



MOANATAIARI SCHOOL

# Newsletter

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024

*Kia ora tātou*

*Many thanks to all of our helpers on our Room 7 camp this Wednesday to Friday. Your assistance is very much appreciated.*

*Please note our uniform reminder in this newsletter and check that your child is dressed for school according to our policy.*

*David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki*

## Moanataiari Junior Athletics

Our junior students, from New Entrants to Year 3, will now be participating in our junior athletics events this **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November from 2pm**, as we had to postpone last week due to the rain. Supporters are very welcome to come and cheer our students along.



## Junior Trip to Kelly Tarlton's

Our junior students will be visiting Kelly Tarlton's on **Wednesday 27th November**. Our fundraising will cover the fees for our students, but there is a charge of \$32 per adult for our parent helpers. Please pay this amount to our school office by 22nd November. We value your support.



## 2024 School Terms

Term 3: Monday 22 July to Friday 29 September

Term 4: Monday 14 October to Wed 18 December

## 2025 Start Date

Term 1: Thursday 30 January to Friday 11 April

## Coming up:

- Mon 18 Nov BoT meeting 5.30pm
- Mon 18 Nov Road patrol training
- 20-22 Nov Room 7 camp
- Thu 21 Nov Junior athletics 2pm
- Tue 26 Nov Thames High orientation day
- Wed 27 Nov Junior trip to Kelly Tarltons
- Wed 4 Dec Helpers afternoon tea
- Thu 5 Dec Year 8 leavers dinner
- Thu 12 Dec BoT by-election closes at 4pm
- Thu 12 Dec End of Year event at Civic Centre

## Moanataiari Street Access Gates Closed

We are currently upgrading our junior toilets, so **access through the gate on Moanataiari Street is closed to students for safety reasons.**

**Please use the gates on Ensor Street or Kuranui Street.**

Junior students will use the senior toilets until the junior ones are re-opened.

## Road Patrol Training

Brian Connors will be coming to school on Monday **November the 18th** to do Road Patrol Training with the current year 6 students and refresh our current year 7 students, ready for Road Patrol duties next year.

Can you please discuss with your child if you would like them to take part in this, and be on the roster for road patrol in the afternoons next year. There will be a permission slip coming home soon.



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## Thames Inter-School Athletics

Congratulations to the following students:

### 8YO Boys

Kai James-Walsh: 3<sup>rd</sup> shot put

Ocean Naylor: 3<sup>rd</sup> discus

### 8YO Girls

Grace Epere: 2<sup>nd</sup> long jump

Alexia Russek: 2<sup>nd</sup> shot put, 1<sup>st</sup> discus, =reserve champion 8YO girl

### 9YO Boys

Malachi Petersen: 2<sup>nd</sup> 60m, 1<sup>st</sup> long jump, =reserve champion 9YO boy

Seungho Cho: 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m, 3<sup>rd</sup> 200m

### 9YO Girls

Izzy Parkinson: 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m, 1<sup>st</sup> 200m

Sofia Palu: 3<sup>rd</sup> shot put

### 10YO Boys

Denny Wallace: 3<sup>rd</sup> 200m, 1<sup>st</sup> 800m

### 10YO Girls

Theodora Reese: 2<sup>nd</sup> 800m

Lily Roath: 3<sup>rd</sup> long jump, 1<sup>st</sup> shot put, 3<sup>rd</sup> high jump

### 11YO Boys

Felix Welsh: 3<sup>rd</sup> 200m

### 11YO Girls

Caitlin Kenny: 1<sup>st</sup> 200m, 2<sup>nd</sup> 800m

Lylah Bain: 1<sup>st</sup> shot put

Maddie Fisher: 3<sup>rd</sup> high jump

### 12YO Boys

Jaxon Inch: 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m, 2<sup>nd</sup> long jump, 3<sup>rd</sup> high jump

Liam Le Roux: 3<sup>rd</sup> discus

### 12YO Girls

Pearl Newton: 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m, 1<sup>st</sup> 200m, 2<sup>nd</sup> discus, reserve champion 12+ girl

Silver-Jay Thomas: 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m

Olivia Kenny: 2<sup>nd</sup> 800m, 3<sup>rd</sup> long jump, 1<sup>st</sup> high jump

Mila Tull: 3<sup>rd</sup> 800m

All students going through to Thames Valley Athletics have been notified.

### Moanataiari School Athletics Extra Result

#### 10YO Girls

Hailey Hollister: 3<sup>rd</sup> shot put



## Year 8 Leavers Dinner

Our year Leaver's Dinner is on Thursday December the 5<sup>th</sup> at Thames Golf Course as we have a big group of Year 8 students this year. The cost of the meal is \$35 per person, which can be paid to our school office before Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.



## Uniform Reminder

All students must wear our correct school uniform during school hours. Our uniform consists of:

**School polo shirt** with school logo  
**Plain navy** shorts/skorts/pants (not black or denim)

**Plain navy** sweatshirt or navy polar fleece with school logo

**Navy** bucket hat/navy wide brim hat

**Shoes:** covered, flat/practical that child is free to run and walk in (no heels)

**Hair:** long hair must be tied up for protection against nits

**Jewellery:** watches, stud/sleeper earrings only.  
(If a student has taonga that they wish to wear at school, a letter must be written to the principal for approval first.)

***No makeup or long nails are to be worn at school.***

**Please put your child's name on ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING. In the swimming season all clothing, togs and towels should be named and swimming gear brought to school in a water-proof bag.**

If students are not able to wear uniform, for whatever reason, a note to the class teacher explaining is required. On-going non-compliance with uniform is considered to be a discipline issue. Second-hand uniform is available from Room 8 for a gold coin donation.

Our school uniform policy is attached for your information.

## Moanataiari After-School Care

Our after-school care service will continue to run from our school kitchen and Room 4 library. The service is structured with homework supervision and assistance as well as fun activities with our very experienced and qualified teacher aide, Donna Weir. Bookings can be made through our school office (868 6504) or by contacting Donna directly on 027 547 9407. Casual or regular bookings cost \$7.00 per hour per child.



## Te rerenga korero:

### He pātai pai tēnā

*That's a good question*

## Sun Hats

During Terms 1 and 4 children must wear uniform navy blue sunhats when outside the classroom. Children not wearing sunhats will play under the shade sail.



## Absence From School

Absence from school will become increasingly difficult in 2025/26 for two reasons.

- 1) Hon David Seymour has announced a Stepped Attendance Response (STAR) – See details below
- 2) The new learning curriculum is academically demanding, and if your child is away, there will be pressure to keep up with the curriculum. Please be aware of the changes and government regulations. Parents will not be able to take holidays during term time with their children. Due to this, our school can't condone holidays during the term.

### Stepped Attendance Response (STAR)

The Government's target is that 80 per cent of students will be present for 90 per cent of the term by 2030.

On 26 September, the Associate Minister for Education, Hon David Seymour, announced a Stepped Attendance Response (STAR). The STAR guides schools and communities to address every absence early.

“It will be mandatory for all schools to have an attendance management plan based on STAR from the beginning of the 2026 school year. The Ministry will work with schools, the Attendance Service, non-government agencies and other government agencies to streamline this. The Ministry will also provide best practice templates for attendance plans and toolkits for dealing with absent students, depending on the reasons for absence.



# Moanataiari School

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Next review: Term 1 2026

## Student Uniform

Moanataiari School requires our students to wear a school uniform. This policy and the associated uniform rules are a **school bylaw**. The board consults with the school community when updating this policy and making or amending uniform rules.

Our uniform rules outline what students can and cannot wear at school and while representing the school. These rules are made clear to students and their parents/caregivers at enrolment. We follow school processes for managing breaches of uniform rules, which may include contacting parents/caregivers and involving senior staff. If uniform breaches are due to financial hardship, our school works with parents/caregivers to find a solution.

Students may be reminded about appropriate dress expectations for the school learning environment before non-uniform days.

Students must behave appropriately while in uniform (e.g. at school, at events representing the school, and travelling to and from school).

The board may review our uniform rules when issues arise, and/or as part of the review of this Student Uniform policy. When reviewing our uniform, we consult with the school community and consider student wellbeing (including sun protection), affordability, our inclusive education policy, and the New Zealand Human Rights Commission **uniform guidelines**.

The **school** office can be contacted for further information.

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## Related topics

- **Board Responsibilities**
- **Te Tiriti o Waitangi**
- **Inclusive School Culture**
- **Behaviour Management**
- **Supporting Student Wellbeing**
- **Sun Protection**

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## Legislation

- Education and Training Act 2020
- Human Rights Act 1993
- New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990
- United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child 1989

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## Resources

- Human Rights Commission | Te Kāhui Tika Tangata: **School Uniform Guidelines** 

Release history: Term 2 2023, Term 4 2022



Your local Community Patrol will be installing tamper-resistant  
'Safer Plates' screws for a \$10 DONATION per vehicle

WHEN: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2024

TIME: 10 – 12 pm

WHERE: Moanataiari School – Kuranui Street carpark.

Sorry - CASH ONLY - No EFTPOS

