimming competition on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>** at Centennial Pools from 9am.

# KURANUI BAY

Come & join us on  
Wednesday 29th March  
12:00 pm

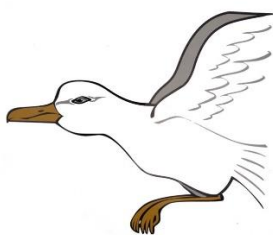


We invite all whānau to come along and join us at Kuranui Bay **THIS Wednesday 29th March** at **12:00pm**. The whole school will be heading down and students will be involved in a beach clean up, scavenger hunt, and will finish with an observation of the birds. We have some guests attending, and a sausage sizzle and hot chips will be provided. We will also be unveiling something very special.

This is a project that was funded last year by the Seagull Centre. The funding was given to us to continue and expand on the excellent mahi we do as guardians of Kuranui Bay.

**Please ensure your child has a hat and wears good walking shoes on Wednesday.**

Thank you to the Seagull Centre for funding our project.



SEAGULL CENTRE

**Te rerenga korero:**

**Kei te whakarongo koe?**

Are you listening?

**Ae, kei te whakarongo ahau**

Yes, I am listening.

## Room 5 & 3

On Wednesday we read a story about glow worms. We watched a video and learnt that they are not worms but larvae of a flying insect. We also learnt about bio luminescence. Our glow worms have glow sticks in them and we will watch them glow tonight at home.



## Senior Camp Notices

Please ensure that camp permission forms for Rooms 6 and 7 are returned to the school office by Wednesday this week, along with the \$50 deposit, if you haven't already done so.



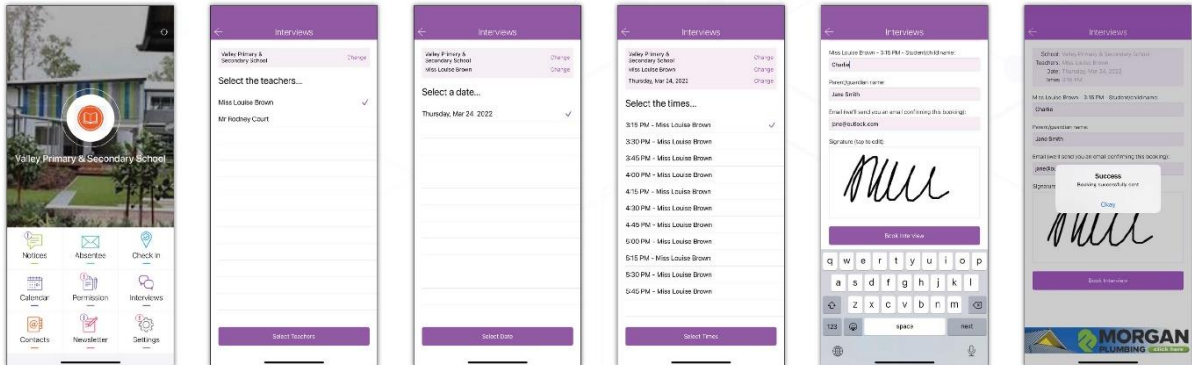
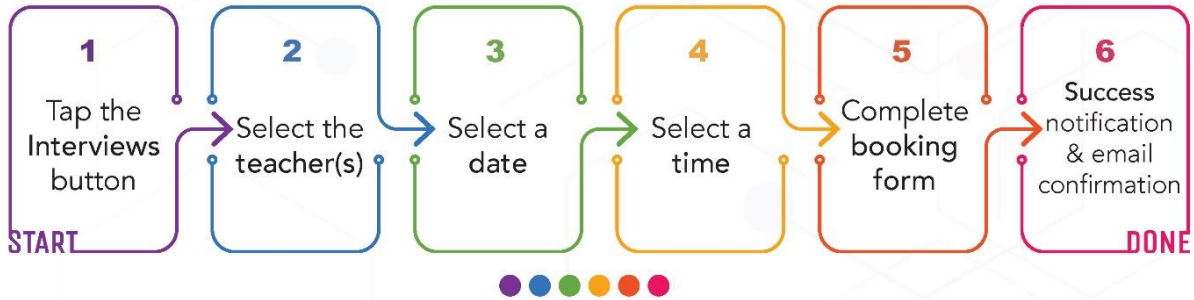
## TCDC/Moanataiari Residents Meeting

This Wednesday **29<sup>th</sup> March** TCDC is meeting with Moanataiari residents at the **Civic Centre** at **5.30pm** to discuss climate issues. Any Moanataiari School parents are welcome to attend also.

# Booking Interviews with

## THE SKOOL LOOP APP

Download **The Skool Loop App**. A simple 100% free download: In Google Play & App Store search '**Skool Loop**' & choose our school once installed.



## Community News

### Menzshed Thames Autumn Garage Sale

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

9am till 12.30pm

*Cash sales only*

Surplus machines: bandsaw, woodturning lathe, power and hand tools.

Handy nuts, bolts, engineering and woodwork bits.

Opposite The Warehouse at 412 Queen St, down the Chorus driveway to the back of the yard.

### NARNIA HOLIDAY CAMPS

at Kauaeranga Valley Christian Camp

Junior: Year 3 to 6 – 11 to 14 April

Senior: Year 7 & 8 – 16 to 21 April

Visit [KVCC.org.nz](http://KVCC.org.nz) for information and booking.

**JUNIOR KICK AROUND**

**INTERESTED IN PLAYING FOOTBALL THEN COME ALONG MONDAY AFTERNOONS**

**OPEN TO ALL 4-13 YEAR OLDS**

**RHODES PARK, THAMES**  
**4:30-5:30PM**  
**MONDAYS**

THAMES F.C.

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Moanataiari School Bank Account: ANZ Thames 01 0455 0108122 01

# E-PĀ WARAS

Friday 28 April 2023  
9am - 2pm

Thames War Memorial Hall  
200 Mary Street, Thames

"Boost your wairoro!"



TE MATARAU  
NGĀTI TAMATERĀ  
TE HAPŪRI  
MĀTHIKŌ  
ARATAKI  
BODZ

# NGAKAU O TE RĀKAU OKI

## THE HEART OF THE OAK

### 2023 CARVING SYMPOSIUM!

The second week of the school holidays  
**April 17th to 23rd!**

Te Kura o Te Kauaeranga (Thames South School)  
Entrance on Grey Street onto the Kura/School field.

Professional Carvers from all over Aotearoa, including some of our own Local Talent from Hauraki will spend one week carving sculptures from the 100+ year old Oak Tree that once stood at the gateway to Te Kura o Te Kauaeranga.

This community event offers a rare opportunity to see 20 experienced carvers as they work on their creations from the huge trunk sections and limb pieces.

**The Symposium will be open every day**  
Monday till Friday 2pm till 6pm  
Saturday 10am till 4pm  
Sunday 10am till the end of our  
**Public Auction! All sculptures will be for sale.**  
Auction starts at 1pm Sunday + BBQ

A gold coin entry donation is appreciated.  
Thank you and see you there!  
Please get in contact by emailing [tes.rae@gmail.com](mailto:tes.rae@gmail.com)

Just to inform you, if some of you don't know, about the sad passing of Lesley, one of our kaiako at Central Kids Early Childhood Centre on 28th February. The Kāhui Ako sent flowers to Central Kids, to show our aroha and our support.

To honour Lesley, Thames Kindergarten has decided to sponsor a sculpture in the 2023 sculpturing symposium (Nga kau O te Rakau Oki) "The Heart of the Oak" that will commence on APRIL 17th to 23rd in Thames on the field at the kura next to Kindy. Some of NZ top professional sculptors have been invited to attend and participate to create Artistic Sculptures from the fallen Oak tree that once stood at the entrance to the Kura, on Rolleston St Thames.

### Nutrition for Learning

The school day involves lots of concentration and physical exertion so our students need plenty of nutritious food to get them through the day. We encourage plenty of healthy food options in student lunch boxes to help them learn and perform their best.

**Sandwiches, fruits, nuts, vegetables and dairy products provide sustained energy.**

We suggest processed foods should be reserved for occasional special treats at home.



Did you know that vitamin A helps our bodies to heal? A cheap and tasty way to consume vitamin A is by eating carrots, and they're easy to put in lunchboxes.

