

Newsletter

Monday 8th September 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:

Thu 11 Sep	R7 Thames Museum visit
Tue 16 Sep	BoT meeting 5.30pm
Wed 17 Sep	Room 1 Hamilton Zoo trip
Thu 18 Sep	R9 Gala
Fri 19 Sep	End of term 3
Mon 6 Oct	Term 4 starts

Kia ora tātou

Many thanks to Claire Nankivell for preparing and organising the DOC conservation trip last week. This was a wonderful opportunity to showcase all we are doing to care for our local environment, and foster sustainability practices for our students. The students who participated had a great time, as can be seen in the photos attached.

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent survey. Congratulations to Nikki Corr, the winner of the \$20 Pak n Save voucher.

David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki

Room 1 Trip to Hamilton Zoo

As part of our African animals inquiry this term, Room 1 students are visiting the Hamilton Zoo **next week on Wednesday 17th September.**

Please ensure children are **at school by 8.00am** so we are ready to leave by 8.30am sharp.

Remember to bring a packed lunch, drink bottle, school hat, and rain jacket, and wear comfortable walking shoes.

Thank you to those parents who have offered transport, your assistance is very much appreciated.



Room 7 Visit to Thames Museum

Te Karaka, Room 7, is learning about the early history of Thames before 1867.

This Thursday 11th September we will walk to the museum, then carry on to the community garden where we will have morning tea.

We will then visit the playground for lunch and free play time, returning to school by 2.30pm.

Students need to **pay \$2 each** to our school office for entry to the museum. Please make sure we have your signed permission slip also.



Te rerenga korero:

Timatahia tō mahi.

Begin your work.

Room 9 Market Day

Room 9 students have been working very hard with their financial literacy skills over the last two terms using the Banquer platform.

They have been earning Banquer money through jobs and hard work in school.

They have been growing their money through term deposits, investment in housing, and they have been saving money in their Banquer accounts and in Kiwisaver.

As a next step to their learning, this term the students will be working to set up and run a business at our class gala. They are required to submit a business plan, to budget, research, market and operate their business.

All profits of their business will go towards the cost of our school camp.

The gala will be held next week on Thursday 18th September at 11.00am.

All families are also welcome to come and support this venture.



ROOM 9 MARKET DAY

Moanataiari School
In Room 8 and 9
Thursday 18th of September 11 am-2pm

Come and support our awesome tamariki!

Room 9 has been busy creating, baking, building, and designing a range of exciting products and experiences just for you!

STALLS INCLUDE:

- Homemade treats
- Crafts and art
- Fun games
- Gifts and goodies
- Lollies and more!

Don't forget to bring a few coins to spend!

Speeches

A big congratulations to our speech finalists, Khloe Donaldson, Katelyn Sem, Mason Hopkirk and Zen Lamont who represented us in the Interschool speech competition at Thames South School last Friday.

Khloe Donaldson came 3rd and Katelyn Sem 4th in the senior competition.

All four students represented our school very well.



School Hours

School begins 8.55am

1st break 10.30 – 10.40am (eating time)
10.40 – 11.00am (play)

2nd break 12.40 – 12.50pm (eating time)
12.50 – 1.30pm (play)

School Ends 3.00pm Monday to Friday

Please ensure that students are in class by 8.55am when the bell goes, as late students disrupt the rest of the class and can miss out on instructions for the day.

As much as we want students to be here in plenty of time before the bell, **they mustn't be here before 8.15am** as staff are not available for supervision before that time.



Lost Property

Are you missing any school uniform? Please check our lost property bin as there is quite a selection in there.

Conservation week activities from last week at the DOC centre, Kauaeranga Valley.



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The first week in September was Conservation week with the theme "Take Action for Nature".

Twelve lucky students from Moanataiari School with a passion for nature had the opportunity to learn more about the positive action that we can take for nature by attending a special event. The Conservation Week Children's event on Thursday 4th September at the Kauranga Visitor Centre was organised by Jo Buchan, Rachael Cheeseman (Enviroschools) and Maree Limpus (DoC).

Our students had such a great day and they took part in four interesting workshops. Lenny from Zero Waste showed them how to create a mini worm farm, Tansy from the Shorebird Centre helped them learn to identify different shorebirds and understand how they feed. After lunch they planted Pohutukawa seedlings with Rick from Pare Hauraki, and learned about trapping pests with Bex from Hauraki Predator Free.

We'd like to extend our gratitude to all the organisers and community group members who created this special day.

Thank you also to Peggy Morrison and Wendy Davies for transporting and caring for our students on the day.

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Create Your Own Geodes and Treasure Rock Hunting

705 Queen Street
Carnegie Library
Thames

Wednesday 24th
September
10am-2pm

No bookings required
Koha on entry at the door.

Come in to have a go at creating your own Geodes. There will also be Treasure rocks hiding throughout the room, for you to find and break open to discover the treasure hiding inside.

Create your own Mini Gem Tree

705 Queen Street
Carnegie Library
Thames

Thursday 25th
September
10am-2pm

Koha on entry at the door.

No Booking but First in First Served due to limited resources and popular demand!

After such a successful day creating the gem trees last holidays, we are bringing it back for those who missed out! Come along and choose a 'gem' and copper wire to create your own mini gem tree to take home.

Thames School of Mines

September/ October 2025

Nature Patterns on Smooth Stones

705 Queen Street
Carnegie Library
Thames

Wednesday 1st
October 2025
10am-2pm

Koha on entry at the door

No Booking required

Come along and choose your stones. You can create some of your own ideas of different patterns we find in our natural environment, or practice some of the examples shown on the day. We can then clear coat spray these for you to take home once they are dry, adding to your garden at home.

Vintage Games Day

705 Queen Street
Carnegie Library
Thames

Thursday 2nd
October
10am-2pm

Koha on entry at the door

No Bookings Required

Come in for a fun day of vintage games, puzzles, and activities... Learn about what kept tamariki entertained before modern day technology.

10 am - 12 pm

\$25
per child
5 to 15yo.

Gelli printing Tuesday 23rd
Spring blossom

Watercolour Wednesday 24th
Day at the beach

Recycled Sculpture Monday 29th
Mini creatures

Air dry Clay Tuesday 30th Sept
Mosaics

Paper Craft Wednesday 1st October
Flexitangle

School Holiday Art Program

Contact Laurie Mango
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