



Moanataiari Primary School

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Moanataiari School Principal's Newsletter - Term 1, 2025

Kia ora Whānau,

Welcome to Term 1 of the 2025 school year! We are excited to embark on another fantastic term filled with learning, events, and opportunities for our tamariki.

Curriculum and Attendance Updates

This year, we will be implementing Ministry of Education changes in **English and Mathematics** to ensure our students receive high-quality, evidence-based instruction that supports their learning and progress. More details will be shared as we integrate these changes into our curriculum.

As a staff we have already had a day of professional development with Sandy Haddock of Pr1me Mathematics. We are in a good position because we began working with Pr1me several years ago. Now we are being introduced to the changes, updates and digital platform.

Additionally, we are continuing with the **Mitey initiative**, which focuses on enhancing our students' well-being and mental health through structured, engaging learning experiences. This initiative is designed to foster resilience and emotional intelligence in our tamariki.

Importance of Attendance

Regular attendance is crucial for student success, as it provides consistency in learning, social development, and overall academic achievement. When children attend school every day, they build strong foundations in literacy and numeracy, develop positive relationships with peers and teachers, and gain the skills needed for future success. Absenteeism can disrupt learning, making it harder for students to catch up and stay engaged.

The government is now taking a **more proactive approach to monitoring school attendance**, including the collection of real-time attendance data. This initiative aims to support schools and families in addressing absenteeism early and ensuring that all children have the best opportunities to learn and thrive. We encourage all whānau to prioritise school attendance and reach out if support is needed to ensure students can be present and engaged in their learning.

Pool Update

We are pleased to inform you that we expect the school pool to be available for the children from **Monday, 10th February**. Unfortunately, the pool developed a leak over the break, requiring urgent maintenance. We appreciate your patience and apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused. We look forward to seeing our students enjoying the pool again soon.

Upcoming Events – Term 1 (February 10 – April 11, 2025)

February 2025

Week 3 (Feb 10 – Feb 14)

- **Feb 10 (Mon):** Dental van available for students
- **Feb 11 (Tue):**
 - Year 7/8 Tech (11:00 AM – 1:30 PM) begins
 - Waiata and Kapa Haka (1:30 PM – 2:45 PM) starts
- **Feb 12 (Wed):**
 - Jennie PHN – Information session for Year 7 & 8 (9:15 AM – 9:30 AM)
 - **School van not running**
 - Whānau Hui (3:15 PM)
- **Feb 14 (Fri):** Whakatau at 1.30 pm unveiling our new house flags

Week 4 (Feb 17 – Feb 21)

- **Feb 21 (Fri):** Family Fun Night (5:00 PM – 7:00 PM)

Week 5 (Feb 24 – Feb 28)

- **Feb 24 (Mon):** Board Meeting (5:30 PM – 7:00 PM)
- **Feb 28 (Fri): School van not running**

March 2025

Week 6 (Mar 3 – Mar 7)

- **Mar 5 (Wed):** PTA Meeting (5:15 PM – 6:15 PM)
- **Mar 6 (Thu):** School Beginners' Evening

Week 7 (Mar 10 – Mar 14)

- **Mar 10 (Mon) – Mar 14 (Fri):** Hockey Big Day Out 2025 (March 10-14, 17) – Thames Valley Hockey Association

Week 8 (Mar 17 – Mar 21)

Week 9 (Mar 24 – Mar 28)

- **Mar 24 (Mon):** Board Meeting (5:30 PM – 7:00 PM)

April 2025

Week 10 (Mar 31 – Apr 4)

- **Apr 2 (Wed):** PTA Meeting (5:15 PM – 6:15 PM)

Week 11 (Apr 7 – Apr 11)

- **Apr 7 (Mon):** Reports Sent Home
- **Apr 9 (Wed):** Epro8 – Year 7 & 8 Interschool Event (5:00 PM – 8:00 PM)
- **Apr 10 (Thu):**
 - Epro8 – Year 5 & 6 Interschool Event (9:30 AM – 12:30 PM)
 - Student Learning Conferences (1:00 PM – 7:00 PM)
- **Apr 11 (Fri):**
 - Last day of term
 - Mufti Day

Further Dates to Be Confirmed

We are still awaiting confirmation of additional events and will update you as soon as possible. Please watch for further details in our newsletters and school communications.

We look forward to a wonderful term ahead. Thank you for your ongoing support in making Moanataiari School a fantastic place for our students to learn and grow.

Ngā mihi nui,

David Brock

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