



MOANATAIARI SCHOOL

Newsletter

Monday 13th October 2025

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:

Thu 16 Oct Nation-wide shakeout
Fri 17 Oct Room 9 trip to Kelly Tarltons
Mon 20 Oct Yr 8 Leaver's Dinner, 5.30pm R9
Tue 21 Oct BoT meeting 5.30pm
Wed 22 Oct Rooms 2, 3 & 4 to water-gardens

Thu 23 Oct Teacher strike action

Fri 31 Oct School athletics at Thames High

Kia ora tātou

On Thursday 23rd October, next week, our teachers will be going on strike to voice their dissatisfaction with the employment negotiations with the Ministry of Education, so school will be closed on this day.

David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki

Room 9 Trip to Kelly Tarltons

In the last few weeks of term 3, the students in room 9 completed a topic study on "Our Magnificent Oceans." We have looked at the five main oceans, the layers of the ocean, food-webs, and conservation issues.

All students have participated well, their work was well researched and presented to a high standard. To conclude our unit, we are going for a trip at the end of week 2 term 4 to Kelly Tarlton's on Friday 17th October.

We have booked a classroom lesson at 10.00am and we will explore the exhibits as a class.

We will have lunch at Mission Bay and then head home, hopefully back as close to 3.00pm as possible.

We will **have to leave Thames at 7.30am** to be sure to get to Kelly Tarltons by 10.00am.

The cost of the trip will be \$25.00 per student, to be paid to the office by Monday 13th October.



School Athletics

We started our athletics training last week and everyone has been making the most of the practices so far.

Our school athletics are coming up early this term in week 4 on **Friday the 31st of October**. The Interschool Athletics are to be held in week 5 on Friday November the 7th. We will be holding both the school athletics and interschool athletics at the High school this year.

We will inform you about the organisation of both events closer to the time.



Junior School Trip to Ngatea Water Gardens

Students from Rooms 2, 3 and 4 will be visiting the Ngatea Water Gardens on **Wednesday 22nd October**.

We will be leaving school **by 9.40am** and should return to school around 1pm.

Children are to bring morning tea, a packed lunch, water bottle, sunhat, walking shoes, and wear the correct school uniform.

Permission slips for this trip must be returned to school by tomorrow morning.

Any parents attending, please pay your \$15 entrance fee to our school office by this Friday.

Many thanks to those parents who have offered to help with transport and supervision.

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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. Our student learning conferences will be held on Thursday 13th November.

We recommend that everyone download the Edge app to enable use of these facilities. Directions for downloading the Edge are attached to this newsletter.

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 **Wharenuī 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.



Senior Camp

Our senior camp is coming up in week 7 this term. We will be having a camp meeting to confirm the cost etc. in the next couple of weeks. We will let you know the date as soon as possible. We are waiting on a grant application that Julie made regarding paying for the activities. We hope to hear very soon.

The price for camp was indicated at the first camp meeting and the newsletter that was sent home after the meeting. It will be less than that but we are not quite sure.

We will also confirm the price of camp minus our collective fundraising efforts once we have the cost confirmed. The individual chocolate fundraiser results will be given out individually.

If you still have chocolate money to return to school, please send it in as soon as possible. We will not be able to calculate your individual camp payment unless you have returned all your money from the boxes that have been sold.



Year 8 Leaver's Dinner

The end of the year is approaching fast and our year 8 students will be on their way to high school. The year 8 leaver's dinner is being held at the Golf Club on Tuesday the 2nd of December.

We would like to invite parents to a meeting at school in **room 9**, on Monday the 20th of October at 5.30pm. We will discuss the dinner and find out if you would like to be involved in the planning and organising of the night.

We will also be sending out information regarding ordering hoodies very soon.

Please pop these dates in your diary. We look forward to seeing you.



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.



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.



Te rerenga korero:

Kei hea tō pōtae?

Where is your hat?

Haere ki te tiki i tō pōtae!

Go and get your hat!

Year 8 Hoodies

A note went home last Thursday with the Leavers Dinner notice regarding the ordering of the hoodies for the year 8 students.

We will need to put the order in very soon. Please complete the form and return it to school by **Tuesday 28th October**.

The cost of the hoodies is **\$60.00**, which needs to be paid by **Friday 15th November**.

Attached to the note is a size guide to help choose the correct size.



Yummy Apple Stickers



Please bring your Yummy apple stickers to our school office **by the end of this week**.

Community Notices



The Creativity Room
Children 5 to 12 Y.O
Tuesdays from 3.30 to 5pm
Starts 14th of October
\$130 full Term or \$25 per class

Creative Explorer
where each class is an art adventure!



BOOK YOUR 2026 FAMILY HOLIDAY NOW!

Jess Lamb 022 674 9237
Personal Travel Advisor

ENVOYAGE
for every journey

Special bulletin – 3 October 2025

Measles cases in Aotearoa

Recent measles cases linked to overseas travel have been reported in Te Tai Tokerau and Queenstown. Cases were active in the community while infectious and there is a risk of measles circulating there, and more widely in Aotearoa.

Points to share with parents, caregivers and the school community:

- Measles is very contagious and can make people of any age very sick.
- Watch for measles symptoms – fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes and a blotchy rash.

Measles: Locations of interest in Aotearoa New Zealand – Health New Zealand

- If anyone in your whānau has measles symptoms keep them home and contact a doctor or Healthline urgently on 0800 611 116.
- Vaccination is the best protection from measles. Check all whānau are immunised.

Measles immunity – Health New Zealand Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine – Health New Zealand

- Anyone closely exposed to measles who has not received two MMR vaccinations cannot attend their school | kura for at least eight days.

Junior Futsal

We're excited to let you know that **Junior Futsal is kicking off again in Term 4!**



When: Friday nights, starting Term 4 18th October



Time: 5:30-6:30pm Yr3-4, 6:30-7:30 Yr 5-6, 7:30-8:30 Yr 7-8



Who: All Year 3–8 students



Where: Jack McLean Gym

Futsal is a fast, fun, and social version of football, and the kids absolutely love it! It's a great way to stay active, learn new skills, and enjoy loads of laughs with friends.

Registration is super easy – just click the link below:



<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/310053>

We'd love to see as many of our tamariki as possible getting involved.

MASSIVE Madness Sale

Up to
40% off
all **Rhino** carpet*

FREE
Making on selected
studio and *Designers Collection*
custom curtains*

**20
-60% off**
readymades
storewide!

Carpet Court  **Curtain Studio**

*Offers are valid until 30/09/25 on selected ranges and selected colours and while stocks last. See instore or online for full details.



Fantasy Landscape Class

8 week course
Thursdays 3.30 to 5pm
Starts 16th October

\$130 per student

Contact Laurie Mango at 027 57 57 497
or laurie.mango@gmail.com
517 Pollen Street, Thames. Upstairs from Kiwibank
All materials included. Limited spaces available.

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ADCR Christmas Toy & Gift Collection 2025

Starting early so families can plan ahead - helping Whānau avoid a Christmas debt hangover and making sure no one feels left out

This Christmas. ADCR is collecting new and gently-loved toys and gifts to support children, teens, families, and the elderly.

We want every child to feel the magic of Christmas, every elderly person to feel remembered, and families to enter the new year without a debt burden.

Drop-off Locations:

- 23 Kopu Road, Kopu
- Bayleys Thames - 459 Pollen Street Thames
- Bayleys Whangamata - 501a Port Road, Whangamata
- Bayleys Tairua - 237 Main Road, Tairua
- Bayleys Whitianga - 7 The Esplanade, Whitianga
- Bayleys Ngatea - 12 Orchard West RD, Ngatea
- Bayleys Pauanui - 52 Jubilee Drive, Pauanui

Donate Here:



Collection runs until: 1st December 2025

Kiwis helping Kiwis - every toy, every gift, every donation makes a difference.

ZONTA BOOKARAMA Is Coming!

Please **DONATE** your old books **NOW!**

Zonta is seeking books for Bookarama on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th October 2025.

To donate books contact:

- Thames: phone Althea on 07 868 9970 or 027 217 9222
- Thames: Drop off at the ANZ Bank

THANK YOU

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Are you getting ready to ShakeOut? Please visit www.getready.govt.nz.



This Thursday 16th October

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