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Team Moana Term 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to students and whānau. We hope you have enjoyed the break in what was some changeable spring weather. Moana students are to be commended for working hard and maintaining high standards throughout the previous term. Term Four is always busy for the senior school, but we are delighted to have the school back 'open' and seeing more of the community again.



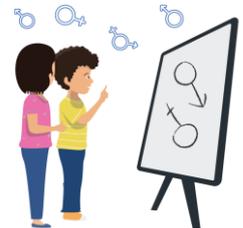
Art Attack

A whole school art display showcasing the student art focus from term 3 will be held tomorrow, **Tuesday 18th October in the New Hall from 2pm – 5pm**. Parents are most welcome to come and see what the children have been working on.

Careers

We are having a Careers Expo on Tuesday 7 November where parents share with small groups of students what their occupation entails. We have run these workshops before, with excellent support from our parent community. If you think you can contribute to the expo, please refer to the notice that came home last term and contact the class teacher. Thank you to those who have already made themselves available.

Later in the term we will look at **Sexuality Education**. A parent evening will be held before we begin the unit. You will be informed of the date for this shortly.



Students will have a few sessions with the **Life Education Trust** as well.

Athletics

Senior athletics day will be held on Thursday 10 November. Due to our field now being smaller in size, only Teams Moana and Awa Nui will participate on this day. Teams Waka and Roto will have their athletics later in the term. Many Moana students will progress through to the North West Zones which will be held on 18 November. We ask that students bring a change of clothes for training each day.



Year Eight Formal

Year 8's will have their end of year formal on Wednesday 14 December. This is a wonderful evening and one of the highlights of the year. In preparation, Team Moana will have formal dance lessons with dance instructor Vanessa Cole. If you would like to learn a few moves yourselves, come on down! A letter will soon follow, giving parents more information about the evening. The cost for the formal is \$40, which includes a buffet dinner, a disco, and a photo booth.

Year-8 Girls Self-defence

We are privileged to again be accessing funding from the Women's Self Defence Network to teach self-defence to Year 8 girls. There is no cost to families. This programme is designed to teach safe physical and emotional boundaries and build self-confidence and assertiveness. Feedback from the girls has always been extremely positive, and it certainly helps their self-esteem! There are four sessions, each around two hours. A letter will soon go home to Year 8 girls' parents.

Team Fun Day

We are planning a fun outing for the senior team on Wednesday 7 December to acknowledge the hard work and positive behaviour shown so far this year. At this stage, most senior students are invited.

Team Moana will take part in the Tough Kids Challenge in the morning and relax in the New Brighton Hot Pools in the afternoon. Further information soon.



Kapa Haka / Technology

- Kapa Haka continues in preparation for the Tūhono Festival in Week Six.
- Kirkwood technology continues on Mondays this term.

Digital Safety

If you are not already involved in monitoring your child's use of devices and/or social media, we strongly suggest you do so. You may be surprised at the amount of social media chat within the team! Much of it is positive and fun but there can be some instances when things are said that cause issues and stress within friendships and relationships. Please remember that children of intermediate age do not have the same maturity as adults when it comes to making decisions around social media. As parents and caregivers, we have the right and responsibility to be involved in our tamariki's online life. Refer to Deputy Principal Jane Rush's email "Online Safety Concerns" (27 September) for more information and support.

Home Learning / Excellence Awards

Many students in Team Moana have undertaken the optional home learning programme which incorporates an Excellence Award badge. Home learning is designed to have students acknowledge and take ownership of their own learning. We have been awarding Excellence Badges throughout the year and it has been fantastic to see the extra learning that some of our students have completed.

Uniform / Drink Bottles / Sanitising / Masks

Team Moana students are great role models for the rest of the school in how they wear the Russley uniform, and we expect this to continue. **Sun hats are compulsory this term** and we strongly recommend that our students wear sunblock, daily. We are also encouraging the team to maintain the sanitising and washing of hands that has been successfully working this year. Thank you to students who are wearing masks if they have cold symptoms - we appreciate they are looking after themselves and their teammates. Please ensure your child brings a named drink bottle to school every day.



Contact Us

Don't hesitate to ask if you require further information. You can contact your child's teacher by emailing them directly. We look forward to working with you and your children this term.

Yours sincerely

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