



MOANATAIARI SCHOOL

Newsletter

Monday 28th November 2022

Kia ora tātou

Many thanks to everyone who brought along baking for our fundraising efforts at the Beach Hop event, and to our enthusiastic team who braved the weather on the stall.

We have a number of events coming up in the last few weeks of Term 4 and I look forward to catching up with many of our whanau on those occasions.

We very much appreciate the extra offers of assistance and funding received to make our special events happen for our students.

Thank you to Julie for taking our 8 students to the Thames Valley Athletics at Te Aroha last Tuesday. We are awaiting confirmation of their placings.

David Brock, Principal – Tumuaiki

School Library Books

Please return any school library books and national library books to school **by this Friday 2nd December**, thanks.



Scholastic Book Club Orders

The last book club catalogue for 2022 is out now. Please place any orders by **THIS Friday 2nd December**.



2022 Start Date & School Terms

Term 4: Monday 17 October to Monday 19 Dec

2023 Starts

Term 1: Tuesday 31 January

Coming up:

Wed 30 Nov Pie orders arrive at 2.00pm
Wed 7 Dec R2 & 9 Waterworks trip
Thu 8 Dec Year 8 leavers dinner
Fri 9 Dec Junior trip to Butterfly Creek
Wed 14 Dec Helpers morning tea
Fri 16 Dec Prize-giving assembly
Mon 19 Dec End of Term 4 - 2.00pm finish

Year 8 Leavers Dinner

This year our year 8 leavers dinner will be held on **Thursday 8th December** at Bite Cafe, Thames at 6.00pm.

Year 8 leavers please confirm numbers attending the dinner to Mrs Saunders by Friday 2nd December, thanks.



Sausages and Juicies

will be for sale on **Wednesdays and Fridays** during November. Place your order at the kitchen window at **8.30am on the day**.

Sausages \$3

Juicies \$1.50



Food will be delivered to the classroom.

\$\$\$ \$100 Raffle \$\$\$

We have one remaining \$100 raffle to be completed from our 50th reunion. Tickets are \$2 each and available from our school office.

My ugly sweater writing

As I put the red and green wrapping paper to the side, I eyed up the last present under the lit-up Christmas tree. Silently hoping that it was something good, I let my hand move towards it and grip around the sparkly red bow on top. The interior had a slight squish to it.

I glanced at my brother; he was smiling gleefully like the dork he is. Carefully, I peeled off the sellotape that had been carelessly slapped onto the edges of the candy cane printed paper. A glint of the trademark Christmas red shone through the small hole I had made. I gulped. Terrified, I strained to keep my thoughts positive and to keep on thinking it was the Playstation I had begged for all year wrapped in tissue paper.

Finally, I pushed up my confidence to tear open the wrapping paper to see what was inside. My face fell. My brother's devilish smile widened. It was the dreaded Christmas sweater. With red and green crosses in lines across it, I could confirm that it was an ugly sweater from the disastrous Christmas legends. A snowman, which was sporting a magenta and orange striped scarf, grinned at me like he was the heir to my brother's smirk.

Feeling his gaze piercing into my head, I guessed that my brother was the one that suggested to 'Santa' to give me this gift from hell.

Horrified, I realised that I would have to put on a smile for mum and dad, or else I would never be getting that Playstation. Gradually, I let a fake smile take over my face and hug my parents in gratitude.

Now for the worst bit. Holding back tears of agony, I squeezed the jumper over my body and gave a phoney gasp of delight. "It fits perfectly!" I said, biting back a sarcastic remark. In the corner of my eye, I saw my brother's smirk turn into a gigantic grin. This is going to be the worst Christmas ever.

By Eliza Carter, Room 7



School Helpers Morning Tea

All of our wonderful helpers who have assisted throughout the year are cordially invited to our Helpers Morning Tea on **Wednesday 14th December at 11am** in our kitchen to say "thank you" for all of the time and assistance so generously given to our school.



Prize-giving Assembly

Our prize-giving assembly will be held on **Friday 16th December at 1.00pm** in the courtyard.



The delicious cookies

The freshly baked cookies looked delicious. As I stared at the mouth-watering deliciousness, I zoned out. Luckily, I snapped out of it. I was thinking about how I could secretly snatch one in my mouth.

After thinking about it, I went in.... As I was shaking with the cookie in my hand it dropped. "Oh no!" as it shattered into a million crumbs.

I picked up the pieces and put them in my mouth as fast as I could. Mum walked in and I immediately got grounded. The worst/best moment of my life.

By Jasmine Prak, Room 2



Te rerenga korero:

He pātai pai tēnā

That's a good question.

Supersmash Girls Only Festival (Sista Smash)

We have 23 girls from Years 5-8 that have shown interest in this festival at Hauraki Plains College on **Tuesday 6th December**. A note went home with interested girls today. Please return these to Mrs Saunders ASAP to ensure we have enough transport and help.



Many thanks to Mr Heff who visited a number of our classes last Friday to introduce and read his wonderful story books to our students.

Thames Christmas Parade 2022 Saturday 17th December

If your child wishes to join us to represent Moanataiari School at the Christmas parade this year please sign the form and return it to school as soon as possible.

After the Santa Parade on Saturday 17th November, we will be holding a stall at the Te Kauaeranga Whānau Day at Thames South School. Information will be provided soon, but we will be looking for helpers, please to run the stall.

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 per hour.

Community Notices



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