

Thorndon School Newsletter

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“A book holds a house of gold.”

Chinese Proverb

Action List

Are you coming in for Maths during Maths Week?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you sent in your school donation?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you coming to our numeracy evening?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Can you be a Maths mentor?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can you find time to read to children during Book Week?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Can you offer some help during Maths Week?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you sent in a scratchy for the fair?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you responded to the text message proposal?	<input type="checkbox"/>

Dear Parents

Kia ora tatou.

I have been away this week and came in late this morning so the newsletter has been put together in a hurry and there won't be much of an "editorial".

Don't forget our Maths evening next week. If you are intending to come it would be very helpful if you could let us know.

Bill Sutton

Lost

One of the children in the senior school has lost his cell phone and it is possible that it has been collected from the office by another child by mistake.

The phone is a silver Nokia and if it has been taken in error we would be grateful if it could be returned.

While on the subject of phones, it would be a great help if they could be named. There are lots of phones which are identical to each other.

Text Messaging

While we have not received a lot of responses those we have got have all been positive so we will go ahead and make a few more enquiries about this and see if we are able to get the system under way for next term.

If you would still like to send in your thoughts on this proposal please feel free to email us or send in a note.

Wonderful World of Maths

On the 7th of August Room 1 and 2 went to the World Maths in the hall. The one I really enjoyed was Where's Dad's Office. Jesse, the man who was running it, was really funny he made up maths jokes like make sure you don't do 'evil maths' and bang two little kids together. Everyone mostly knew all the answers Jesse gave us. The last time I did this it wasn't as hard as the one for this year. My friends in my group were really smart and really helpful and so was everyone else (not that anyone helped our group). I hope we get to do this again next year.

By Sam Panganiban.

ASC

Some children attend After School Care on a regular basis – say 5 days a week or 3 days a week and ASC staff have this recorded.

Recently some parents have changed the regular days the children are attending – which in itself is not a problem.

It does cause some difficulty for staff however if they are not kept informed of these changes.

Please make sure you let the ASC staff know if you are changing any details regarding your child's attendance at After School Care.

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Term 3 Calendar

Aug 7	Maths World Activities.
Aug 8	The Olympics begin.
Aug 8	Enviro Group to Te Papa.
Aug 8	Room 2 to NZSO performance at Te Papa.
Aug 11	Maths Week begins.
Aug 13	Art Workshop whole school.
Aug 13	Chess competition at Kelburn.
Aug 14	Numeracy Evening for Parents.
Aug 18	Artsplash this week.
Aug 18	International Languages Week begins.
Aug 19	Ballet Workshop at School.
Aug 19	BOT Meeting
Aug 21	Group to Ballet Performance – St James.
Aug 22	Central Cluster Chess Competition.
Aug 29	School disco.
Sep 4	Poly Club performance at Wellington Girls.
Sep 8	Book Week begins.
Sep 16	Central Cluster Speech Competition.
Sep 17	Science Technology Roadshow.
Sep 18	Science Technology Roadshow.
Sep 26	Term Ends.

CRICKET COACHING

Improve your cricket game this summer! Cricket Wellington, through its Wellington School of Cricket (WSC), offers private coaching to those who are looking to improve their game this coming season.

- One on one coaching
- Pairs coaching
- Triples coaching
- Personal attention to fault identification
- Improvement in technique
- Use of variable speed bowling machines
- Group coaching (you form your own group of 6)
- Half hour sessions for younger children

Video replays and takeaway DVDs are available (conditions apply). WSC has tailor made programmes to suit your budget and flexible times to suit your schedule.

4 Convenient Indoor Locations

- Westpac Stadium
- Hutt Recreation Centre
- Mana Indoor Centre
- Allied Nationwide Finance Basin Reserve

For more information or to make a booking, call Ivan (Westpac and Hutt) on 566 2075 or 021 894 338 or email i.tissera@firebirds.co.nz; or call Glenn (Mana) on 233 9627 or 021 409864 or email g.pocknall@firebirds.co.nz; or visit www.cricketwellington.co.nz.

Activity Fees

The activity contribution for this term has been set at **\$30**.

We would be grateful if this money could be sent in as soon as possible.

Girl Guide Biscuits

It is that time of year again.

Girl Guide Biscuits
Traditional - \$2.80 per packet
To order
Call Inge on 499 0489
Email: tinakori@guides.wellington.net.nz

Delivered within a week.

BOOK AUTHOR VISIT

Meet world renowned children's book author **Robert Muchamore**.

Robert Muchamore, author of the best-selling **CHERUB** series, will be at The Children's Bookshop in Kilbirnie Plaza on Thursday, September 4 from 4.00 pm to 4.30 pm to meet his readers and sign copies of his books. (Limit 1 book per reader.) All are welcome and there is no charge.

Robert Muchamore will also be speaking on the evening of 4 September at 6.30 pm at Scots College Hall, Monorgan Road, Strathmore.

This event is designed to appeal to both readers and their parents. Robert will speak for around 20 minutes and then take questions, followed by a quiz in which there will be a chance to win prizes. He will also sign copies of his books.

Bookings are essential as tickets are limited and the event is expected to sell out.

Tickets are \$5.00 each
and available only at
The Children's Bookshop
Shop 26, Kilbirnie Plaza

Phone: 387 3905

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Women Singers Wanted

Women who love to sing are invited to perform with the medal winning Faultline Chorus this Festive Season!

Faultline Chorus are running a fun free four-week Introduction to Barbership Singing course during September. Learn Christmas music in stunning four part harmony during the course, then sing and perform with Faultline Chorus over the Christmas season. Great singing and performance, fun and friendship!

The Introduction Course runs on Wednesday evenings starting 3 September based in Petone.

To register or for more information contact:

Jo
479 6223
or
021 479 620
or email

faultlinechorus@gmail.com

More details are available on
www.faultline.org.nz

Casino Night

Wilton House presents Casino Night
23 August, 6.00 pm
Dinner Served at 7.00 pm

You will be treated to a complimentary glass of bubbles and canapés on arrival, with the roaring fire making for a perfect setting. Then take your seat in our elegant lounge and enjoy a delicious three course buffet meal.

After dinner we will make you a millionaire for the night. Sport prizes will be awarded throughout the night.

Hit the Casino for a night to remember.
\$65.00 per person
Please enquire to the Venue Manager, Carla
499 8855 or
027 499 8020
Email: info@wiltonhouse.co.nz
Discounted rates for groups of 10 or more

Thank You

Our thanks to Kelly Falconer, the mother of Isabella and Max, for the donation of four books to the school library...just because!

Thanks also to Thomas Whittaker, a pupil here from 1995 to 2003, who has donated a set of junior encyclopaedias.

These sorts of gifts make quite a difference to the school. Keeping the library well stocked and up to date is an expensive operation.

Scratchies

A wee reminder that we are hoping to get scratch and win tickets from you all to use as a prize for a raffle at the fair.

We will collect these from now on so maybe a dollar scratchie could be added to a weekly shop now and then?

Numeracy Evening

We have a Numeracy Information evening planned for August 14 and we would like to get a feeling for how many people might come along and what people would like to see, hear and discover. We would be grateful if you could fill out and return this slip as soon as possible.

Name

Child's Room



Yes, I will be attending the Maths evening on August 14



people.

What I would like to know is: _____

What I don't understand is: _____



Winter viruses

Information for schools, parents and caregivers

You may be aware that there's illness going around the community and schools at the moment. The following simple steps can help to limit the spread of respiratory viruses through schools.

What are the symptoms of influenza?

Influenza causes sudden onset of fever, headache, fever, runny nose, cough, sore throat and generally feeling unwell. Children may also have vomiting and diarrhoea during the early stage of the illness. The illness usually lasts 5-7 days. People with underlying medical conditions are most at risk of complications including pneumonia.

How do people become infected with these winter viruses?

Influenza is spread by coughing and sneezing, as well as on the hands of people who are ill. It can also be spread by touching infected surfaces or objects. Influenza is also very easily spread from person to person.

What can be done to limit the spread of winter viruses in a school?

Students and staff can:

- remember to wash their hands thoroughly, using plenty of soap, and dry them well after going to the toilet and before eating.
- remember not to share food, drink bottles, or lip balm etc.

Parents and caregivers can:

- Keep students who are sick away from school. They should not go back until at least 24 hours after their symptoms have gone. After returning to school they should be particularly careful with handwashing as they may still be infectious for a few more days.

General health advice

If children have symptoms typical of influenza they need to rest and take panadol for fever.

Other more serious illnesses could start with similar symptoms, so if you have any concerns about your child's health, consult your health care provider. It is a good idea to phone the medical centre before coming in so that they can take steps to limit the spread to others.