



Newsletter

Monday 5th May 2025

Kia ora tātou

Thank you to those people who attended our great movie night last Friday. We raised funds to go towards our netball uniforms. Thank you also to our wonderful PTA for organising this fun event.

David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki

Specsavers Free Screening for all Students

Specsavers will be visiting our school tomorrow, Tuesday 6 May to vision test all of our students for free.

If you do not want your child tested, please contact our office on 868 6504.



Thomas Train Official Re-Opening

Come along and join us to celebrate the re-opening of our refurbished Thomas Train this Wednesday 7th May at 10am. A huge thank you to Rotary for all their hard work in restoring Thomas to his original glory.



2024 Start Date & School Terms

Term 1: Thursday 30 January to Friday 11 April

Term 2: Monday 28 April to Friday 27 June

Term 3: Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September

Term 4: Monday 6 October to Monday 15 December

Coming up:

Mon 5 May BoT meeting 5.30pm

Tue 6 May Specsavers free screening

Wed 7 May Thomas train celebration 10am

Thu 8 May Waikato PCT challenge

Thu 8 May NED event 2pm

Thu 8 May Netball season starts

Mon 12 May PTA meeting 5.15pm



The NED show will be coming to our school this week on **Thursday 8th May at 2pm.**

NED's Resiliency Ride, is a **FREE** character education programme that centres around three important messages that have lifelong relevance: Never give up, Encourage others and Do your best.

During the show, students will learn about the importance of these three life skills while also enjoying storytelling, magic, humour and yo-yo tricks.

www.theNEDshow.com/ned_program.html

NED yo-yo products will be available to purchase from our school office from 8th to 14th May, 8.30am to 3.30pm. Please see the attached order form.

Te rerenga korero:

Haere mai ki komei *Come over here*

Neke mai *Move closer*

Netball

This season's netball starts this Thursday the 8th of May.

The teams have already started practicing and we are looking forward to a great season. Coaches of the year 5 & 6 and year 7 & 8 will notify teams their game times.

Year 1 and 2 students will have a coaching session from 3.45pm to 4.50pm on court 6 with coach Mallory.

Year 3 and 4 students will have a coaching session from 3.45pm to 4.50pm on court 5 with coach Ashley.



Yummy Apple Stickers

Remember to bring your Yummy apple stickers in to school so we can send them off in return for sports equipment for our school.



Gymfest

The 2025 gymfest is being held in **week 9 on Tuesday the 24th of June.**

There will be a note going home today to interested students with the details we have so far and a permission slip.

We would appreciate parent support with coaching for this event also. Thank you.



Waikato PCT Challenge

Thursday the 8th of May 8.45am-1.00pm

This week four students from Moanataiari School will be participating in the 2025 PCT (Police Competency Test) challenge for students.

The Police, in conjunction with Bluelight, organise this event which involves a range of physical team challenges.

The students representing our school are Alivia Takiwa, Lylah Bain, Mavia Shiriwastow, Joshua Le Roux.

The event is being held at Te Aroha Silver Fern Farms Event Centre, 44 Stanley Avenue, Te Aroha. These students will need to be at school by 7.45am.

Ms Trenwith will be taking the students over, but you are most welcome to come and watch.

Ki-O-Rahi

As part of our upcoming Matariki celebrations, some of our year 7 & 8 students will be taking part in a Ki-O-Rahi tournament at Te Puru School. on Wednesday 18th of June (week 8), 9:30am arrival time.

Izaak Garmey and Matua Clay will be taking students for practices leading up to the tournament. They will also be teaching the pūrakau story of Ki-o-Rahi origin.

We will also need transport to and from Te Puru School and would appreciate your support.

Epro8 Semi - finals Tournament

Well done to Mason Hopkirk, Sophie Takiwa, Macy Donaldson and Izzy Parkinson who did a great job representing our school at the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Epro8 tournament in Hamilton last Friday. They didn't place but were leading most of the time and did very well with some difficult challenges. Well done to you all for your fantastic efforts.



Chocolate Fundraiser for Rooms 6 and 9 Finlay Park Camp

A form was sent home to those students interested in selling chocolates as a personal fundraiser for camp. The form was to be brought back to school by last Friday, indicating how many boxes you were wanting to order. We will be ordering the first round of chocolates tomorrow so forms need to be returned to school by the first thing tomorrow morning. The chocolates should be here by Friday or early next week



Understand your child's learning

Information and resources for parents, caregivers and whānau

A new webspace on [education.govt.nz](https://www.education.govt.nz) houses practical videos, activities and resources for supporting learning that are easy to understand, empowering you to take an active role in your child's education.

An introductory video that walks you through the content is available [here](#).

With the launch of the 'parent-friendly' versions of both our national curricula, you will know exactly what your child is learning, why it's important, and when they'll be learning it, so that you can actively support and complement your child's learning at home and have meaningful conversations with your child's teacher or kaiako.



To navigate the website, you can choose which curriculum you want to learn more about and then go to your child's year level.



There are practice activities for each year level that you can do with your child, and 'tips and tricks' to support learning at home. Phonics cards come with parent guidance with audio files to model the correct sounds.



There is also a guide on how to prepare for the first day of school, and tips for parent-teacher interviews.



The webspace also houses important information about how children will be assessed in the early years of schooling through the new Phonics Checks and Hihira Weteoro. It describes how parents and whānau can access additional support that their child or tamaiti might need.



As the national curriculum continues to be updated and implemented in all schools and kura over the next few years, more resources and supports will become available for parents, caregivers and whānau. We encourage you to visit the new webspace and check out the current resources, guides and videos available. If you have any feedback or suggestions, please email us at tepoutahu.engagement@education.govt.nz

www.education.govt.nz

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ATTENDANCE 2025

WE ARE HERE TO HELP – EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS!



OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE – LET'S KEEP IT UP!

In Term 1, our school achieved an impressive attendance rate of 74.5%, well above our goal of 65%! A great effort!



WINTER MONTHS

As we head into the winter months, we understand illness may affect attendance. Let's continue working together to prioritise school every day your child is well enough to attend.



SUPPORT

If you're concerned about your child's health, we can connect you with our Public Health Nurse or you may consider the flu vaccine. We offer free hand sanitiser to help prevent the spread of illness—just contact the office if you'd like some.



WHAT DOESN'T COUNT AS JUSTIFIED ABSENCE

Days off for birthdays or holidays during term time are not considered justified. Please note: We can no longer approve overseas or domestic holidays during term time.



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

The Stepped Attendance Response (STAR) sets expectations for school, student, parent/guardian, Ministry of Education in relation to student absence. Further info: <https://www.education.govt.nz/stepped-attendance-response-star>



REFERRALS FOR LOW ATTENDANCE

Before any referral, our school will:

- Send a letter home,
- Follow up with a text,
- Make a phone call, and
- Arrange a whānau meeting, if needed.



Stop Press – Netball Congratulations!

We have just been notified that the following Moanataiari School students have been selected to play in the Thames Valley Champs Netball Tournament in Te Aroha on 18th May:

Sartaj Singh, Mavia Shiriwastow, Isabella White, Cora Williams-Watene, Lylah Bain and Macy Donaldson.

A draw will follow once registrations are closed. We ask that all players meet inside the pavilion at 4pm for a meet & greet and uniforms.

Community Notices

Music at Moanataiari

Guitar * Bass * Ukulele * Drums

Tuition by Jessica Paton from Garden Music Thames. I provide the instruments and resources as well as homework. All ages and skill levels welcome!

Lessons happen at school during class hours
\$15 for 15 minutes
\$30 for 30 minutes

Bookings by email:

gardenmusicaotearoa@gmail.com

Invoiced per term, payment plans and sponsorships available.

Mothers Day at the Goldfields Mall

Saturday May 10th 2025

By The Thames Floral Art Club

A time for children to come along and make a Posy for
Mum, Nana, Grandma, Teacher or elderly friend.

10am–3pm

To book your spot phone Maggie (07) 868 7573 after 5pm

Rostered in half hour blocks

Please stay with your children while they create something
wonderful.

While the Flowers/foilage are freely given a gold coin
donation would be most welcome to help with costs

While at the Mall look at the floral designs and vote for your
top 5.

Tickets 1-5 available in the centre court

Enjoy your day from

The Floral Art Ladies

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Moanataiari School contact details update:

Have you changed your contact details, or address recently? If so, please fill in this slip and send it in to our school office, thank you.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

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NED'S
**Resiliency
RIDE**

Hey KIDS and families!

NED's Resiliency Ride is visiting our school! The assembly is filled with storytelling, humor, illusions and amazing yo-yo tricks where our kids learn the hidden message in NED's name:

Never give up **E**ncourage others **D**o your best®

Do you want to learn to yo? A yo-yo is both a learning tool and a tangible reminder of NED's message. While learning to yo, children will make mistakes, try again and improve.

Our school yo-yo sale

Our school received this assembly at no-cost because another school paid-it-forward to us. We want to help pay-it-forward too, and you can help by purchasing a NED-messaged yo-yo.

SALE DATES: 8th to 14th May TIME: 8:30am to 3:30pm

ADDITIONAL DETAILS: from our school office.

Yo-yo designs, colors and availability may vary.
Prices include tax (where applicable).



STUDENT ORDER FORM:

REPLACEMENT STRING PACK

Ten assorted strings to change color or replace a worn out yo-yo string.

NZ\$6



NZ\$12

YO HOLSTER

Keep track of your yo and have it ready to go. Attach it to your belt loop or backpack (yo-yo not included).

CLASSIC YOS

Learn the basics of yo-yoing with assorted fixed axle yo-yos.

NZ\$16



NED (front)



NED (back)

SUPER SPINNERS

Great for basic and intermediate tricks. With a strong throw, these auto-return yo-yos sleep at the end of the string & then come back automatically.

NZ\$20



MAX



TRIXIE

SPECIALTY SURPRISE SELECTION

Assorted professional yo-yos for next level tricks! For younger players, add 5 string wraps around the axle for easy play.

NZ\$25



SPARK



FLASH



UFO



XBOT



STARBURST



STORM



GALAXY



EXCELERATOR

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

For more yo-yo fun and
to learn tricks, check out:
NEDkids.com



Yo-yo designs, colors and
availability may vary.
Prices include tax (where applicable).

ITEM	PRICE	QTY.	SUBTOTAL
String Pack	NZ\$6		
Holster	NZ\$12		
Classic Yo	NZ\$16		
Super Spinner	NZ\$20		
Specialty Yo	NZ\$25		
TOTAL DUE			