



MOANATAIARI SCHOOL

Newsletter

Monday 18th September 2023

Kia ora tātou

Many thanks to everyone who helped make our senior camp such a success. Your assistance was vital and very much appreciated.

We have a very busy week ahead with many events happening.

*On **Wednesday this week at 3.15pm Māori whānau** are invited to meet with me in the staffroom for a catch-up.*

*Our teachers are looking forward to catching up with parents and caregivers this **Thursday** to discuss student progress. Please remember that **school will close at 12 this Thursday.***

We also have our International Food Festival this Friday, and assembly.

I hope all of our students and staff have a restful term break, and come back to Term 4 refreshed.

David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki

School Photos

School photos will be held **THIS Wednesday 20th September**. Each child will be photographed individually and in their class group.

Ordering and payment will be made on line.

Each student will receive a unique code **at the beginning of next term** for ordering on line.

Sibling photo forms are available from our school office.



2023 Start Date & School Terms

Term 3: Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September

Term 4: Monday 9 October to Friday 15 December

Coming up:

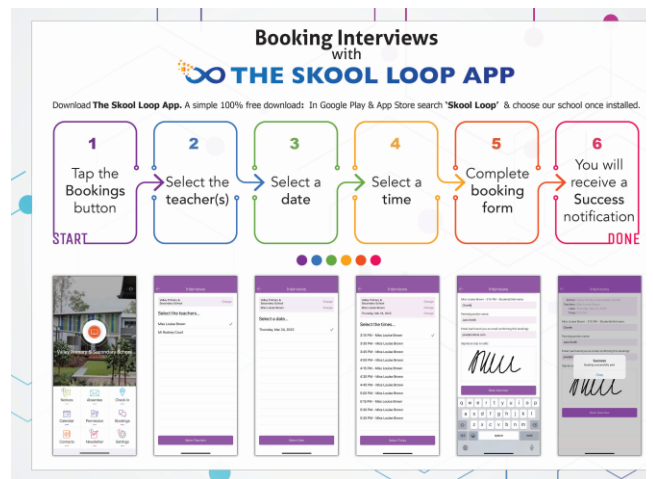
Mon 18 Sep	Reports sent home
Mon 18 Sep	Year 8 dinner meeting R7 5pm
Mon 18 Sep	BoT meeting 5.30pm
Tue 19 Sep	Super Smash cricket
Tue 19 Sep	PTA meeting 5pm staffroom
Tue 19 Sep	Room 6 trip to the museum
Wed 20 Sep	School photos
Wed 20 Sep	Trees for Survival tree planting
Wed 20 Sep	Room 7 trip to the museum
Wed 20 Sep	Whānau meeting 3.15 staffroom
Thu 21 Sep	School finishes at 12 noon
Thu 21 Sep	Parent/Caregiver interviews
Fri 22 Sep	International food festival
Fri 22 Sep	Assembly 2.15pm
Fri 22 Sep	End of term 3 – 3pm finish
Fri 6 Oct	PTA movie night – see facebook
Mon 9 Oct	Term 4 Starts

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Student reports will be sent home on **today** and parent/teacher conferences will be held on **Thursday 21st September**.

Bookings can be made via the SkoolLoop app, or manually at our school office.

Please note that school will **finish at 12 noon on Thursday 21st September**.



International Food Festival This Friday!

This Friday we are celebrating the diversity of cultures in our school and ask each family to bring along a plate of food to share that is traditional fare from their culture. Food can be left in our school kitchen by 1pm.

Come along dressed in clothes that represent your family heritage and be in to win a prize. Prizes will be given out at assembly.

If you don't have anything from your heritage to wear you may dress in mufti.



Touch Rugby (Term 4)

Forms for teams to enter the interschool touch competition played at Rhodes Park every Thursday next term are due on Wednesday 20th September. Unfortunately, Mrs Saunders has only received 5 Year 7 & 8 forms, 7 Year 5 & 6 forms, and 2 Year 3 forms. Only one of these forms indicates that a parent can help. At this point, Mrs Saunders IS NOT ENTERING ANY TOUCH TEAMS due to the lack of parental support. This would be really disappointing for those who are keen to play. Please return your forms ASAP and any parent that can help would be greatly appreciated!

Moanataiari School Athletics

Thursday 26th October (Week 3). More details to follow next term.

Uniform Reminder

All students must wear our correct school uniform during school hours. Our uniform consists of:

Jade polo shirt with school logo

Plain navy shorts/skorts/pants (not black or denim)

Plain navy sweatshirt or navy polar fleece with school logo

If students are not able to wear uniform, for whatever reason, a note explaining to the class teacher is required.

Jewellery is limited to plain stud or sleeper earrings. Taonga or other culturally significant items may be worn with permission from the Principal.

Absence from School

Please advise the school office by **9.15am** by phone or via the SkoolLoop app if your child will be away from school for any reason.

We need to know that our students are safe if they haven't arrived at school when we expect them.



Cricket

Tomorrow we have all classes participating in a cricket session with Cricket NZ personnel. More details will follow next term for opportunities to further their cricket skills.

Kio Rahi Tournament

Please return your forms to Matua Clayton ASAP for this fun opportunity at Te Puru School on **Thursday 21st September**.

Leavers Dinner Meeting

This will be held in **Room 7 at 5.00 today**. If your child is a Year 8 and leaving Moanataiari School this year please try and get to this meeting.

Rooms 6 and 7 had a wonderful time on their senior camp and here are a few recounts:

Waitawheta Camp

Nearly arriving at our destination, we went past a bridge, which was over a river that we were going to kayak in. Arriving at Waimarino, we parked and went inside to see the awesome waterpark. The first thing we saw was the hydro slide which was straight, fast and ferocious. We ate a little bit and went kayaking. The instructor, Royce, taught us how to kayak and off we went. Our first task was to make a raft which basically linked our kayaks together without hands, and there were 3 rules: 1, don't let go 2, don't let go and 3, never let go.

Afterward, we did 3 missions. 1 was to capsize and get back up again with a T and an X formation. After that we did the low rider, high rider, and standing up on our kayak seat. I had a lot of experience from the high rider since it's like pumping on a surfboard so that was fun. When we finished we made another raft and played another game called Evolution.

Evolution is a game where you start as an egg and make your way up by doing paper scissors rock with the same species. You go from an egg to a chicken, to dog, to a horse, to a t-rex, and finally to a water-breathing dragon. Your goal is to be a water-breathing dragon and it's the only animal in the game with a special power, the ability to splash people. We finished kayaking and did all the other activities, but kayaking was the best.

By Josh D

Waitawheta Camp

At camp Waitawheta the top 3 most things I liked about camp were 1 Waimarino, 2 Spotlight, and 3 Damper's.

The Waimarino place was so fun. The first thing we did was kayaking and after that we mostly wanted to go in the hot tub. Most of the time I was in the hot tub or the slide which was really cool.

Spotlight was AMAZING. I hid well but in the first round I was found. The second round though I hid with Te Koha, Matilda and Lachie - we had the best spot. We all went behind the barrels in the little garage.

Three of our damper's were so delicious and creamy. I put nutella in mine and I put a lot inside. We had to cook them in a big outdoor oven with fire. The damper was so stretchy and the dough was very soft on the inside. Those were the 3 top things I liked about camp.

By Lilly-Anne Sands-Gage

Recount of Camp

The best moment of camp was Waimarino when we were kayaking. I was struggling, but a few minutes later I got the hang of it. I was super happy. After the kayaking the instructor said "you can choose to do a swimming test". So I did. When I dipped my toe in the water it was as cold as Antarctica. I did the swimming test as fast as I could. When I finished the instructor said "you passed". I was so happy.

I wanted to go on the hydro slide so I grabbed a mat and swoosh! I went! When I landed my butt hurt because I smashed into the water. It hurt, but I liked the ride so I went on it 2 more times.

After that, I went on the paddle boat. It was fun but not as fun as the hydro slide. After I felt that I was getting hyperthermia so I went in the hot pool. It felt like I was in heaven. When I was going back to camp I wanted to go again.

By Geonho Cho

Senior Camp

We have a number of un-named containers and tea towels awaiting collection from Room 7.

Te rerenga korero:

Tāria I konei *Please take a seat*

Moanataiari School

UNDER THE SEA BALL



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7:00
PM

28
OCT

The Kirkwood on Thames. Doors open 6:30 pm

Ticket Price

\$80

per person.
Drink on arrival

Order your
tickets now!

Live Music: Daughters of Ally

Food by: Burton's Catering

Live Auctions



Fundraising towards the Moanataiari
School pool upgrade

Ticket Booking Info:

Contact us : 07 868 6504

kuranui@moana.school.nz



WE ARE DOING IT AGAIN

THAMES LIBRARY ESCAPE ROOM

Free!

Can you escape Boo's bedroom?

Contact the Thames Library to book

07 868 6616

thameslibrary@tcdc.govt.nz



Check out our Facebook page or pop into the library to see what other programmes we have on offer over the school holidays

Bookings are essential

Book in for your turn, minimum of two, maximum of six people.

Half hour sessions :

- Monday 25th September
- Tuesday 26th September
- Wednesday 27th September
- Thursday 28th September
- Friday 29th September
- Monday 2nd October
- Tuesday 3rd October
- Wednesday 4th October
- Thursday 5th October
- Friday 6th October



ENROLMENTS

Thames High School
Te Kura Tuarua o te Kauaeranga

Thursday 28 September
1.00 pm to 5.00 pm

An invitation to Year 8

Please confirm your 25min appointment booking with Chris at the THS Reception on 07 86886888 or office@thameshigh.school.nz



TE KAUAERANGA THAMES HERITAGE FESTIVAL

29th September to
1st October 2023

**ARTS AND CRAFTS
LOST AND FOUND**

www.thamesheritage.co.nz

Friday 29th September

Shortland cemetery tour
Exhibition of pioneer crafts
Create a time capsule quilt
Traditional carving demo
Historical knitting

Saturday 30th September

The art of blacksmithing
Period portraits
Digitising treasures
Print making workshops
Hearts of gold
Artist at work
Mapping the past
Jewellery making
Music
Playing the harp
Wood turning
Native bird artistry
Shizzle art
Beauty in Thames Coast
Birds of a feather exhibition
Decoupage

Sunday 1st October

Kopu bridge opening
Fun on the train
Copperwork
Heritage bottles

Visit www.thamesheritage.co.nz
for details.

101 Kuranui Street, Thames * Phone 07 868 6504 * Email: office@moana.school.nz

Moanataiari School Bank Account: ANZ Thames 01 0455 0108122 01

Thames Tennis Club



**JUNIOR TENNIS
2023 / 24
SEASON**


JUNIOR REGISTRATION
Online at www.thamestennisclub.com

**Season Commences
Week 1 Term 4**

Membership includes group coaching on
Thursday Afternoon & Friday Afternoon Club Day

EVERYONE WELCOME
TINY TOTS THROUGH TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
WEAR SUITABLE FOOTWEAR
RACQUETS AVAILABLE TO USE

Thames Tennis Club 403 Brown Street, Thames
www.thamestennisclub.co.nz



PAEROA TO THAMES FUN RUN/WALK 2023

12 NOVEMBER 2023

HAURAKI RAIL TRAIL 30KM COURSE
 • Starting in Paeroa
 • Finishing at Rhodes Park

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

INFO
 Can be done as a walk or run
 Individual or team relay
 All proceeds to the Thames High School Athletics Squad
 Early bird pricing ends 12th October 2023
 Hosted by The Fitness Co-Op

Register Now
www.paeroatothamesfunrun.co.nz


A fun day out being active for a great cause

Whānau Day Out

Tuesday 26th September 2023
10am - 1:00pm
PAEROA WAR MEMORIAL HALL

A fun interactive gathering of local health providers, social services and community groups for the local and wider community

Fun kids activities - FREE Sausage Sizzle - Spot Prizes - Bouncy Castle - Health Services - Community Services - Music - Mahi Toi - FREE Health Checks + MORE !



Transition Town Thames presents:

2023 General Election Meet the Candidates

Thames Civic Centre
Sunday 1st October 5-7pm

All welcome

Submit written questions at the event or prior to
t3coregroup@gmail.com

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t3coregroup@gmail.com