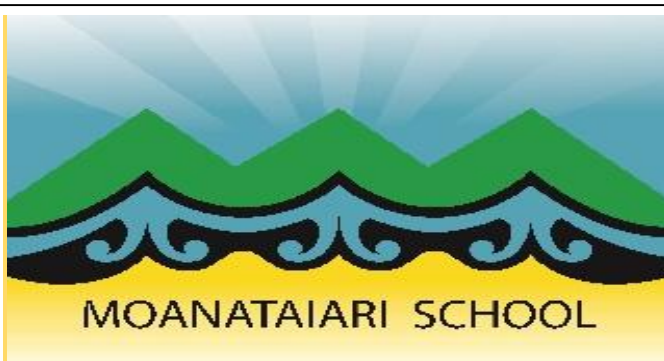




MOANATAIARI SCHOOL

Newsletter

Monday 3rd November 2025

Kia ora tātou

We had a great day at our senior athletics last Friday. Many thanks to all of our helpers, and congratulations to the event winners. Those students participating at the Thames Interschool Athletics this Friday at Thames High School have had a note sent home.

We have our major fund-raising event this Saturday – the Light Up Thames fireworks and gala at Rhodes Park, starting at 5pm until 9.30pm. Please encourage your friends and family to come along and join in the fun.

David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki

Thames Inter-School Athletics

This Friday 7th November is the Interschool Athletics competition, save day Monday 10th November.

The Interschool athletics is at Thames High School, so can all those students competing please be dropped off at the **Thames High school at 8.45am this Friday** for the interschool athletics. Students can be taken home when the competition is over, or we will take them back to school.

All students not competing in the Interschool athletics will come to Moanataiari School as usual. You will be notified if your child is competing on Friday.



2025 Start Date & School Terms

Term 3: Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September

Term 4: Monday 6 October to Monday 15 December

Coming up:

Tue 4 Nov Senior camp meeting R9 6pm

Wed 5 Nov PTA meeting 5.15pm

Fri 7 Nov Thames interschool athletics

Sat 8 Nov Fireworks at Rhodes Park

Mon 10 Nov Student reports home

**Thu 13 Nov Student learning conferences
- 1pm school finish**

Fri 14 Nov Junior athletics 1.40pm

Thu 20 Nov R3&1 overnight experience

18-21 Nov R6&9 Finlay Park senior camp

20-21 Nov R7 Te Karaka camp

Tue 25 Nov School beginners evening 5.15pm

Thu 27 Nov Pet Day

Tue 2 Dec Year 8 leavers dinner

Year 8 Leavers

This Friday 7th November we will have a sausage sizzle, juices and bake sale stall at the Interschool Athletics day to raise funds to go towards our leavers' dinner.

You won't need to stay the whole time, but if some parents could help for an hour or so it would be much appreciated. The athletics will be from about 9.15am to 1.30pm approximately.

Each year 8 student will need to bring a plate of baking to school THIS Thursday 6th November (either muffins or cookies) covered on a disposable plate, ready to sell at the athletics.

We will be selling the baking individually so only muffins and cookies please as these are easy for the students to carry and eat while busy with athletics.

We will be setting up about 9.00am on the high school field. The weather looks good for Friday so far, but our save day is next Monday 10th November.

Thanks for your support, the Leavers' dinner is always a very special evening.



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Get Connected with the Edge App!

We're encouraging all parents and caregivers to get connected with our **Edge school app**.

Through Edge, you can:

- **Report absences** quickly and easily
- **View student reports** as soon as they're released
- **Book learning conferences** without needing paper slips or calls

If you would like assistance setting up the app, please drop in to our school office and we can help you get it loaded on your phone.

Student Learning Conferences

Student reports will be sent home on Monday 10th November, and student learning conferences will be **held on Thursday 13th November**.

Bookings can be made via the **Edge app**, or manually at our school office if you are not able to access the app.

Please note that school will **finish at 1pm on 13th November**.



Rooms 3 & 1 Overnight Experience

Room 3 and Room 1 will be having an overnight experience on **Thursday 20th November**. Any parents interested in participating, please fill in a police vetting form asap.



Te rerenga korero:

Kei hea tō pōtae?

Where is your hat?

Haere ki te tiki i tō pōtae!

Go and get your hat!

Book Donation

A huge thank you to Joanna Baynes and her volunteers from The Story Store who have gifted us 183 books for our school library. The books are second hand but in immaculate condition, if purchased they would have cost us over \$5000. The Story Store aim to get books into the hands of tamariki that they are excited about reading. We had the pleasure of picking the books from their store and there will be some very excited students during silent reading time.

If you want to learn more about The Story Store visit their website;

www.storystore.athenaeum.nz

or listen to their recent interview on RNZ; <https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/afternoons/audio/2019001367/how-charitable-trust-story-store-is-getting-more-kids-reading>.

Thank you also to Sheryll for dropping the books off to us.



Senior Camp at Finlay Park 18th - 21st November

A note was sent home last week to outline the cost and the itinerary. We will be having a meeting at **6.00pm next Tuesday 4th November in room 9**.

Please put this date in your calendar whether you are coming to help at camp or not as there is a lot to discuss.

A reminder note has gone home today. Thanks.



Edge Mobile App

Edge is the name of the student management system we use here at school.

Edge has an app that can be used **for reporting student absences**, and also for **booking appointments** for student learning conferences.

Please download our school app asap, Edge, available from both the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

You'll need this app to book for the upcoming Learning Conferences on Thursday 13th November.

It's also a convenient way to view your child's school reports, and to report absences directly to the school.

Please note that our school is not currently using the Financials and Live Reporting sections of the app.

If you haven't already, download *Edge* today so you're ready to make your Learning Conference bookings! Once you have downloaded the app, look for the Moanataiari School web links and click on Appointments. This will take you to the Parent portal. From here you can book in for a learning conference.

Year 3 and 4 Rippa Rugby Tournament

Some of the 3&4 students in room 1 are taking part in a Ripa Rugby Tournament on Wednesday 12th November at Rhodes Park.

The country our school is representing is NEW ZEALAND! So can students please wear black on the day.

There are still a few outstanding permission slips and online registrations to be completed. Please complete these as soon as possible so your child can take part in the day. Thanks.



Year 8 Hoodies

Just a reminder...

The cost of the Year 8 hoodies is \$60.00.

Please pay by Friday 15th November.

Moanataiari School invites you
to our

School Beginners' **EVENING**



**GIVE YOUR CHILD THE BEST
BEGINNING**

**TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER - 5:15 PM
MOANATAIARI SCHOOL**

- Come and see our junior space and meet some of our staff
- Get top tips on preparing your child for school
- Discover how our learning programmes in reading, writing and maths are gearing learners for success



Bookings essential
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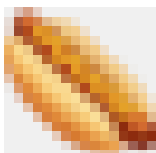
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Here is some of the action from our senior athletics last Friday.



Helpers Wanted

We would really appreciate any assistance you can give to help us run our amazing fireworks event on Saturday 8th November. Please contact Julie on 868 6504 or juliew@moana.school.nz if you are able to assist. Many thanks.



Request for BBQ Supplies! We're getting ready for our upcoming school event - Light up Thames, and would love your help! If you're able to contribute, **please send a loaf of bread, onions, margarine, or sauce to school by Thursday, 6th November.** If you can provide a loaf of bread, please drop this off Friday afternoon so that it is **fresh for Saturday.** Your donations will help make our sausage sizzle a success and keep everyone fed and happy.

Thank you for your support and generosity!



Be part of the magic! Join our amazing local sponsors and help bring Light Up Thames to life! ✨

Final Call for Sponsors!

We're so thankful to all the amazing businesses already supporting the first-ever Light Up Thames.

There's still time to come on board - with an exciting opportunity for a major sponsor to be part of the show and enjoy a very special moment on the night. Contact us now to learn more!

We'll be announcing a few more sponsors in the coming days - will your business be next?

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Thames High School Orientation Day for Year 8 Students Wednesday 12 November

The day will begin with a meet and greet at the front of the school at the **Wharenui at 8:45am**, and finish at **approximately 3:00–3:15pm**, when students can be picked up by parents or caregivers.

More detailed information will be sent closer to the time, but students should bring:

- A hat
- Water bottle
- Snacks and lunch
- A change of clothes
- A bag for their belongings

These visits will allow our team to connect with students in small groups, learn about their interests and strengths, and help them feel confident about joining us in 2026. It will also provide an opportunity to share important information about life at Thames High School in a relaxed and engaging environment.



**Hauraki Plains Discover Day is to be held on
Tuesday 2nd December**

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MOANATAIARI SCHOOL PRESENTS

LIGHT UP THAMES

RHODES PARK THAMES

\$10 AD
\$5 CH

**SATURDAY,
NOV 8**

**5:00 PM
TO
9:30 PM**

\$25
(2 AD,
2 CH)

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

**FIREWORKS DISPLAY
FOOD & DRINK, ARTS & CRAFTS
ENTERTAINMENT, RAFFLES, CFM CARAVAN...**

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO
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Guidance following increased national risk of measles

Health New Zealand is alerting schools to an escalating risk of measles as it responds to a measles outbreak following confirmation of 13 new cases of measles since 20 October.

This escalating risk is a concern, especially for education settings where measles can spread rapidly. In New Zealand, our measles immunisation rates are too low to prevent outbreaks from happening when measles is circulating in our communities. Our low immunisation rates contribute to this lack of community protection.

Measles is highly contagious and serious – about one in three people may need hospital care. It spreads when an infected person breathes, coughs or sneezes.

- Measles is circulating and is very contagious. There is now measles in Northland, Auckland, Manawatu, Nelson and Wellington, and we expect further cases across New Zealand.
- Watch out for symptoms – fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes, and a blotchy rash:

[Measles – Health New Zealand](#)

- Anyone with measles symptoms must stay at home and should seek urgent advice by ringing their doctor or Healthline on 0800 611 116.
- Anyone who is closely exposed to a measles case must stay at home. Health New Zealand will provide individuals with advice on a case-by-case basis (including when they can leave quarantine at home).
- Health New Zealand is actively working with the schools that currently have measles cases.
- People are considered immune to measles after having two doses of a measles vaccine from 12 months or older, or if you have had measles before. For more information on measles immunity visit:

[Measles immunity – Health New Zealand](#)

- Encourage whānau to check their own and their child/childrens' immunisation status through My Health Record:

[My Health Record – Health New Zealand](#)

- Anyone born between 1969 and 2004 may have only received one vaccine dose and might not be fully protected. It's safe to get extra doses. A free vaccine can be booked online or via the Vaccination Helpline on 0800 28 29 26.

[Book my vaccine – Health New Zealand](#)