

Thorndon School Newsletter

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A bird doesn't sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song.

Maya Angelou

Action List

Is your child coming to the disco?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you sent in your school donation?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do we have up to date address details?	<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"/>	Do we have your mobile phone number?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you sent in a scratchy for the fair?	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Dear Parents

Kia ora tatou.

We are approaching the end of a very busy time at the moment. Our involvement in Artsplash this year has been greater than usual. We had a group performing Shakespeare on the Opera House stage last week as part of Drama Splash, a first for Thorndon, a dance group performing at the Michael Fowler Centre on Tuesday of this week and tonight our choir performs at the Michael Fowler Centre. Tomorrow the dance group performs again at the Schools for Schools performance and the middle and junior school will attend this concert, while in the afternoon the drama group performs for a second time at the Opera House. While all this has been going on there has been a display of art works at the Michael Fowler Centre where paintings by children in our senior school can be seen.

Artsplash has taken the place of the old Music Festivals and has a much broader scope, giving children opportunities to participate in activities from across the full range of the Arts curriculum. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm and excitement in these groups as they head off to perform.

While all this has been going on we have also participated in the Wellington Chess championships and tomorrow four teams take part in the Central Cluster Chess Competition at Newlands School. A small group of senior children is representing the school at the Wellington Regional Science Fair this week with experiments taking in Left Hand/Right Hand Dominance through to Watching Paint Dry. Also today we have a group of senior school children performing at Te Papa with KORM, a percussion group of children from Kimiora and Thorndon.

Bill Sutton

Holiday Programme

I am hopeful that there will be a holiday programme at school but run by the YMCA during the school holidays. This would answer the needs of those parents who would prefer a programme here and would also overcome the difficulty we have in asking administrative staff to come in during the holidays.

I have been in touch with the Y but I have not heard back. I will keep trying and will let everyone know as soon as I am able to.



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Wellington Community Children's Choir

Would you like your child to join a friendly and lively vocal group for young people?

The WCCC is for children between the ages of 7 and 12, and each week we work on songs, rhythms and musical games from around the world. The children learn to sing in harmony, practice listening and ensemble skills, including percussion and prepare pieces for performance.

During school terms the choir meets on Thursday afternoon between 3:30 and 4:40 at St Anne's Hall at the end of Emmett St in Newtown. There are no auditions and entry is by a gold coin donation. Refreshments are provided. The choir is directed by Julian Raphael of the Wellington Community Choir.

For further information please contact:
communitymusic@xtra.co.nz or call or text:
 021 0767570

School Holiday Programme

Inverloch Art School is again offering art programmes for 6 to 12 year olds during the holidays.

9:30 – 1:30 daily

The weekly fee of \$195 includes all materials and morning tea.

The programme is designed and tutored by Robbie Lowe, Davey Jones and their team. Students will work in both 2D and 3D.

A theme runs through each programme and activities include pastel portraits, finger painting, drawing with charcoal, pen and ink, clay sculptures and papier maché.

Class numbers are limited.

Book now by phoning Pamela or Gemma on 939 2177

Library

A request from the library. Please **do not** repair library books at home. Please just return the book with a marker or note.

We use a special tape designed for book repairs and it lasts longer and does a better job than whatever most people have available at home.

Thank you

A week or two ago I had something in the newsletter about Mercury Energy's **Bills into Books** promotion which gave books to schools when customers of Mercury Energy switched to online bills.

We have had two books provided for the library so at least two people have switched and identified the school.

Thank you.

Term 3 Calendar

We are into the diminishing list now that we are half way through the term.

Aug 21	Group to Ballet Performance – St James.
Aug 21	Artsplash Choir performance at MFC -
Aug 22	Central Cluster Chess Competition.
Aug 29	School disco.
Sep 4	Poly Club performance at Wellington Girls.
Sep 4	Y 7/8 Rugby against Te Aro pm.
Sep 8	Book Week begins.
Sep 10	Jump Rope for Heart
Sep 16	Central Cluster Speech Competition.
Sep 17	Science Technology Roadshow.
Sep 18	Science Technology Roadshow.
Sep 26	Term Ends.

Entertainment Books



Thank you for your ongoing support of the Entertainment Book fundraiser. We have limited stock left.

They make a great gift for Father's Day and now give you access to an exciting new Wine Buying Website with 25% off retail wine prices. We will be finalising this fundraiser on Friday 5th of September. Please have all your orders into Hela at the school office by this date.

Disco

Don't forget the disco on Friday 29 August. Children need to let us know whether they will be coming and should all have a form to return.

More forms are available from Room 5.

Tickets, which cost \$5:00, will be available at school next week, as well as at the door.