

## **Newsletter**

Monday 30th October 2023

#### Kia ora tātou

With the wild weather today we officially started school at 10am to try and avoid high tide flooding. Many thanks to those families who notified their absence before 10am.

A huge THANK YOU to our fantastic PTA team for organising and running a spectacular Gala Ball last Saturday night. It was an amazing evening and raised over \$10,000 towards our swimming pool upgrade. We must also thank those people and business who supported our ball. Your generosity contributed to a very successful event.



David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki

## TEACHER ONLY DAY FRIDAY 17th NOVEMBER

Please note that Moanataiari School will be **closed on Friday 17th November** so our teachers can attend a Thames-wide professional development day.

#### 2023 School Term 4

Term 4: Monday 9 October to Friday 15 December

#### 2024 Start Date

Term 1: Tuesday 30 January

#### Coming up:

Mon 30 OctMoanataiari Residents MeetingWed 1 NovThames interschool athleticsThu 2 NovSchool beginners evening 5.45pm

(By appointment, ph 8686504)

Thu 9 Nov Room 3 overnight camp

Thu 9 Nov Junior athletics

Wed 15 Nov Thames High School orientation

Fri 17 Nov SCHOOL CLOSED – TOD Mon 20 Nov BoT meeting 5.30pm Wed 22 Nov Thames Valley athletics

#### **Thames Interschool Athletics**

We will make a decision on whether we will run this event this Wednesday by late tomorrow afternoon and get correspondence out on social media. Our save day is Friday (which doesn't look great). If we do not run this event, we will be comparing distances with other school's results to see who will go to Thames Valley Athletics.



Sausages and Juicies will be for sale at this event. Sausages \$3 and Juicies \$2. Pay when you purchase outside Room 7 from 10am.



#### **Year 8 Parent Helpers Needed**

We are running a sausage sizzle at interschool on Wednesday and another one outside Jellicoe Dairy on Saturday 11th November from 11.30 am. to help fundraise for our leavers dinner. Please let Andrea Saunders know if you can help at either of these events.

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#### **Touch Rugby**

Those team members who have yet to pay their touch fees, please pay your \$25 to the office asap, or internet bank the fees with the reference Touch Rugby.

This is a reminder that we are so fortunate to have parents of our students offer to help coach and manage our touch rugby teams. Their time is precious and they are volunteers. Please listen and show respect during training and game night!



#### Te rerenga korero:

He whakaaro pai tēnā

That's a good idea /thought/way of thinking.

#### **Community News**







### Responding to sea level rise in Moanataiari

You are invited to a Public Meeting on

# 30 OCTOBER AT 5.15PM-7.00PM AT THE THAMES ON KIRKWOOD, 100 KIRKWOOD STREET

Thames Coromandel District Council and the Moanataiari Residents Committee are working together to help decide on future improvements to the community's seawall, and other community responses to sea level rise in our area.

Every five years, we get the performance of the existing walls reviewed by consultants (Tonkin + Taylor). They have recently confirmed that the wall is still providing the design level of protection (50-year). The proposed options are largely to address the anticipated impacts of sea level rise.

Successive storms, flooding, maintenance issues and predicted sea level rise in our area have made it clear that Moanataiari needs a sustainable pathway for the future.

The recently adopted TCDC Shoreline
Management Pathways project included the
assessment of our entire coastline and outlined a
plan of action over the short to long term for each
community. In Moanataiari, this included in the
short term a recommendation for improvements
to the existing sea wall.

The community has now elected a Residents
Committee to work with TCDC and engineers
Tonkin and Taylor to coordinate wider input and
agreement on next steps.

## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC MEETING?

 To discuss the community's preferred option for improving the sea wall

Improvements to the sea wall are part of the adaptation pathway for Moanataiari that resulted from the Shoreline Management project. There are two issues to be managed – the height of the tide relative to the sea wall and then the waves on top of the tide.

We are now considering two options for upgrading the wall – one provides more protection from just storm waves, the other provides more protection from both storm tides and storm waves. The current wall and the two options are shown over. The tide levels shown are for a big, low probability storm like the 2018 storm (about a 1% chance of happening in any given year). For even bigger storms, the tide levels would be higher again.