



Newsletter

Monday 29th March 2021

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Kia ora tātou

Many thanks to all of our helpers last week at various events. Your support is crucial for our students to participate in these events and is much appreciated.

The Easter holidays are upon us at the end of this week and we wish all of our families an enjoyable Easter break. Please note that Tuesday is also a holiday for all schools.

We are nearing the end of Term 1, and student reports will be sent home on Monday 12th April. Parent/teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday 14th April. Please note that school will close at 12 noon on the day of the conferences.

David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki

Coming up:

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
Mon 12 Apr	Y7&8 hearing & vision testing 9am
Mon 12 Apr	Student reports sent home
Tue 13 Apr	OPSM screening for all students
Wed 14 Apr	Parent/teacher conferences - 12 noon finish
Fri 16 Apr	PTA mufti fundraiser
Fri 16 Apr	End of Term 1
Mon 3 May	Term 2 starts

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 Fri 17 December

Moanataiari School Bank Account:

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Easter holidays

Please note that Tuesday 6th of April is included in the Easter holiday break and school will be closed. School will resume on Wednesday 7th.



Girls' self-defence project

Our Year 3-8 girls will be participating in the self-defence project course next week here at school. The course is run by the Women's Self-Defence Network – Wāhine Toa. The qualified self-defence tutor will help the girls learn ways of dealing with unsafe people and situations.

From the dental unit

All parents and guardians, if you have any pre-schoolers at home and would like to book a dental check for them while the van is at Moanataiari School, please call 021356297.



WHOLE SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Conferences

On **Wednesday 14th April** all of our classes will be holding parent/caregiver interviews. Please find more information and a booking form attached.

Please send your booking form into the office asap to book an interview time or phone the office on 868 6504.



Reports will be sent home on Monday 12th April. Please bring them with you to the conference.

Please Note

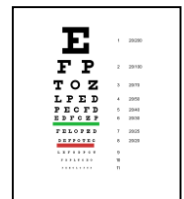
School will close at 12 noon on Wednesday 14th April.

Childcare arrangements will need to be made after 12 noon as the school is not able to provide supervision until 3pm.

Donna will be running the after-school care programme here at school from 12 noon on this day. Message 0275479407 to book in.

OPSM vision testing

OPSM will be visiting our school on **Tuesday 13th April** to test the vision of all of our students. If your child is already under an optician, or you do not want your child to be screened, please send a note to our school office asap. The OPSM vision screening is more in-depth than the regular hearing and vision technician tests.



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!

Thank you Mrs Greenjeans

We are very grateful to Korby for his generous donation of vegetable seedling plants for our garden. This means a great saving for us, and is very convenient! Don't forget to visit the Mrs Greenjeans stall at the Thames Saturday market if you need plants for home.



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

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.



Community Notices



Moanataiari After-School Care

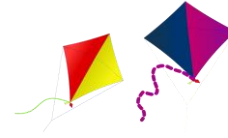
Bookings can be made through our school office (868 6504) or by contacting Donna directly on 027 547 9407.

Free Family Kite Making

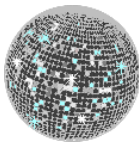
Sunday 11 April – 1pm

Danby field, Thames

Sponsored by Thames Lions Club



Moanataiari School Disco



Friday 9th April 2021



6.00-7.00pm Juniors * 7.30-9.00pm Seniors

Entry \$5 in Room 6

Food and drinks will be available for sale.

Bring a friend!

Thames Music and Drama

are holding auditions for their next big musical show to be staged July 3-10th "Peter Pan & the Medallion's Secret". We have a large cast including roles for adults, teens and children.

Auditions for kids aged 7 – 12 years will be in a group workshop format (so as to be less daunting) **on Monday 5th April from 4-5pm at Thames Youth Centre .**

For more information see their website <https://www.thamesmad.co/about>
[1-cqrg](https://www.thamesmad.co/about)
www.thamesmad.co

Thames Music and Drama in association with APRA **presents**



Thames Civic Centre
3rd – 10th July 2021

Tickets from www.thamesmad.co

COVID-19 vaccine update from the New Zealand Government

24 March 2021

Vaccines: Border & MIQ workers and Case A

Ninety-five percent of our border and MIQ workforce have had their first dose and a significant number have now had their second dose.

Scaling up...

41,500 doses of the vaccine have been administered and more than 1300 vaccinators have completed the Pfizer vaccine training.

By Tuesday 30 March 2021, nearly 50 vaccination clinics will be open.

This means the focus will shift toward **Group 2**, our high-risk frontline healthcare workers. This group includes staff who have direct contact with patients, including people who potentially have COVID-19 and/or are working with potential COVID-19 samples.

For more information on when you can get your vaccine and what group you are in, go to the [Unite Against COVID-19 website](#).

Case A - explained

In the case of the cleaner (Case A) at the Grand Millennium (MIQ facility), genome sequencing has shown a clear link between this case and a returnee.

Case A had their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine on 23 February. They came into contact with the returnee from overseas before they received their second dose on 16 March.

For many people the vaccine stops them getting COVID-19 at all. For others, even a single dose provides some protection, and their infection is mild. Case A remains asymptomatic.

Full vaccination is important. With the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine that is two doses, three week apart.

After news of these latest cases, Healthline reported an increase in border workers calling to book in their second vaccine dose, as well as their household members reaching out to ensure they too get vaccinated.

Watch Director General of Health Bloomfield explain the details around Case A.

COVID-19 vaccine for urgent overseas travel

New Zealanders needing to travel overseas urgently on either compassionate grounds or for reasons of national significance, can apply for early vaccination, under very strict criteria.

The compassionate grounds that would be considered include:

- needing to provide critical care and protection for a dependent
- accessing critical medical care that is not available in New Zealand
- visiting an immediate family member who is dying

It does not include reuniting with family, attending a funeral or memorial service, or attending school or university.

Any private or recreational travel will not be considered.

National significance overseas travel will include representing New Zealand:

- in an official capacity
- at significant international events
- in an official non-government capacity

Any national significance request would need to be made by the appropriate agency or association on behalf of the individual.

Outgoing travel must be on or before 31 August 2021, with return arrangements in place.

More information is available on today's announcement. Applications open on 31 March 2021.

Vaccine scams and misinformation

Misinformation works against us at a time when we need to work together to beat the virus.

Key things everyone should know are:

- The vaccine is free and at no point will you ever be asked to pay for securing your place in the “queue”.
- Clinical trials show the Pfizer&BioNTech vaccine is very safe and effective. All the usual clinical trial processes were followed throughout the vaccine's development.
- The Pfizer&BioNTech vaccine has NO COVID-19 virus in it whatsoever.
- Any official communications about the vaccine will come from Unite Against COVID-19, the Ministry of Health or your health provider.
- If you receive any emails out of the blue asking for financial and personal details it is likely to be a scam.
- The best way you can help stop these scams affecting New Zealanders is to report them to CERT NZ.

Getting the right information matters. You can always find accurate and timely information on our website and through our social channels - Facebook Instagram and Twitter.

Resources

Where to find trustworthy information about vaccines:

Unite Against COVID-19

Vaccine information from Unite Against COVID-19

Ministry of Health

The Ministry of Health leads New Zealand’s health and disability system, and has overall responsibility for the management and development of that system.

Vaccine information from the Ministry of Health.

The Immunisation Advisory Centre (IMAC)

IMAC is a nationwide organisation based at the School of Population Health at The University of Auckland. It provides independent, factual information based on international and New Zealand scientific research about vaccine-preventable diseases the benefits and risks of immunisation.

Vaccine information from IMAC.



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PARENT/CAREGIVER CONFERENCES

WEDNESDAY 14TH APRIL 2021

We take the opportunity of meeting with parents and caregivers at this time of the year to discuss your child's progress. This also offers the teachers the best way to find out any important information which may affect your child's learning. Similarly, the teachers may have strategies which you could use to aid your child at home. We would like the pupils to be involved in the conferences.

Each conference will be **10 minutes** duration. If you want more time, please make a further appointment with your child's teacher. **Please endeavour to be on time as any delay affects others and your interview may be shortened.** A bell will ring to start each new 10 minute interview.



We will send reports home on Monday 12th April. **Please bring your child's report and your child** to the conference.

Fill in the time that suits you best for each child on the booking form attached and return the form to the office as soon as possible. Conference times will be confirmed and returned to parents the same day a time is booked. We will attempt to give a time as close as possible to your request.

If you are unable to attend your confirmed conference time, please let the office know asap.

Please Note
School will close at 12 noon on this day.

Childcare arrangements will need to be made after 12 noon as the school is not able to provide supervision until 3pm.



FAMILY SURNAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

Please add your child's name in the column of their teacher at the time that suits you to visit
and return the form to the office as soon as possible.

This form will be returned to you with confirmed times ticked or alternative times.

If you are unable to attend your confirmed conference time, please let the office know asap.

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