

Thorndon School Newsletter

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Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.

Henry Ford

Action List

Have you volunteered to help with the fair?

Have you sent in your school donation?

Would you like to get the newsletter by email link?

Have you sent in a scratchy for the fair?

Dear Parents

Kia ora tatou.

Welcome to the new term, the last term of the year. This is always a busy term with the fair in particular exercising the minds of many of the school community. Teachers have reports to write and there are, later on, all the end of year things to get through as well as the planning and organisation for the 2009 school year. The calendar looks pretty good at the moment and we will do our best to keep it as uncluttered as we can but inevitably it will begin to fill.

I have already mentioned the fair and from now on you can expect it to be mentioned in almost every newsletter. There is a small group of parents who have been working on this for some time now and most of you will have heard from one of the organisers by now. We aim to get some sort of contribution to the fair from every parent, whether it is in the form of time – desperately needed on Sunday 7, money or donations. The fair is the school's major fundraising activity, bringing in more money than the school donations, and is hugely important in allowing us to provide extra resources and maintain the various programmes we run. Please try to respond to any requests positively and please let us know if you have any brilliant ideas that might help us make the fair even more of a success than it was last year.

Bill Sutton

Capital Trout Centre

Trout Fishing for children aged up to 11.

Saturday 26 October

Landfill Road, Ohiro Bay.

Free licenses from Stirling Sports.

Dance Your Socks Off

Musical Theatre for Children by Children

Victoria University Memorial Theatre

2:00 pm Saturday 1 November

Ph 972 3352 or talita@musicalstars.co.nz

Thorndon Fair – Prizes Needed

The Thorndon Fair is fast approaching and you may have already received a phone call from the organising committee. The school has 3 game stalls at the fair this year and we are currently seeking donated prizes from businesses and parents for these stalls. This year we are asking all parents whether they are able to either:

- approach their work, friends, colleagues or anyone else they may know to see whether they can donate a prize for the school stalls;
- contribute something themselves that could be used as a prize. An easy way to contribute is to cash in some of your fly buys points and donate the flybuys reward to the school.

Prizes can be as small as a coffee voucher, a company branded coffee mug or drink bottle or free introductory sessions/classes to bigger ticket items such as accommodation or travel vouchers, IT equipment or signed sporting memorabilia. All contributions are appreciated. Prizes should be dropped off at the school office (in the specially marked box), together with contact details of the provider, by 7 November. If you have any questions, or would like a copy of the "official" sponsorship proposal to hand out to your contacts, please contact Jo Freeman (4722363 or markfreeman@xtra.co.nz) or Kelly Falconer (499 2837 or falconerl@yahoo.com).

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New Children

We have had four enrolments this week.
They are:

Joshua Spice	Y0	Room 11
Bond Leuga	Y0	Room 11
James Stanish	Y0	Room 11

These 3 have joined the 3 Year 0 children who started last term in our new (temporary) classroom which we are calling Room 11, though we could equally well call it Room 10½!

Next year there will be a full sized classroom though there will be some angst and organisational difficulties to go through before we get there.

We hope these three enjoy their time at Thorndon.

Also new this week is:

Joon Woo Lee	Y4	Room 3 - Koromiko
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Joon Woo and his family have recently moved into the area from Korea.

We hope he too has a successful time at Thorndon school.

Sun Hats

We started the term with such wonderful weather that it would have been sensible for children to be wearing hats from Monday.

We have said though that the start date for implementing the policy would be October 28 so we will stick with that.

From that day, the first day back after Labour Weekend, we will be expecting all children to be wearing a hat with a brim every time they go outside.

Your active co-operation will make enforcing the policy much easier.

Picture framer wanted!

Are you a picture framer? Or do you know someone who is a picture framer and who might be willing to help out Thorndon School? We have a signed Hurricanes Jersey and an Olympic T-shirt signed by the Olympic rowing medallists which we need framed. These items will be auctioned on Trade Me and all funds received will go to the school. If you are able to help frame these or have a contact who would be willing to provide framing services for free or at a discount, please contact Kelly Falconer on 499 2837 or falconerl@yahoo.com.

Term 4 Calendar

We have been fairly cautious so there is not a lot here that differs from what we had in the last newsletter of Term 3.

Oct 13	Term 4 Begins.
Oct 27	Labour Day – School Closed
Oct 28	Sunhats to be worn.
	School Athletics
Oct 29	New Parents Evening
Oct 30	Women’s World Cup – Football.
Nov 4	Central Zone Athletics
Nov 10	Art Week begins
Nov 11	BP Technology Challenge.
Nov 13	School Photos
Nov 26	Inter Zone Athletics
	All reports posted.
Nov 28	Enviro Group to Somes/Matiu Island
Nov 29	Muka Prints – Capital E
Nov 30	Muka Prints – Capital E
Dec 3	School Chess Tournament.
Dec 7	The Fair
Dec 11	Tabloid Sports
Dec 17	Year 8 Farewell Dinner.
Dec 19	Term Ends – 12:00

Art Week

With art week coming up before long we will keep putting various requests for materials in the newsletter.

Alistair du Chatenier is, as we have already mentioned, wanting “blowers” (vacuum cleaners that blow, hairdryers etc), plastic – heavy plastic wrapping of the sort that comes around large furniture items, mattresses etc, and tape – duct tape, electrical tape, packing tape.

Beth Huntington is after broken tiles and scrap paper.

Becca Nicholls would like any old cell phones. These do not need to be working – and almost certainly will not be once the week is over.

I would like old saws, rasps, chisels and hammers.

We would also be delighted if any parent with expertise or an interest and the time was prepared to volunteer to come in and take a small group for the week (4 days).