

# Thorndon School Newsletter

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Work is something a body is obliged to do. Play is something a body is not obliged to do.  
Mark Twain

## 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?

Kia ora tatou

Short weeks after long weekends never seem to feel as short as they should and teachers have been very busy this week finishing off some assessment which will feed in the reports coming out at the end of November. We have had the school athletics, a group going off to the soccer today and, on Tuesday a board meeting. Four parents attended this meeting and I would like to thank them for their input. We have some worthwhile ideas to consider over the rest of the term.

Bill Sutton

## The Fair

This week we're asking for scratchies. We stick several of these to miniature Christmas trees – a prize which has proved our biggest drawcard in the past. So you can be sure just a dollar or two spent on a donation like this will be turned into a lot more \$\$ for our school. Next time you're buying a lotto why not pick up a ticket or two to contribute to the fair. That way – every ticket's a winner. Don't stop sending the books which have been coming in this week!

Tomorrow you will get a note from your child's class teacher asking for contributions to a class prize basket for the Quickfire raffle.

## Athletics

Earlier this week we held the school athletics sports – which are a very low key event designed primarily to allow us to select children to go to the Central Zone Athletics which are on Tuesday 4 November. Congratulations to the following people who will represent the school next Tuesday.

Year 3-4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
Eva Wiles	Olivia Yeo	Sam Panganiban	Aimee Rudkin	Lydia Whiting
Josh Wight	Lakan Beech	Taylor Mauriohooho	Pedro Massignani	Alex Bremner
Erin Monckton	Julia McGrath	Aliyah de la Mare	Jan Earle	Lizzie Bainimara
Connor Dollimore	Waylon Shadlock	Daniel Davis	Logan Jeffries	Jack Gleadow
Stefanija Paleaee	Nimthara Udawatta	Kayleigh Cotterall	Patricia Posadas	Lilliana Wiles
Oliver Stanish	Connall Deacon	Taine Mackenzie	Renata Mahuika	Ben Tuiomanufili
Petra Sele	Melanie Rayasi	Isobel Bassett	Amira El Orfi	Yasmin Larry
Roydon Milne	Jeremiah Paku	Matt Robilliard	Chris Andrews	Sam Van Loenhout
Brianna Anglesey	Ana Kovalenko	Victoria Hunter	Kristine Lim	Charlotte Edwards
Arvalan Sathiyandra	Datu Beech	Olive Brown	Dominick Baguioro	Liam Byrne
Tabitha Dombroski	Amy Hefford-Thomsen		Jonathan Rogers	
Sam Hey	Liam Vaughan			
Taylor Holliman				
Connor Smith				
Timah Moira				



**Successes**

Our children have had a fair number of successes across a range of extra-curricular activities this year and we have just heard of a couple more.

I have already mentioned that Lydia Whiting, Charlotte Edwards and Yasmeen Anand were finalists in the Fashion Design section of the Young Designers' Award, a national competition. Yan Liu and Phuong Bui came very close to being finalists in the Visual Arts Category, and James Gooch and Tao Roi Lupo were finalists in the Environment Design Section.

This week we received notice that the project entered by Tao Roi and James came First Equal, a wonderful result. Congratulations to both of them. We are absolutely delighted.

This is the first time we have had any children take part in this competition and to get two of the three groups into the finals was a significant achievement. To have one of the groups win their section is icing on the cake.

Also this week we heard that a radio play by Connor MacLeod, one of our Year 8 pupils has been selected as a finalist in a national competition run by Vox Radio. The work will be recorded for radio before a live audience at the Independent Theatre in Nelson next week. The winners will be announced on the evening of the recording. Well done Connor, and we will keep our fingers crossed for further success.

**Fundraising**

Coming home with each child today is a form from E-gas. They are involved in setting up a passive fundraising scheme which is not dissimilar to the Telecom School Connection Scheme which used to provide funding for schools IT equipment.

Like the Telecom scheme it involves no cost to those who sign up, and, again, like the Telecom scheme, it is not limited to members of the school community. Anyone with E-gas can nominate any school to benefit from the scheme.

Some of you may be interested in taking a look at this.

**Nits**

I know that these are the bane of parent's lives! They are ours too but I am afraid that all we can do is alert you to the presence of the beasts in our school population and urge you to check your child and treat the problem if you find nits present.

Nits are present in the junior school at the moment so please check!

**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 30	Women's World Cup – Football.
Nov 4	Central Zone Athletics
Nov 5	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	<b>The Fair</b>
Dec 11	Tabloid Sports
Dec 16	Board meeting
Dec 17	Year 8 Farewell Dinner.
Dec 19	Term Ends – 12:00

**Art Week**

I was planning to put descriptions of all the activities in this week's newsletter but some people have still to finalise what they are doing so this will have to wait until next week.

We have a lot of adult involvement this year which is going to mean that groups are a very manageable size.

Thank you to the parents and others who have volunteered to come in and take an activity.

Art Week is always one of the highlights of the school year and we are all looking forward to it.

**Thorndon Community Halloween Party  
Katherine Mansfield Park**

Dress up and come along for some Halloween fun to Katherine Mansfield Park for the Thorndon Community Halloween Party from 4-6pm on Friday 31 October (weather permitting). Trick or treat lucky dip, treasure hunt, lolly scramble and other Halloween Games from 4-5pm, then sausage sizzle from 5-6. BYO drinks. \$2pp for sausage sizzle. For catering purposes, please let Jo Freeman know if you will be attending by emailing on [markfreeman@xtra.co.nz](mailto:markfreeman@xtra.co.nz) or calling 4722363.

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### **School Accounts**

Statements will be issued next week for amounts owing to the school for things like activity fees, swimming, technology etc.

Please note there will be no activity fee for Term 4.

If you don't get a statement it is a reasonably safe bet that this means you do not owe the school any money.

### **Art Week Materials**

Krista Huber is after any scraps of material that she could use for a wearable arts project.

Any sort of material – lycra, glittery stuff, ribbons etc would be gratefully received.

We can still use any old cell phones, and Alistair is looking for heavy plastic sheeting.

### **Sponsors**

As I mentioned last week, we have had some parents working hard on getting sponsorship for the fair and the logos we have put in the newsletter last week and through to December 7 are for those companies that have already agreed to support the fair at various levels.

We will keep adding to these as the weeks go past.

We are always grateful for this support and for the cold calling the parents are doing.



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