

Thorndon School Newsletter

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E raka te mauī, e raka te katau
A community can use all the skills of its people

Action List

Have you volunteered to help with the fair?

Have you returned your photo form?

Have you sent in any old books?

Have you sent in a scratchy for the fair?

Dear Parents

Kia ora tatou.

This newsletter has a fairly heavy weighting towards the fair and at this time of year that is almost inevitable.

We have not yet asked for a great deal to be sent in but we will! We will be sorting out class baskets next week and will let you know what is needed for these next week.

Organising the fair is a massive task and a small group of dedicated parents has been working on it for some time now, meeting regularly and getting done all those preliminary things behind the scenes. They will be meeting more frequently from now on and on the day everything will miraculously fall into place. This doesn't just happen and we are extremely grateful to the people who have done all this background work.

Bill Sutton

Thorndon Residents Association

Calling all Thorndon Residents! Come along and raise your community issues at the first public meeting of the new **Thorndon Residents Association** at **7:30pm** on **Wednesday 29 October** at the **Thorndon School Hall**. Please join us and hear what the Thorndon Residents Association is all about, find out what's going on in Thorndon, join up, raise issues that concern you (parking, traffic, community facilities, Thorndon village, rubbish etc) and help elect representatives to the committee to represent the people of Thorndon. All Thorndon residents, organisations and retailers welcome. Any enquiries/nominations for positions, please contact Jo Freeman (4722363 or markfreeman@xtra.co.nz) or Belinda Ware (4996888 or bmilnes@actrix.co.nz).

Thorndon Fair –).

A small group of parents has been busy approaching businesses around Wellington to help us with the fair by sponsoring us in some way and we have put the logos for these businesses in the back of the newsletter this week. This list will keep growing as the fair gets closer. We will also be putting regular items in the newsletter to tell you where we are and what we are looking for.

This week it is books, books, books. The book stall is one of our most successful stalls but so far we have only about 57 books so there is a long way to go. Please send in any old books and encourage friends and relatives to do the same.

Board Meeting

There is a BOT meeting next Tuesday at 6.30pm. The BOT is aware that some junior school parents are keen to attend this meeting. We welcome this opportunity and invite any and all interested community members to attend as well. If you have anything you want to put on the agenda, please email or phone any of the Board members:

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It should be noted that all board meetings are open and that the dates can be found in the newsletter calendar.

THORNDON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

New Children

We have had three enrolments since the last newsletter.

They are:

Logan Corke	Y6	Room 1 – Kowhai
Joshua Corke	Y4	Room 4 – Taupata

Logan and Joshua are brother and sister and living in Thorndon, and have just transferred to Thorndon from other Wellington schools.

Sam Van Loenhout	Y8	Room 6 - Manuka
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Sam and his family have recently moved back to Wellington from the deep south.

We hope that all three enjoy their time at Thorndon.

Sun Hats and Togs

It doesn't look or feel too much like it this morning but Labour Weekend always signals that we can look forward to warmer weather.

Daylight saving is already with us and the Thorndon Pool opens over the weekend.

From next Tuesday children will be expected to be wearing a hat with a brim when they are outside between 10:00 and 3:00. Children attending After School Care will also be expected to wear hats. When we first introduced this policy there was considerable resistance, from older children in particular, and we found it very difficult to persuade children that this was a good idea.

Last summer it seemed that resistance was fading and making sure that children were wearing hats was much easier. We look forward to the same sort of support this year.

With the advent of summer our swimming programme will start before long and I would remind everyone that swimming is an integral part of the PE curriculum and that all children are expected to take part unless there is some medical or other good reason that prevents them from participating. A class timetable will be put in the newsletter and children should **always** have their togs on their class swimming days.

After School Care

Could parents please check their childrens enrolment forms to make sure they are up to date and signed. OSCAR are due next week to review our procedures.

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 27	Labour Day – School Closed
Oct 28	Sunhats to be worn.
	School Athletics
	Board meeting
Oct 30	Women's World Cup – Football.
Nov 4	Central Zone Athletics
	New Parents Evening
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
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Dec 3	School Chess Tournament.
Dec 7	The Fair
Dec 11	Tabloid Sports
Dec 16	Board meeting
Dec 17	Year 8 Farewell Dinner.
Dec 19	Term Ends – 12:00

Art Week

Last week I invited parents who had an interest or skill in arts and craft to volunteer to come in and take a group during Art Week. I should also have said that there will always be a place for any parents who would like to come in and help someone else with a group.

A number of activities will have children going out of the school and an extra pair of hands and eyes is always useful.

In next week's newsletter there will be a brief summary of all the activities we have planned.

Unwind

Unwind and de-stress at Adam & Eve beauty therapy on Thorndon Quay. A place that offers total relaxation for your body and soul. We offer facial treatments, massages and body treatments. The qualified beauty therapist will cater to all your needs and will help you to achieve the result you want. All of our treatments are suitable for both men & women. Call Maya for an appointment on 473 3731."

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