

Thorndon School Newsletter

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It's not enough to know how to ride - one must also know how to fall

Mexican Proverb

Action List

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| Do we have up to date address details? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you sent in your school donation? | <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"/> |
| Would you like to get the newsletter by email link? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you donated a book to the library? | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Dear Parents

Kia ora tatou.

This newsletter becomes a bit of a brag as we get further in with a number of children and teams having enjoyed considerable success over the past week. It is always a real pleasure to be able to pass on this information to the school community and we all feel a good deal of pride and satisfaction when our pupils measure themselves against others and succeed.

Two of the successes came in a speech competition and one of the topics was one which resonates particularly strongly with me. Hannah Saul's speech topic was, "Safety, It's Just Not Good For You" and it was a slightly tongue in cheek examination of the change in society's attitudes toward children and mitigating risk for them. The topic though is serious and I sometimes think that we have become too protective of our children. There was an interesting item on TV, on 60 Minutes on Monday night about what they do in one small school in Auckland and about the activities of a number of children on the West Coast. Anyone interested can watch the programme by using the link below. I would be interested in getting feedback on this if anyone feels moved to send an email through.

<http://www.3news.co.nz/Video/60Minutes/tabid/371/articleID/71569/cat/46/Default.aspx#video>

Bill Sutton

The Thorndon Fair

The lead up to the Thorndon Fair has well and truly started. As you are well aware, the Fair is the School's major annual fund raising event. Last year we raised over \$50,000 for the school and paid for an extra teacher. Over the next few weeks all parents will be contacted by a member of the School Fair Sponsorship committee to request donations of new goods and services (or vouchers) to use as instant prizes for the School's three games stalls – quick draw raffle. Dart game and another prize wheel game – run on the Fair Day. Parents will be asked whether they are able to either approach a business or person to see whether it or they can donate a prize or whether they can contribute something themselves that can be used as a prize. Donations can be as little as \$10:00 vouchers, end of the line products, free introductory sessions/classes etc or bigger ticket items such as appliances signed sporting memorabilia, computer equipment, travel and accommodation. All donations are welcome so please help in any way possible to make this year's Fair another success for the school.

Parents will be contacted again in October by a member of the School Fair Organising Committee to request help on the Fair Day, 7 December 2008.



Some of our successes.

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Successes

We have had a couple of school successes this week as well as notice of some personal successes for pupils in the school. Much of this page reports on these successes.

Speech Competition

For quite a few years now the school has entered children in the Central Cluster Speech Competition and most years we have enjoyed some success with at least one of our children gaining a place. Last night this year's competition was held at Connolly Hall at Sacred Heart School and we had four children representing us, two in the Year5/6 area, which is non competitive, and one each in Year 7 and 8.

Standing up and speaking in front of a large audience is a daunting prospect for most people and I am always amazed at how well the children who take part in this event manage to overcome their nerves and deliver their speeches with great aplomb. The four children representing Thorndon School did extremely well. They were:

Olivia Yeo	Year 5
Georgina Lomax-Sawyers	Year 6
Hannah Saul	Year 7
Mikey Mazey	Year 8

I mentioned at the start of this item that over the years we have enjoyed some success in this event but I don't think we have ever done quite as well as we did last night. Congratulations to both Hannah and Mikey who won the Year 7 and Year 8 competitions. A wonderful result.

Netball

We have had three netball teams playing in a Saturday competition this year and they have enjoyed a very good year this year.

Thorndon Blue	Year 8	2 nd =
Thorndon Red	Year 7	1 st
Thorndon Black	Year 6	4 th

The practice has paid off! Thank you to the coach/managers of each of these teams, Beth Huntington, Zeeta Andrew, Becca Nicholls and Jenny Potaka, and thank you to the parents who have put in time to umpire and to support the teams on this dreadful Saturday mornings.

Term 3 Calendar

Sep 22	Jump Rope for Heart
Sep 23	Hearing and Vision testing – Y 7, Y0/1
Sep 24	Wellington Girls College Market Day
Sep 24	Room 1 and 2 Parent Evening.
Sep 25	Knoche Cup competition against Brooklyn
Sep 26	Term Ends.

Oct 13	Term 4 Begins.
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Swimming

On Tuesday four children from Thorndon represented the Central Zone at the Inter-zone Swimming competition at the Aquatic Centre. They were:

Lilliana Wiles	Year 8
Jonathan Rogers	Year 7
Chris Andrews	Year 7
Joshua Wight	Year 4

As a group they were very successful.

Lilliana	50m freestyle	3 rd
	25m freestyle	3 rd
	50m backstroke	4 th
	25m backstroke	4 th
Jonathan	50m backstroke	1 st
	25m backstroke	1 st
	50m freestyle	2 nd
Christopher	25m freestyle	4 th
	50m backstroke	3 rd

This is a Wellington wide competition so just getting there is a real accomplishment, let alone gaining a place. Congratulations to all four.

Rugby Rep

Congratulations to Tailah Love, a member of our Sports Squad who has been selected for the Wellington Primary School Rep Rugby team and will be playing in a major tournament over the holidays.

This is the 5th team Tailah has trialed for and been selected in this year so he has been extremely busy.

Music

Congratulations to Isadora Lealamisa who recently achieved Distinction in her Grade 2 violin exam. I am hoping that we might hear something from Isadora in an assembly at some stage.

New Children

We have two new children this week.
They are:

Samantha Chapero	Y8	Room 5 - Koromiko
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Samantha joins us from Mexico by way of Sweden.

Shi Yi Nan Luo	Y2	Room 10 – Tawhai
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Shi Yi has just arrived from China so this is all very strange for her at the moment.

Both girls will have quite a few adjustments to make as they get used to a new country, a new language and a new culture.

I would like to welcome the girls and their families to the Thorndon School Community and hope that they enjoy their time with us.

Young Designer Awards

We entered in the Young Designer Awards for the first time this year and I mentioned earlier that the dress designed by three of our senior pupils was selected to go into the next round. We heard earlier this week that the girls have now gone through to the final.

We also had a fax this morning to tell us that the Domestic Architecture entry from two of the senior boys has also reached the top three in their category.

Congratulations to Lydia Whiting, Yasmeen McNab-Anand and Charlotte Edwards for their success in the fashion award and to James Gooch and Tao Roi Lupo for the success in the Domestic Architecture category.

We now wait with bated breath to see how they get on in the final.

Road Patrol

And now a bit of a grizzle – a repeat grizzle. We are having the same problem with the pedestrian crossing outside the school as we have had in the past. Every morning and afternoon road children go out to the crossing to monitor it and to make sure that people are crossing only with the lights. These children are volunteers and give up their time to do this. While they are on patrol we expect that anyone using the crossing to respect what they are doing and wait for the lights before crossing. We have higher expectations of our parents doing this than we do of other members of the public. We all know it can be a little frustrating to have to wait, especially when it seems that there is plenty of time or when there are no cars in sight but the message for children is important. Some parents have been extremely rude to the patrollers when they are asked to wait and when this happens children become reluctant to take on these sorts of responsibilities. Can everyone who uses the crossing please make the effort to cooperate with our road patrollers.

Holiday Programme

Wellington School of Cricket (WSC) September Holiday Programmes

WSC is now accepting enrolments for the September/October holiday programmes. There are programmes designed for kids of 6+ years of age. Programmes are run at four convenient venues – Westpac Stadium, Hutt Rec, The Basin, and Ngatitua Domain (Mana). For more information call Ivan on 5662075/021 894 338 or Glenn on 233 9627 / 021 409 864 or visit our website www.cricketwellington.co.nz.

Artsight* Holiday Programme

WEEK ONE: THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER

Painting without numbers (5–10YRS) Time: 9am–12pm

Price: \$30 (includes materials, morning tea, drawings and a canvas to take home)

Take part in a fun painting workshop based on the art of New Zealand painters. You will learn some painting techniques and create your own work on canvas to take home and keep. If you wish your child to take part in both workshops, childcare can be provided over the lunch hour for an additional \$10 fee

Quick Draw! (5–10YRS) Time: 1pm–4pm

Price: \$30 (includes materials, afternoon tea and drawings to take home)

Learn a variety of drawing techniques to create your own series of artworks. We will teach you about contemporary artists and provide a range of drawing materials for you to experiment with. Drawings will be framed on board for you to take home and keep.

FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER

Readymade (5–10YRS) Time: 9am–12pm

Price: \$30 (includes materials, morning tea and an artwork to take home)

Learn about New Zealand artists who use 'found' materials to make their artworks. We will talk about what makes something an artwork and then combine a variety of recycled materials to create new and interesting 3 dimensional artworks. We will provide a range of materials for you to use or you can bring 2 or 3 clean, interesting things out of the recycling bin and take them home as an artwork!

Painting without numbers (11+ YRS) Time: 1pm–4pm

Price: \$30 (includes materials, afternoon tea, drawings and a canvas to take home)

Take part in a fun painting workshop based on the art of New Zealand painters. You will learn some painting techniques and create your own work on canvas to take home and keep.

Bookings essential!

Phone or text Fiona on 021 786 629 or 386 2908 or email: artsight@slingshot.co.nz

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swag : the first 50 people will be given goodie bags + spot prizes & giveaways
meet : @ oriental parade beach 2:30-4pm sunday 21st september 08
wear : something comfortable-not your sunday best
contact : green@funkive.com for more info
see : <http://environment.net>
provided : gloves and bags

with regard for the future
what do you see?
come join us in frivolity
earning karma, swag, & friends
come help the world
through a wider lens

oriental parade beach clean up sunday 21st september 2:30pm



fabulous sponsors
forest & bird
peoples coffee
big image print
life incorporated
intersect collective
wellington city council
peregrino photography
commonsense organics
milkrate cape-ghuznee st

K KARORI AMATEUR ATHLETICS CLUB

Vednesday nights through summer
on Ben Burn Park
6-7.30pm

Programs for 5-15 year olds
www.karoriathletics.org.nz

Enrolment and information night
15th October, 6-7pm

Learning Languages

Does your child want to learn a new language?

Fun Languages offers children from **3 - 12 years old** the opportunity to learn:

***French *German *Spanish**

- Experience a new language the FUN way!
- Games, songs, drama and stories are taught in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.
- Convenient locations – Check out the timetable on www.lcfclubs.co.nz for class times.

For more information please contact:

Annick Withinshaw
Fun Languages International (Wellington) Ltd,
ph:04-476 3098 or email:
annick@lcfclubs.co.nz

Standouts

All children have imagination and a natural physicality. Standouts provides a relaxed and fun environment for the imagination to reign free and the laughter to ring out as children creatively explore communication through drama, dance and singing.

Giving kids the confidence to stand up and **stand out**

Saturday classes in Term 4 in Lyall Bay.

Email gemma@stabdouts.co.nz Phone 907 2929