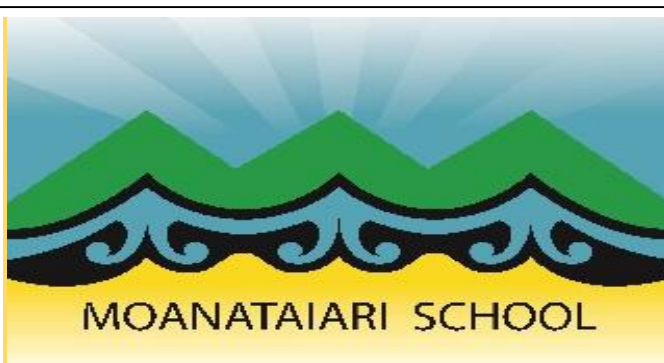




Newsletter

Monday 20th October 2025

Kia ora tātou

Please note that this Thursday 23rd October school will be closed due to the nationwide teacher strike.

David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki

Junior School Trip to Ngatea Water Gardens

Thank you to all the adults who have volunteered to help with transport and groups on the day – yes, please, we need you.

There is no cost to students, however, adult helpers need to pay \$15 to our school office.

A reminder that if your child is legally required to use a car seat, it must be used on the day – please bring it to school, named.

Please apply sunscreen to all children at home before coming to school. Pack a water bottle, school sunhat, morning tea, lunch, and a jumper. Students to wear closed shoes and school uniform.

We will be leaving school between 9.30am and 9.40am and plan to return before 3pm.



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:

Mon 20 Oct	Leavers dinner mtg 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 - school closed
Fri 31 Oct	Senior athletics at Thames High
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

School Athletics

We are into our third week of athletics practices and they are going very well.

Our school athletics are at the **end of next week, on Friday 31st October.**

The Interschool Athletics are to be held on Friday November 7th. We will be holding both the school athletics and interschool athletics at the Thames High School this year as our field is being resurfaced.

There will be a practice at the high school next Tuesday the 28th October from 9.00am-11.00am.

Important notice

All students 8yrs and up (rooms 1,6,7,9 and 8 year olds in room 3) please be dropped off at the high school at 8.45 next Tuesday morning for the practice.

The seniors will go straight to tech when we've finished and the rest of us will walk back to school. We will send a reminder note home on Monday.



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 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 Thames Golf Club on Tuesday 2nd December.

Year 8 parents are invited to a meeting at school in room 9 this afternoon 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 look forward to seeing you.



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 and will let you know the date as soon as possible.

We are waiting on a grant application to pay for the activities, but we won't know if we have been successful until around 3 November. We realise this is very close to camp so we will send a note home in the next couple of days outlining the cost for camp as it stands now.

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 Hoodies

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

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

The cost of the hoodies is \$60.00 and needs to be paid by Friday the 14th November.

Year 3 and 4 Rippa Rugby Tournament

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

It has a world-wide theme and each school will dress in a certain country's colours. We are waiting to hear what our country will be.

All permission slips need to be bought back to school as soon as possible, and please complete your child's registration online. Thanks.



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!

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.

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.



Community Notices

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.

BOOK YOUR 2026 FAMILY HOLIDAY NOW!



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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.



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



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:

Donate Here:



- 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

Collection runs until: 1st December 2025

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

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
TOWARDS MOANATAIARI
SCHOOL PLAYGROUND
UPGRADE**

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