



MOANATAIARI SCHOOL

# Newsletter

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## 2024 Start Date & School Terms

Term 3: Monday 22 July to Friday 29 September

Term 4: Monday 14 October to Tuesday 17 December

### Coming up:

- 10/11 Sep St Johns for all classes
- 10-13 Sep Senior camp
- Fri 13 Sep R7 sausage sizzle & milos
- Tue 17 Sep Visit to Kerepehi School
- Wed 18 Sep School photos
- Mon 23 Sep BoT meeting 5.30pm
- Thu 26 Sep Student learning conferences  
**school finishes at 12 noon**
- Fri 27 Sep Farewell to Mrs Saunders at assembly
- Fri 27 Sep PTA mufti day
- Fri 27 Sep End of Term 3
- Mon 14 Oct Term 4 starts

*Kia ora tātou*

*Congratulations to all of our competitors at the Thames Valley cross country event last week. You all put in a great effort. Many thanks to our helpers at this event.*

*David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki*

### Senior Camp

Our seniors are off on their amazing camp in Auckland at **9.00am** tomorrow morning (arrive at school **by 8.30am please**). We are very grateful to all of our wonderful helpers and organisers. Have a fabulous time!



### Thames Schools' Speech Competition



Congratulations to Macy Donaldson for **winning** the junior division, and to Katelyn Sem for **winning** the senior division against all the other schools in Thames. This is an amazing accomplishment and we are very proud of you both.



### St Johns

This week we have St Johns visiting all of our classrooms teaching our students about basic first aid.



### Sausage Sizzle this Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

**\$2.50 sausages and \$1.50 Milos will be for sale** at lunch break. *Place orders at the kitchen window on **Friday before 9am.***



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### School Photos

Our school photos will be held on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, next week.**

Each child will be photographed individually and in their class group.

Ordering and payment information has been sent home.

Please bring your completed form to our school office if you would like sibling photos.



### \$\$\$ \$100 Raffle \$\$\$

We have a \$100 raffle at our school office to raise funds to help Sam's family while she is still in hospital.

**Tickets are \$2 each.**

### Te rerenga korero:

**Tāria i konei**      *Please take a seat*



### Yummy Apple Stickers



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

### 2024 Conservation Week Event

Last Thursday 12 lucky students attended an event held at Kauaeranga DOC visitor centre to celebrate Conservation Week.

Many local schools attended the event and shared what is happening at their schools to "take action for nature". The students spent the afternoon participating in fun and interactive workshops run by community experts.

We thank Jo Buchanan, Rachael Cheeseman (from EnviroSchools) and Maree Limpus (from DOC) for arranging such a fantastic day for our students.

Many thanks also to Claire and Wendy for assisting throughout the day.



# STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES

## THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

We take the opportunity of meeting with parents and caregivers at this time of the year to discuss your child's progress. This also offers the teachers the best way to find out any important information which may affect your child's learning. Similarly the teachers may have strategies which you could use to aid your child at home. We would like the pupils to be involved in the conferences.



Each conference will be **10 minutes** duration. If you want more time please make a further appointment with your child's teacher. **Please endeavour to be on time as any delay affects others and your interview may be shortened.** A bell will ring to start each new 10 minute period.

We will send reports home on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. **Please bring your child's report and your child** to the conference.

**Fill in the time that suits you best** for each child on the **SkoolLoop app**. Alternatively, we can book a time for you manually at the school office.

*If you are unable to attend your confirmed conference time, please let the office know asap.*

### ***Please Note***

**School will close at 12 noon on this day.**

***Childcare arrangements will need to be made after 12 noon as the school is not able to provide supervision until 3pm.***



# Community Notices

Tuesday 1st October 10 am - 12 pm  
**Sip and paint** Animal Portrait \$25 per child 5 to 15yo.

Wednesday 2nd October  
**Watercolour** Glowing in the Deep Ocean

Thursday 3rd October **FREE** Sponsored by the Seagull Centre  
**Recycled Sculpture** Upcycling Packaging

Tuesday 8th October  
**Paper Mache** Make your own Mask

Wednesday 9th October  
**Illustration** Charcoal Dragon

Thursday 10th October  
**Clay & Wire** Flying Bugs

The Creativity Room  
Contact Laurie Mango at 027 57 57 497 or laurie.mango@gmail.com  
517 Pollen Street, Thames.  
All materials included.  
Limited spaces available.

School holiday program

Here's what's in store for your little artists:



### Tuesday, October 1st: Sip and Paint for Kids

We'll be painting **animal portraits** in acrylics on canvas, with refreshing juices to sip while they create. Kids will learn color mixing, composition, and layering techniques to bring their animal masterpieces to life!



### Wednesday, October 2nd: Deep-Sea Watercolor Wonders

Dive deep into the world of **watercolors**! We'll use drawing gum and richly colored layers to create glowing effects. Kids will learn about color value and the magic of contrast to make their underwater scenes pop!



### Thursday, October 3rd: Upcycled Art Adventures (Free Workshop)

Thanks to the generous support of the Seagull Centre in Thames, we're hosting a special upcycling workshop. Kids will transform everyday packaging into art using hot glue guns, drills, and more—creating unique pieces from what others might see as rubbish!



### Tuesday, October 8th: Papier-Mâché Mask Making

Kids can reinvent themselves with a papier-mâché mask workshop. From basic forms to elaborate creations with beads, fabrics, and feathers, they will learn how to build and personalize their very own mask!



### Wednesday, October 9th: Charcoal Dragon Drawings

Let's unleash some dragons! Working on large-format tinted paper, kids will learn to use black and white charcoal to create striking dragon illustrations, adding pastel for that extra burst of color.



### Thursday, October 10th: Supersized Bug Sculptures

Our final workshop brings imagination to life with **clay and wire**. Kids will sculpt supersized bugs, using thin wires to create dynamic wings and structures, and paint them in vivid colors to finish.

#### Why join our program?

- **All materials provided:** Just bring your creativity!
- **Small group sizes:** Personalized guidance and support.
- **Experienced instructors:** Dedicated to making art fun and accessible.

**Spaces are limited**, so don't miss out on this opportunity for your child to explore their creative side, learn new skills, and have a blast with friends. To enroll or for more information, please contact me directly at [your email address] or call [your phone number]. We can't wait to create amazing art with your kids!

**Let's make this holiday unforgettable with creativity and fun!**

## Good morning, creative community!

Are you ready to take on a new artistic challenge? This October, the Creativity Room is excited to join **Inktober**—a global art initiative that invites artists to create one ink drawing a day throughout the month. It's a fantastic way to improve your skills, explore new ideas, and connect with a worldwide community of artists!

#### What is Inktober?

Inktober was started by artist Jake Parker in 2009 as a way to develop better inking skills and establish positive drawing habits. Since then, it has grown into a popular challenge that artists of all levels participate in each year.

#### How to Get Involved:

1. **Gather Your Supplies:** You don't need fancy materials—just a pen, some paper, and a little imagination!
2. **Follow the Prompts:** Use the official Inktober prompt list (available at [inktober.com](http://inktober.com)) or create your own themes. We'll also be sharing the prompts daily on social media to keep you inspired!
3. **Draw and Share:** Aim to create one ink drawing each day, or as many as you can. Share your work on social media using the hashtags **#Inktober** and **#CreativityRoomInktober**.
4. **Join Our Community Sessions:** We'll be hosting weekly check-ins to celebrate our progress, share tips, and keep each other motivated!

#### Why Join Inktober?

Whether you're a seasoned artist or just starting out, Inktober is a great way to develop a regular creative practice. It's not about perfection—it's about progress, fun, and experimenting with new ideas!

We hope to see you all joining in this October. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need some guidance on getting started.

Happy creating!

Warm regards, Laurie Spera, The Creativity Room

# Inktober 2023

## OFFICIAL 2023 PROMPT LIST

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|-------------|------------|---------------|
| 1. DREAM    | 11. WANDER | 21. CHAINS    |
| 2. SPIDERS  | 12. SPICEY | 22. SCRATCHY  |
| 3. PATH     | 13. RISE   | 23. CELESTIAL |
| 4. DODGE    | 14. CASTLE | 24. SHALLOW   |
| 5. MAP      | 15. DAGGER | 25. DANGEROUS |
| 6. GOLDEN   | 16. ANGEL  | 26. REMOVE    |
| 7. DRIP     | 17. DEMON  | 27. BEAST     |
| 8. TOAD     | 18. SADDLE | 28. SPARKLE   |
| 9. BOUNCE   | 19. PLUMP  | 29. MASSIVE   |
| 10. FORTUNE | 20. FROST  | 30. RUSH      |
|             |            | 31. FIRE      |

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