



Newsletter

Monday 6th 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:

Wed 8 Oct	Touch fees to be paid to office
Thu 9 Oct	Touch rugby starts
Thu 16 Oct	Nation-wide shakeout 9.30am
Fri 17 Oct	Room 9 trip to Kelly Tarltons
Wed 22 Oct	Rooms 2, 3 & 4 to water-gardens
Thu 23 Oct	Possible teacher strike
Fri 31 Oct	School athletics

Kia ora tātou

Welcome back everyone to Term 4, our busiest term of the year.

To keep you informed with what is happening at school we send out our newsletter on the first day of the week. This can be accessed via SkoolLoop, Facebook, our website, Instagram, email or paper copy. Please contact our school office if you would like it emailed to you, if you don't already receive it.

A huge THANK YOU to ADCR for their donation of a freezer. This will help us to store food parcels for our families.

David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki

School Athletics

Our school athletics are coming up early this term in week 4 on Friday 31st October.

The Interschool Athletics are to be held in week 5 on Friday November 7th.

We will be holding both our school athletics and Thames interschool athletics at the Thames High School this year and will inform you about the organisation of both events closer to the time.



Touch Rugby

Our apologies for the confusion about the starting date for touch rugby this term.

Touch rugby competition starts **THIS Thursday 9th October**. The draw will be out later this week.

As indicated on the permission form, it costs \$20.00 per player to be able to play. Please make sure your child has paid their fees to the office by **THIS Wednesday 8th October** as the rules for play state:

SUBSCRIPTIONS to be paid by 9th October/first playing night (NO PAY, NO PLAY).

We look forward to a great season this year.



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.



Yummy Apple Stickers



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

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 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.



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!

School Trailer

We are incredibly grateful to Gold Star Real Estate Ltd and The Harcourts Foundation for their generous support in funding our new school trailer. The trailer will make a huge difference — helping us transport equipment for sports days, Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) experiences, gardening projects, and community initiatives.



Thank You to The Seagull Centre Community Grants

We are deeply grateful to The Seagull Centre for their generous support in funding our *Together in Kaitiakitanga* programme. Kaitiakitanga is one of Moanataiari School's core values — caring for our environment and nurturing a sense of guardianship in our tamariki.

This funding will support our environmental and garden-based learning. Thank you, Seagull Centre, for helping our tamariki, whānau, and wider community.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Are you a vendor?
We would love to
hear from you.



🔥 VENDORS WANTED! 🔥

We are seeking expressions of interest from awesome food, craft, and activity vendors to participate in our Community Event at Rhodes Park. This event will take place on Saturday, 8th November (evening).

The event, hosted by Moanataiari School, is expected to draw a large crowd of local families and community members — a fantastic opportunity to showcase your business!

- 📍 Where: Rhodes Park, Thames
 - 📅 When: Saturday 8th November (evening)
 - 🔥 Food | Stalls | Kids' Activities
 - 👉 Interested? Send us a message to express your interest. Limited spots available – get in quick!
- Moanataiari School PTA

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 in store or online for full details.

BOOK YOUR 2026 FAMILY HOLIDAY NOW!



Jess Lamb 022 674 9237
Personal Travel Advisor

ENVOYAGE
for every journey

PAEROA TO THAMES FUN RUN/WALK 2025

2 NOVEMBER 2025

HAURAKI RAIL TRAIL 30KM COURSE

- Starting in Paeroa
- Finishing at The Fitness Co-Op Thames

CATEGORIES

Individual	\$25.00
2 person relay	\$30.00
Each additional person	\$5.00 extra
School teams	\$50.00

INFO

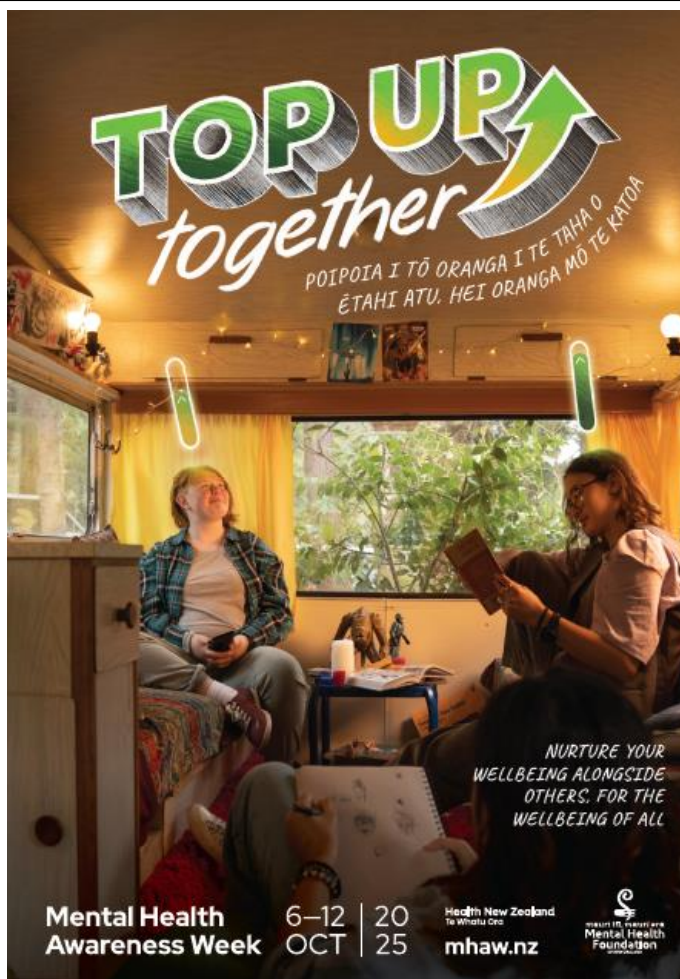
Can be done as a walk or run
Individual or team relay
All proceeds to the Thames High School
Early bird pricing ends 3rd October 2025
Hosted by The Fitness Co-Op

Register Now
www.paeroatothamesfunrun.co.nz

A fun day out being active for a great cause

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FIVE WAYS TO WELLBEING

INTRODUCE THESE FIVE SIMPLE STRATEGIES INTO YOUR LIFE & YOU WILL FEEL THE BENEFITS

BE ACTIVE

DO WHAT YOU CAN.
ENJOY WHAT YOU DO.
MOVE YOUR MOOD

TAKE NOTICE

REMEMBER THE SIMPLE
THINGS THAT GIVE YOU JOY

CONNECT

TALK & LISTEN,
BE THERE, FEEL CONNECTED

Give

YOUR TIME,
YOUR WORDS, YOUR PRESENCE

KEEP LEARNING

EMBRACE NEW EXPERIENCES,
SEE OPPORTUNITIES, SURPRISE YOURSELF

Mental Health Foundation
mauri tū, mauri ora

MENTALHEALTH.ORG.NZ

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.

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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Wow! Thank you so much to The Moanataiari PTA! You are amazing! Look at the snazzy items we have for our kitchen and garden thanks to the dedication and hard work of all the PTA members.

We are so very grateful to be able to begin the new term with all these cool things to use thanks to your fundraising.

We have new tools to replace our old broken ones and we have lovely new gloves to fit every age of gardener. We cannot wait to use them!

Our wonderful volunteers who work with our students in the kitchen really needed some new equipment to help them whip up some delicious dishes. They will be very excited to see our new purchases!



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