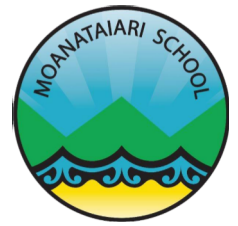


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# MOANATAIARI SCHOOL

## SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

### Kia ora Moanataiari Whānau

In this update, we share a summary of our October and November Board meetings.

#### NEW POLICIES ADOPTED

##### ***School Uniform Policy***

The Board has approved a refreshed Uniform Policy that supports pride, unity, safety, inclusion, and student well-being.

Key points:

- Correct uniform is expected daily unless the principal grants an exemption.
- Approved items include jade/marine polo shirts with logo and navy shorts, pants, or skirts.
- Sunhats required in Terms 1 & 4.
- Jewellery limited to small plain studs/sleeper earrings, a watch (non-smart), and taonga or cultural/religious jewellery with principal approval.
- Temporary exemptions may be available for financial, medical, cultural, or religious needs.

##### ***Attendance Policy***

A new Attendance Policy has been adopted and will come into effect on 27 January 2026. This strengthens expectations for regular, punctual attendance and aligns with national requirements.

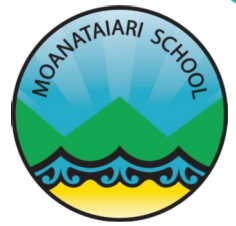
Key parts of the policy:

- Caregivers must notify the school on the day of absence, before 9:15 am.

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- Medical certificates required for prolonged or frequent illness.
- Attendance recorded daily; unexplained absences trigger same-day contact.
- Parents/Caregivers to ensure their contact details are always current and up to date.

#### ★ STAR – Stepped Attendance Response

The Ministry of Education's STAR model guides how schools respond when attendance begins to decline:

##### Stage A – Early Signs

Informal support to resolve minor or early absences.

##### Stage B – Moderate Concerns

Formal meeting and an Attendance Support Plan.

##### Stage C – Severe or Ongoing Absence

Referral to Attendance Services and potential Ministry escalation.

Learn more here:

[🔗 Stepped Attendance Response](#)

### **OUR COMMITMENT TO TE TIRITI O WAITANGI**

Moanataiari School continues to uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi as a living foundation of our educational practice.

As highlighted in the recent Thames Principals' collective statement, Te Tiriti underpins:

- Equity for all learners
- Cultural identity and belonging
- Safe and inclusive learning environments
- Partnership and participation with iwi, hapū, and whānau

We remain committed to supporting the success and well-being of all ākonga, especially tamariki Māori, through genuine partnership and continued advocacy.

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### **FAREWELL**

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We regret to inform you of Wayne Howes's resignation. Wayne has been a teacher at Moanataiari School for eleven years, teaching across various year levels, and has also been a member of the School Board and involved in many other areas of our school, such as EPr08, IT and photography. We wish Wayne the very best for his retirement. The Board appreciates all of Wayne's time, expertise and experience that he has provided over the years. You will be missed, Wayne.

Please join us in thanking Wayne for his outstanding service.

### **ASBESTOS UPDATE**

As mentioned in previous correspondence, we are pleased to report that no asbestos has been detected, and the site that was of concern has now been cleared following recent assessments.

### **THANK YOU TO OUR PTA**

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising a fantastic Light Up Thames event! Your time, commitment and enthusiasm brought the event together and provided much joy to our community. We appreciate everything you do.

### **THANK YOU TO OUR STAFF, WHĀNAU & VOLUNTEERS**

As the year draws to a close, the Board extends heartfelt thanks to:

- Our teaching and support staff for their dedication
- Parents, caregivers, volunteers, for their continuing support and who have helped with trips, camps, gardening, fundraising, classroom support, and more.
- All our sponsors who have generously supported us.

Many of our school activities simply wouldn't happen without your generosity.

Our next Board meeting will take place on Monday, 15th December. If you would like to attend this board meeting or a meeting in 2026, please contact our office.

Please keep an eye on our school calendar, social media platforms and newsletters for information and important dates for the remainder of this term.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Moanataiari School Board