

# Thorndon School Newsletter

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Dancing is the poetry of the foot.

John Dryden

## Action List

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| 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"/> |
| Have you sent in a scratchy for the fair? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do we have your mobile phone number?   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## Dear Parents

Kia ora tatou.

We have asked over the past few weeks if parents are able to come in and act as Maths Mentors for some of our junior classes and we have been delighted with the response. We will have parents coming in each day of the week from next Monday and this will run alongside our Parent Reading Programme. The response to these requests this year has been wonderful and I keep wondering where else we might be able to use parents if they are willing and available. We are reviewing a number of programmes and curriculum areas at the moment and our Extension and Enrichment Programme is an area where parents might be able to help. We will discuss this and perhaps ask for volunteers in particular areas. A number of years ago we had a gardening group and it is possible that there may be some parents who could commit an afternoon a week to something like this. Perhaps while we are thinking about it you could think about what you might be able to offer. Small group cooking for the middle school might be another possibility. I am sure that there are all sorts of skills and abilities out there that the school could use. Having said this we are conscious of people being time poor and realise that many of you might be willing, but for a whole raft of reasons, unable to help.

New Zealand Maths Weeks come to an end and with it the Mathsletics competition that has been running nationally. Jean Lean from Room 6, won the national competition, finishing more than 200,000 points ahead of the 2<sup>nd</sup> place getter. Room 6 came 2<sup>nd</sup> nationally and we had 4 others – all from Room 6 – finish in the top 100. A fantastic effort and they are all to be congratulated.

Bill Sutton

## Holiday Programme

The YMCA is very keen to run a holiday programme from the school and enrolment forms will be in the school in the next week or two.

Jude and Alice will run the programme so children will be familiar with the staff. Payment will be direct to the YMCA.

## DanceSplash 2008

Congratulations to the DanceSplash group who performed their dance on stage at the Michael Fowler Centre on Monday evening and Friday morning of last week. It was an amazing performance from a very enthusiastic group of dancers. DVDs of the performance are available for a small cost. Please contact Zeeta or Adele if you would like to purchase a copy.





**Niwa Science Fair 2008**

Congratulations to Amara Khan-Evans who entered the Niwa Science Fair Competition. Her entry, 'Is a Person's Dominant Hand Necessarily Their Strongest Hand?', won a certificate for 'Excellent use of Statistics in a Science Project', was awarded a 'Highly Commended' certificate and won the Peter Jennings Memorial Prize of \$100 in Biology. The late Mr Jennings was a science teacher and President of the Wellington Science Teachers' Association and the prize is donated by Capital Science Educators.

**Disco**

Don't forget the disco on tomorrow night. Children need to let us know whether they will be coming and should all have returned a form.

Tickets, which cost \$5:00, will be available at the door tomorrow for anyone who has not already bought one. The Young Leaders Group, who are organising this disco, want to put any profits towards providing sports uniforms, a great idea.

Juniors (Y 1 – 4)	6:00 – 7:00
Middle (Y 5/6)	7:00 – 8:30
Senior (Y 7/8)	8:00 – 10:00

**Ngarimu Essay Competition**

Maori students in Years 7 or 8 are eligible to take part in this competition to write an essay of not more than 800 words in either Maori or English. The closing date for this is September 26.

If anyone is interested they should contact me or their child's classroom teacher for the details.

If anyone does decide to enter we can give some assistance.

**Term 3 Calendar**

There have been a couple of things missed off this calendar over the term and today we have 26 children at Kilbirnie Pool competing in the Central Zone Swimming Sports. These will be followed, for those who place in the top 2, by the Inter-Zone Swimming Sports

Aug 28	Central Zone Swimming
Aug 29	School disco.
Sep 1	NZ Book Month begins
Sep 4	Poly Club performance at Wellington Girls.
Sep 4	Y 7/8 Rugby against Te Aro pm.
Sep 8	Book Week begins.
Sep 11	Knoche Cup competition against Brooklyn
Sep 16	Central Cluster Speech Competition.
Sep 16	Inter Zone Swimming
Sep 17	Science Technology Roadshow.
Sep 18	Science Technology Roadshow.
Sep 22	Jump Rope for Heart
Sep 26	Term Ends.
Oct 13	Term Begins.



**Ballet Performance**

On Thursday we were invited to watch a ballet. At first I thought nah as it was girl's thing but being asked by our awesome teacher to go out with a select group made us feel special and proud of ourselves. Romeo and Juliet was amazing, it is a love story and a tragedy. We could not believe how amazing it was. Blood, stunning costumes, huge props and strong muscles were only a small part of it. There was lots of passion and fight scenes which made me feel really impressed. Waylon and I were amazed at how we understood the ballet using only our eyes and ears. The drama and dance movements were connected together in the music which helped us to understand the story.

We have never been so excited about watching a love story before and would recommend to all boys and girls to go.

Waylon and Malachi Room 1