



Newsletter

Monday 8th March 2021

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Kia ora tātou

Our evacuation up to Moanataiari Creek Road for the tsunami warning went very smoothly and promptly. The more our students practise this sort of emergency, the better they cope with real emergencies. Our school app worked well to keep families informed about their children.

David Brock, Principal – Tumuaiki

Coming up:

- Tue 9 Mar Tutus on Tour visit – Hamilton
- Tue 9 Mar Swimming times trials
- Thu 11 Mar Hockey training – all classes, here
- Thu 18 Mar Hockey big day out
- Tue 23 Mar Room 9 trip to DOC centre
- Tue 23 Mar BoT meeting 5.30pm
- Wed 24 Mar Room 5 trip to DOC centre
- 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

2021 School Terms

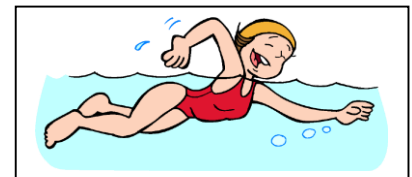
- Term 1: Tuesday 2 February to Friday 16 April
- Term 2: Monday 3 May to Friday 9 July
- Term 3: Monday 26 July to Friday 1 October
- Term 4: Monday 18 October to Thurs 16 Dec

Moanataiari School Bank Account:

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Thames Swimming Times Trials

Selected students have received notices for the swimming times trials tomorrow (9th March) at Centennial Pool, starting at 9.30am.



Hockey Big Day Out

We have 15 students participating in this event on **Thursday 18th March**. We will be leaving school at 8.30 a.m. and returning by 3.00 p.m. Students, please remember to bring your lunch, drink bottle, appropriate covered in shoes, shorts, sun hat. If you have a mouth-guard or shin-guards please bring them. A mouth-guard is advisable!

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. **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. Please return the signed forms to the teacher or office asap, thanks.



Thames Schools Cricket Festival

The new date for this event is **Thursday 25th March from 9am** until 2.30pm at Rhodes Park. 26th March will be a back-up date. If you offered transport for the previous date, please let the office know if you can still help with transport.



Senior visit to Wellington

We have booked the flight to Wellington in November for our students from Rooms 6 and 7. The plan for this special trip looks very exciting with lots of interesting places to visit and experience.

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.*

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. Casual or regular bookings will cost \$7.00 for the first hour from 3pm, up to \$14 for 2.5 hours per day per child.

Thames Junior Rugby Club

2021 Rugby Muster

At the clubrooms, Rhodes Park
9th and 11th March 4.30pm – 6.30pm

\$60 per player

\$110 for 2 or more players per family

\$50 Rippa (under 7)

Correct cash or eftpos available

Enquiries: tjrsec@gmail.com

Come and join in the fun activities

Free sausage sizzle

Second hand rugby gear collection:

If you have any gear you would like to donate, please bring it to the muster.

Calling all Year 7 and 8 Girls!

If you are keen on playing rugby then come to our muster on 9th and 11th March, 4.30pm to 6.30pm as per the notice above.

Thames Junior Hockey

Interested in playing hockey?

Muster on Sunday 28th March 1pm
at Ngatea turf.

Come along for an introduction to hockey and fun games.

Check out our facebook page for registration information or email

thamesjuniorhockey@gmail.com.



Please note market could be cancelled due to covid levels

Order online @am19127@thameshigh.school.nz

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JUNIOR NETBALL GET TOGETHER

Is your child interested in netball?
We need you!
You are invited to a get together
to discuss junior netball this season



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.



Garden Newsletter Term 1 2021

Hello Everyone,
Welcome back to the garden for another fun and busy year.
We have had a very hot, dry summer and our garden beds are
feeling the heat.
At the end of last year, we planted pumpkins, squash, and
watermelons. With the help of some watering, these will soon be
ready to harvest. A group of students in room 6 has already
begun researching delicious pumpkin recipes, yum!



While we are waiting for our pumpkins to finish growing we are
working in other spaces in the garden. We have begun clearing the
weeds and grass from under the fruit trees, so that we can plant
some flowers for our pollinators. We have also been busy clearing the
summer grass growth away from the little trees
in the Native Tree Garden. Some of our trees
and flaxes have not survived through the
summer, we will look at replacing these with
more of the hardy varieties that have survived the conditions.





Summer is a great time to observe the abundance of insect life in the garden.

Students have been enjoying exploring the environment with magnifying glasses, finding and identifying many different bugs. Budding scientists!

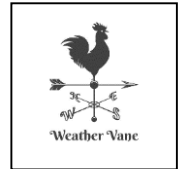


Our rainwater collection tanks have been delivered, we are just waiting on the plumbing pipes to connect them up. Very soon they will be in place and ready for use, a fantastic

asset for the garden. The funding also stretched to some new watering cans to help us deliver the rainwater from the tanks to our plants in the garden.



Another new addition to our garden is a sundial, classes have been looking at how it works and thinking about compass directions. Room 9 has a weather station that they are looking to set up in the garden, this includes a weather vane that will help us learn about the direction of our prevailing winds. We will also be able to measure rainfall with the rain gauge.



Room 6 has begun planning some individual projects in the garden. The students are taking on responsibility for looking after garden beds around the school grounds and also various pots and tyres with plants in them. One group is looking at revamping the little pond by the guava tree in the quadrangle area. Thanks room 6, you will help our school look even more beautiful! Here are some “before” pictures. We can’t wait to see what you do room 6.



This week is Seaweek - Kaupapa Moana from 6 to 14 March. Seaweek is New Zealand's annual national week celebrating the sea, hosted by the NZ Association for Environmental Education (NZAEE). This year the Seaweek theme is Connecting With Our Seas - Toi Moana, Toi Tangata. In the garden, we will be looking at how the coastal environment is different from an inland environment when it comes to plants. We will also be exploring how the sea helps our garden, for example with the use of seaweed and fertilizers made with products from the sea.

So much to look forward to in the garden in the coming term, and remember extra help from volunteers is always welcome in our garden - when alert levels allow!

Claire Nankivell