



Moerewa School

**TERM 4
WEEK 1**

Friday 7 October 2025
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Nau mai rā, Hine Raumati!

Nau mai ki te wāhanga tuawhā!

Term 4 is upon us, and there's plenty of mahi ahead as we move toward the end of another busy year. Our tamariki have returned to kura with great vigour and excitement — and it's wonderful to see their energy fill our spaces once again! Over the holiday period, a lot transpired — some good, and some not so good.

This term's kaupapa, Toitū Te Tangata, focuses on the importance of enduring relationships. Ākonga will explore and celebrate the connections within our kura and wider whānau, strengthening the values of whanaungatanga, kotahitanga, and manaakitanga. Learning goals include understanding roles and responsibilities, developing effective communication, and identifying safe people and spaces — skills that will help them stay connected, confident, and secure as we head into the holidays.

Sadly, our kura experienced vandalism during the break. Throughout my tenure as Tumuaiki at Moerewa School, this is the first time we've had to face something like this, and I sincerely hope it will be the last. We also want to remind our community about the importance of safety around our school grounds. While we love seeing our tamariki walking to and from school each day, we are still witnessing speeding vehicles and motorbikes along the roadways. I will be taking a firmer, more punitive stance to help keep our tamariki safe. This is a collective responsibility — we must do better.

Finally, one of our current concerns is the **measles outbreak** that has begun circulating across Te Tai Tokerau. This is concerning for many reasons, particularly given its ease of transmission within school environments. Please ensure your tamaiti's immunisations are up to date and that they remain at home if they are unwell. The well-being of our school community depends on everyone playing their part.

With this in mind — and following extensive discussions with health officials — I have decided to postpone our upcoming camp until next year, with a new date to be confirmed. While this is disappointing, the safety and well-being of our tamariki and staff must always take priority. We will, however, continue to plan and enjoy end-of-year celebrations within each kura whānau, ensuring tamariki still have meaningful and memorable experiences to close out the year.

We are thrilled to support our local tamariki as they pursue their sporting goals! We're incredibly proud of each one of you — and of the village that continues to grow around you. A huge mihi to our local gyms and sports clubs, who are putting in the mahi every season to uplift our rangatahi. We see you! We hope our sponsorship helps you get one step closer to achieving the highest sporting aspirations.

As we embrace Hine Raumati, there's much happening around our kura this term. Below you'll find key information and reminders to help keep everyone informed and ready for the weeks ahead.

Ngā mihi mahana,
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Tumuaiki – Moerewa School



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➡ YEAR 4 TRANSITION

Our Year 4 students have begun transitioning into their tuakana classes within their kura whānau. This process has been going really well, and throughout this term, they'll spend more time alongside their tuakana to prepare for their move in 2026.



SUMMER HATS

As the summer sun returns, all tamariki must bring a hat to school each day. Hats are to be worn whenever tamariki are outside. Each class has only a limited number of spare hats, so if you have any extras at home that could be donated, please send them along with your tamaiti.

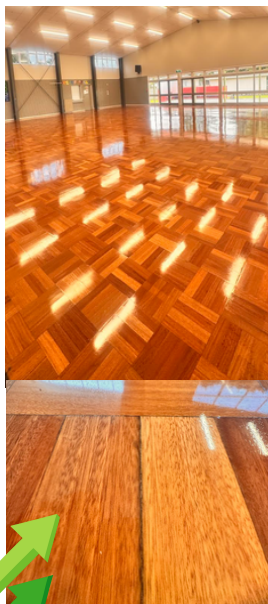
SWIMMING

Thanks to Matua Fred for getting our pool up and running — it's ready to go for Term 4! Tamariki will take part in water confidence and safety activities, while our senior students will be swimming at Te Puna Wai Centre. Please ensure your tamaiti has appropriate swimming gear each swimming day.



➡ YEAR 8 TRANSITION

As the year draws to a close, we encourage whānau of Year 8 students to begin making decisions about Year 9 pathways. Moerewa School caters for students up to Year 10, so if you wish for your tamaiti to continue their learning journey here, please kōrero with their current kaiako. If you are considering other local high schools, we recommend contacting them before the end of the year to confirm enrolment for 2026



attendance

We've recently implemented several system changes to make it easier for whānau to contact us about their child's attendance. If your tamaiti is away for more than three days, a medical certificate will be required upon their return. For extended absences due to medical reasons, we will arrange a whānau hui to discuss how we can provide support — including options for distance learning if needed. We've also noticed that Friday continues to be our lowest attendance day. Let's work together to change this narrative! Every day matters, and consistent attendance helps our tamariki stay connected, confident, and successful in their learning.

NEW SCHOOL VANS

We're thrilled to welcome two new school vans to our kura! Huge thanks to our Board of Trustees for their ongoing support of both our tamariki and staff. These vans will make a big difference in supporting learning experiences beyond the classroom. Unfortunately we aren't in a position to 'hire' our school vehicles out as they will be used for school kaupapa only at this stage. If you see our number plates, give us a shoutout!



PROPERTY

With the completion of our classroom upgrades, we're now turning our attention to the outside of our kura. Over time, our buildings will receive a refreshed coat of paint, beginning with Whānau Otiria and Whānau Tere Awatea. External painting for Tamarere, Technology, and our Library buildings will follow next year. Our school hall floor has also undergone a major transformation — it's been brought back to life! Many sweet dance moves have graced that floor since the old BOI Intermediate days, and it's wonderful to see it shining again, ready for more memories to be made. We're also launching several beautification projects involving our tamariki — keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates!