

# Newsletter

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

*Kia ora tātou*

*It is with much sadness we have learnt of the recent passing of Lesley Fowler-Reynolds and Medenine Moore from within our school community. Our condolences and thoughts go out to the families of both of these ladies.*

*Many thanks to everyone who gave a gold coin, or more, to the mufti day for the bay. We raised \$345.10 to send to Hawkes Bay and Tarawhiti schools.*

*David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki*

## Senior Swimming

The sun shone and we had a fantastic senior swimming sports on Friday. Our house leaders did an excellent job of organising their houses, and the students made an effort to participate, cheer others on, and wear their house colours.

Some students will bring a letter home tomorrow to compete in time trials with Te Puru School at the Centennial Pools on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Please fill this in and return it promptly to Mrs Saunders.

Qualifiers from that event will be selected to compete at the Thames Valley swimming competition on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**.



## 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:

Wed 8 Mar	Dominos pizza fundraiser
Thu 9 Mar	Room 2 shorebird trip
Mon 13 Mar	Swimming time trials
Thu 16 Mar	Room 7 shorebird trip
Thu 16 Mar	Thames Valley swimming event
Thu 16 Mar	Possible teacher strike – to confirm
Fri 17 Mar	Super Smash cricket
Mon 20 Mar	BoT meeting 5.30pm
Wed 22 Mar	Hockey Big Days Out at Ngatea
Thu 23 Mar	EPro8 Year 7&8 5.00pm
Fri 24 Mar	EPro8 Year 4&5 9.30am

## EPro8

Rooms 2, 6 & 7 enjoyed using the ePro8 kits last week to complete challenges. Our teams competing in the interschool consist of Year 5 & 6: Lilly-Ann Sands-Gage, Sherwin Joseph and Isabella White, Lilly Roath, and Year 7 & 8: Max White, Ben Ashby, Jorawer Thiara and Byron Johnson.

Please return your forms to Mrs Saunders ASAP.



## Pukorokoro Miranda Shorebird Centre Trips

Each class has sent home a permission slip and transport assistance request. Please return these asap. ***There is a \$5 fee per student which can be paid at the school office.***

Room 2 – Thursday 9 March  
Room 7 – Thursday 16 March



## Moanataiari School Sports Shirts

Our sports shirts were issued to some students last year for various events and with the 2023 sporting events about to start, we need all shirts returned. If you have a sports shirt at home, please bring it back to school asap.

These shirts cost approximately \$40 each to replace. *Thank you.*



## Take It Down

In the event that students come across any objectionable material of themselves and wish to attempt to have it taken down, please see link below as to how this is supported/done by the National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)

<https://takeitdown.ncmec.org/>

## Supersmash Cricket

Thank you to all those that returned their forms for this cricket event on **Friday 17th March**. We have entered a team in each age group.

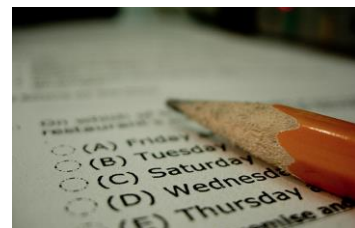
**However, there is not enough transport for all students.**

If you can help with transport please make contact with Andrea Saunders, otherwise, some students will not be able to attend.



## Kiwi Competitions

Those interested in English, Science, and mathematics external examinations please pick up a registration letter from the office.



**Te rerenga korero:**

**Tangohia tō pōtae**

Take off your hat.

A poster for a Domino's Thames fundraising event. The poster features the Domino's logo at the top, followed by the text "RAISE SOME DOUGH FOR MOANATAIARI SCHOOL". Below this, it says "3PM TO 9 PM WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH 2023". A large "\$1" is shown next to the text "FROM EACH PIZZA\* SOLD WILL BE DONATED TO HELP FUND THE SCHOOL'S END OF YEAR JUNIOR TRIP (EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM)". At the bottom, there is an illustration of a Domino's store and the text "DOMINO'S THAMES 640 POLLEN STREET THAMES". At the very bottom, it says "DOWNLOAD THE DOMINO'S APP 0800 30 40 50 DOMINOS.NZ".

**This Wednesday!**

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### **Migrating Godwits**

Soaring into the limitless sky,  
A born traveller crosses the sky with his group.  
The godwits' silvery quills reflect the sun as they glide.  
The roaring sky as their adventure comes to an end.  
The airborne ranger starts to pursue the best breeding space.

***By Dylan Black, Year 7***

### **The Born Traveller**

Speeding through the domestic daylight.  
Gathering to a v formation.  
From a distance, they preserve,  
Born travellers, as they go to their destination.  
As the snow drops,  
A great master, the Godwit never stops going.  
It needs to keep on trying for his words of promise.  
They will get there, believing they can.

***By Bayley David, Year 7***

### **Jump**

#### **Free Broadband**

***(for families with students who currently don't have broadband at home)***

Ciena and Skinny Jump have teamed up to sponsor Jump for selected homes. This means your family could be eligible for free broadband for the entire school year.

Application forms with more information are available from our school office.

## **Community News**

### **Marimba Classes for ages 9 and over**

Marimbas are part of the percussion family. My approach is to teach simple music as a vehicle for a successful musical experience. This way non-musicians and young beginners can experience the fun and exhilaration of playing marimbas together.

Contact Shelley Sweet for more information on 021 915 891.

### **Thames Junior Rugby Club 2023 Registration Muster**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March at Thames Rugby Club**

Sausage sizzle and games

Fees: Year 3-8 \$60/player, \$110 for 2 or more players/family

Year 0-2 \$50 rippa rugby

Register and pay fees by 1<sup>st</sup> April via sport Online or at muster and be in to win free rugby boots.

Second hand rugby gear collection – bring to muster.

Enquiries: tjrsec@gmail.com

### **Homebased childcare available in the Thames area**

Spaces available for children to join our little team of awesomeness. Megan has been an early childhood educator for 13 years and believes in nurturing every child and help them to flourish. As part of our weekly curriculum, we attend many community groups such as Playcentre, tumble tots and library time. To discover more about the opportunities I offer, call JeMMA's for more details and/or arrange a visit to meet me. I am more than happy for you to talk with the other parents I currently care for to help you with making your decision. You can reach JeMMA's on 0800536627. To learn more, click the link: <https://www.jemmas.co.nz/educators/megan/>

