

# Thorndon School Newsletter

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No winter lasts forever, no spring skips its turn.

## Action List

Activity fees for Term 2 are \$25:00. Have you paid?

New parents- are you coming tomorrow evening?

Do you want a T Shirt?

**Have you sent in your donation?**

Dear Parents

Kia ora

Winter is on us and with it no doubt the attendant sniffles and health niggles – seasonal flu included, not to mention the H1N1 strain.

Which leads, in a round about way to property. We have been emphasising to children the need for them to practice healthy hygiene, particularly with hand washing. When there is a southerly blast whipping through Wellington the prospect of washing your hands in the cold water that we have in our toilet areas is not terribly attractive so we are looking at adding yet another little project to a relatively long list of projects already started or planned. The projects being worked on at the moment are progressing well. The redevelopment and refurbishment of the White House is on track and we should be able to shift into these rooms midway through the term. The deck at the back of the library is all but finished and we will soon be able to start working on the rest of the space behind the Reading Clinic. This deck will really extend the library during the summer months in particular. Work will begin on redevelopment of the old sandpit and the area at the back of Room 4 in a couple of weeks and should be complete for the start of Term 3. We have a reasonably long list of other projects we hope to complete this year including the refurbishment and redevelopment of the Reading Recovery room and the Server Room, refurbishment of the Language Unit, replacement of at least some of the hall roof and redevelopment of the rooms at the back of the hall. If all goes according to plan these will all be completed by the end of this year. We also have still to develop a business plan for the Ministry to persuade them that the Kimiora site, and possibly some of the buildings should become ours when Kimiora moves at the end of next year. Work is still going on in the background on this.

In the area of the curriculum, the school's core business, I have already mentioned National Standards and consultation on the local curriculum and on May 23 we plan to have an evening on Numeracy at which you can learn something about the Numeracy project and the national approach to the teaching of Maths as well as hearing about ways in which you might be able to reinforce learning at home. Julie Roberts the Numeracy Project coordinator from the Wellington region will speak and then we will engage parents and children in a range of numeracy activities. We will start at 5:30, soup and rolls or barbecued sausages will be available and you will be able to buy a wine or beer and we will be finished by 6:30 or 7:00. The evening is intended to be a social activity as well as a learning activity. We would be grateful if you could indicate on the return slip whether you will be coming along to this evening.

Bill Sutton

## Numeracy Evening

Yes, we will be attending the Numeracy Evening on May 21.

Adults

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children

Room

**Operation Donation**

You should all have received a notice from the Young Leaders about the fundraising event they are engaged in for an orphanage in South Africa. They are looking for donations of toys, clothes (sizes new born through to 6 year old) and/or small sports equipment.

Donations can be sent in to school and the Young Leaders group will collect and sort the goods every morning through till Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

And a related request. Does anyone have any contacts through which the group might be able to access cheap or donated freight to South Africa for the items collected. Some will be taken as accompanying baggage by someone travelling to the Republic but we have far too much to be able to send it all this way. Please contact Tash Jackson if you can help.

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**Schools in Action**

Wellington Girls is holding a School in Action morning to allow prospective parents and pupils to see the school in operation.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June**  
**9:00am**  
**10:30am**  
**11:00am**

Parents are asked to choose a time that suits them.

Julia Davidson, the principal of Wellington Girls, will be at school at 3:15 on May 26 to talk with the parents of Year 8 girls who are planning to go or are considering going to Wellington Girls College next year. Julia will be able to answer any questions you might have about school activities or about the enrolment process.

**New Pupils**

We have had one new pupil enrol this week and our junior school continues to grow. We will be starting a new classroom later in the year as more new entrants come in.

The new pupil is:

Kate Fraser	Y1	New Entrants - Nikau
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Welcome to Kate and her family.



**Term 2 Calendar**

This is a very full calendar already and I am sure that it will have more added to it. This is an updated version of what went out at the end of last term so there will be a few changes.

<b>May 8</b>	<b>New Parent evening</b>
May 11	NZ Book Awards Activity in Hall.
May 11	Interzone Swimming Sports
May 12	Self Defence – Y7/8 girls
May 13	Self Defence – Y7/8 girls
May 13	Puppet Show at school Y 1-6
May 18	Young Leaders Day
May 19	School Cross Country
May 19	Maori/Pasifika parents meeting
<b>May 19</b>	<b>St Mary's College Open Morning</b>
<b>May 21</b>	<b>Numeracy Evening</b>
May 26	Julia Davidson – Wellington Girls Principal to speak to Y8 parents
May 27	Boostrix vaccinations Y7/8
May 27	Gardasil vaccinations Y8 girls
May 27	Curriculum Consultation Meeting
Jun 1	School closed – Queen's Birthday
Jun 2	Central Zone Cross Country
Jun 8	Y1/2 to Te Papa - Matariki
<b>Jun 9</b>	<b>Wellington Girls Open day.</b>
Jun 10	Y3/4 to Te Papa - Matariki
Jun 11	Stage Challenge Y7/8
Jun 23	BoT Meeting
Jun 29	Y 4-8 to performance at Capital E
Jul 3	Term Ends

**St Mary's College**

The secondary school enrolment season is well under way.

St Mary's College in Thorndon has an open morning for prospective parents and pupils on:

**Tuesday 19 May**  
**8:00am – 10:00am**

**Cross Country**

The school cross country is to be held at the botanic gardens on May 19<sup>th</sup> and you will find a link on the website to maps showing the routes for the three levels. Some children are already in training and have been to the gardens to check out the route.

**Successes**

The girls' soccer team playing on Sundays as a Thorndon School team had their second game on last Sunday.

Player of the day Sophie Montague-Cripps.

A tough result - Thorndon 1 – Upper Hutt 7 – but they will only get better.