



Newsletter

Wednesday 28th October 2020

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Kia ora tātou

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our whakatau last Friday. These events are always a good opportunity to chat with our new and existing whānau.

We also have our whānau meetings next week to discuss whānau involvement with our school and cultural matters. All are welcome to attend.

David Brock, Principal - Tumuaki

Coming up:

- Mon 2 Nov Whānau meeting 3pm
- Tue 3 Nov Whānau meeting 5.30pm
- Wed 4 Nov Year 8 immunisation 2nd dose
- Thu 5 Nov Senior athletics
- Fri 6 Nov Junior zoo trip
- Wed 11 Nov Thames schools' athletics
- Thu 12 Nov NYLD in Auckland
- Fri 13 Nov Junior athletics
- Wed 18 Nov Thames Valley athletics
- Thu 19 Nov Thames drama event

School Terms for 2020

Term 4: Monday 12 October to Thurs 17 December

2021 Start Date & School Terms

Term 1: Tuesday 2 February to Friday 16 April

Term 2: Monday 3 May to Friday 9 July

Term 3: Monday 26 July to Friday 1 October

Term 4: Monday 18 October to Tuesday 14 Dec

Moanataiari School Bank Account:

ANZ Thames 01 0455 0108122 01

School hours: 8.55am to 3pm Monday to Friday

Whānau Meetings

We will be holding meetings to update and korero with our local whānau on **Monday 2nd November at 3.00pm** and repeated on **Tuesday 3rd November at 5.30pm**. All are welcome to attend at either time that suits.

Tennis Waikato Thames Valley Thursday 5th November

Please see Mrs Saunders **by Thursday (tomorrow)** to enter this event. Notices have gone home with those students that were interested.



Zoo Trip

Our junior zoo trip, which was planned for earlier this year, is now being held on **Friday 6th November**. The permission slips we received for the previous date will be transferred to the new date. If you do not want your child to participate, please let our office know asap.

Juicies

Juicies are available for purchase each school day from the kitchen window by 8.55am for \$1.00 each and will be delivered to classrooms at first break.



Te rerenga korero: Kei te whakaronga koe?
Are you listening?

Community Notices

Thames High School

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga



Enrolments for 2021
3.30 - 5.30 pm
29th October 2021
Thames High School - Library

**SPYC After
School Care**
Contact Ella on
027 434 6417

Bee Swarm

If you happen to come across a swarm of bees, please let us know at the school office as we are looking for bees for our new school beehive.



FREE EAR CLINIC

Thames Hospital
Clinic
Mary Street, Thames
Friday 30 October
and
Friday 27 November
Appointment only
Ph: 078383565
Ext 22094

The Organized Chaos Engine Performance Troupe in association
with The Back Room
PRESENTS:



FULL STEAM AHEAD ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS

All aboard for an exotic journey of dance, songs,
laughs, surprises and refreshments. You are
invited to dress up in your most exotic finery.

SAT 28TH NOV 2PM & 6.00PM ST GEORGE'S HALL THAMES
TICKETS \$25 (INCLUDES REFRESHMENTS) LOTUS REALM
07 868 5341 OR ONLINE AT WWW.UNDERTHERADAR.CO.NZ

LONDON*PARIS*MUNICH*ZURICH*VENICE*VIENNA*BUDAPEST*ATHENS*ISTANBUL

FREE FAMILY EVENT!
UNDER THE SEA THEME

Saturday October 31st
from 5:30-7pm
Thames Racecourse

EQUIPPERS

LIGHT PARTY
LIGHT PARTY
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Boosting veges in the lunchbox



Aim to add a range of coloured veges to the lunchbox each day to provide tamariki with vitamins, minerals and fibre to grow strong and healthy.

- ♥ Add to your child's favourite marmite sandwich – shredded lettuce, grated carrot, beetroot or add drained corn to cheese toasties.
- ♥ Leftover roast veges can be eaten cold and make a filling snack – add in leftover potato, kumara, pumpkin or parsnip.
- ♥ Chop up veges to have with a dip like hummus – carrot, celery, capsicum, green beans.
- ♥ Try adding chopped spinach or grated carrot to recipes for fritters, quiche, muffins or scones. Bread cases with egg are a great vehicle for mixed frozen veges.
- ♥ Add a little container of frozen veges – peas, corn or beans.
- ♥ Leftover fried rice with mixed veges or cauliflower mac 'n' cheese can make a delicious lunch.



For more information visit heartfoundation.org.nz

Welcome to our Village

Thames Pārāwai Playcentre

SCAVENGER HUNT

WHO: \$10 for Family teams of up to 6

WHEN: 21 November 2020, 10.00am

HOW: Just visit the locations on your task sheet and snap a selfie with your Playcentre Rock. Meet at Danby's field. Clues will be given out before 10.00

Sausage Sizzle
Bake Sale
Face painting

Prizes Galore
plus for 1st, 2nd
& 3rd place

Private message our Facebook page for registration details
Or register on the day at Danby's field between 9.00-9.45am

Thank you to the following businesses: Boots & All, Ngatea water garden, Noel Leeming, McDonalds, Thames Organic Shop, Unichem Pharmacy, GBD, Thames Jewellers, Toyota, 100% electrical, Lone Star and Hello world travel, Kebab express

thamesparawai.playcentre@gmail.com



2021 New Entrants

Please let us know if you have any siblings in your family who will be starting Moanataiari School in 2021. Fill in the details below and hand it in to our school office asap. *Thanks.*

Family Name: _____ Phone: _____

Child's Name: _____ DOB: _____



BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE OCTOBER 2020

Kia ora koutou,

The Board of Trustees (BoT) welcomes everyone back to a very busy term 4. We hope everyone had a good break over the holidays and are well underway with their learning. We hear lots of awesome athletics practice is happening.

If you haven't caught up with what's ahead for this term, check out the Taiari Times of Thames Blog posted by Principal David Brock on 14 October. You can find this in Skool Loop app under Notices, on Moanataiari's Facebook page or contact the office and ask for a copy.

The BoT would like to welcome Charles Corry to the Board of Trustees. Charles will replace Aroha Donaldson who resigned from the BoT earlier this year. Welcome Charles, it's great to have you on the BoT and we appreciate your valuable input.

The BoT have had its first meeting for the term and have some updates from this meeting and also some progress updates made during term 3.

Thank you to parents and caregivers who took the time to complete the PACs survey and to students (years 5 to 8) who completed the online survey for NZCER.

The BoT received the combined survey results at its last meeting in term 3 along with a 2020 to 2023 Health and Wellbeing Plan to enrich school culture. There are a lot of good actions in the plan, many of which are underway and many that will need to be rolled out over time with planning and extra resource.

Student safety, wellbeing and achievement continue to be the most important focus for the BoT. New opportunities for the future is also regularly discussed. All decision making by the BoT considers these aspects to ensure the best outcome for students and staff.

Other matters discussed:

Events Fundraising Committee

The BoT throughout the year have explored options to raise revenue through fundraising avenues. It was agreed at our last meeting that it would like an Events Committee to fundraise for large projects. The BoT would like to invest in a mini-van that would be owned by the school and enable the school to take students out on field trips, to sporting events, local curriculum activities i.e. explore our backyard, and much more. Such a project will provide future opportunities directly for the students.

This is a big investment and requires a big fundraising project that needs to be driven by an Events Fundraising Committee who might have some fundraising experience, have organisation and coordination skills, are passionate about succeeding and have some extra time to invest in an exciting new committee. If this is you, please register your interest to the Board Secretary, Joanne North at office@moana.school.nz or phone 07 868 6504.

Alternatively, if you can't be involved but have fundraising ideas, then please let the BoT know – you can register these also with Joanne.

This work will be separate to the PTA and the wonderful fundraising work they do. Thank you to the PTA for your fundraising efforts so far this year. The new shirts for students to wear when representing Moanataiari School at sports and other events look awesome and really stand out.

Property

The property work plans are continuing with the Ministry of Education and we still hope to have them finalised this term. Providing we can get the consents done and contractors booked in, the works will take place over the summer holidays. That is our goal. A more detailed update on the plan will follow once confirmed. We can tell you though that the BoT Chair and Principal have signed off the design for a new permanent quadrant structure which is more suitable for all year weather conditions.

Change to Start Date Term 1 2021

Earlier this year we flagged that the start date for term 1 2021 would be 9 February to allow sufficient time for the property works to take place.

This has now changed to 2 February after the Auckland Anniversary holiday because schools have to be open for teaching so many days a year and the later we start, the later we finish meaning we would be open right up to Christmas 2021. The property works will be scheduled around the new start date and if still ongoing when school returns, areas will be cordoned off for safety reasons.

Term 4's finish date is 17 December 2020.

Website

Staff working on the new website project have completed the website design phase. It is looking awesome. The next phase is uploading the content. It is aimed that the website will go live later this term. The BoT can't wait to see the finished product.

Sports

There are a lot of sports opportunities happening with students participating last term in Gymfest, and upcoming in term 4 - football and netball tournaments, plus touch rugby and more.

Keep an eye out for such opportunities in the weekly newsletter. All students are welcome subject to their years advertised.

Thank you Mrs Saunders for taking on the role of sports coordinator and to the teachers and teacher aides who are helping with teams and trainings. Parents are welcome to assist with sporting activities and can register their interest with Mrs Saunders.

We wish everyone a safe and happy Labour weekend. A reminder that school is closed on Tuesday as it's a teacher only day.

Ngā mihi

Moanataiari School Board of Trustees