

Thorndon School Newsletter

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It's good that people see it. It's even better when they love it. And it's wonderful if they buy it.

Bela Fidel)

Action List

Have you sent in any scratchies?

Don't forget school banking tomorrow

Can you help with Art for the Art Auction?

Don't forget to return seeds and money.

Have you checked the books in the foyer?

Do we have your child's immunisation details?

Dear Parents

Kia ora.

A newsletter full of successes which always provides some warmth for the week. Read about our soccer players, speech makers, Rugby reps and photographers. The only disappointment since last week's newsletter has been the loss of the Ranfurly Shield!

There is a little information in this newsletter about the art auction which we hope will be a real social occasion but we will need as much help as we can get from a number of parents. We will be a bit more specific in the next week or two about what help we need apart for the works of art themselves.

Bill Sutton

Art Auction



You will have had some information home about the art auction and things are beginning to firm up. We have already had Sir Michael Fowler, a well known local artist, offer 5 of his pictures for auction while Sally Eden who also exhibits at the Michael Fowler Gallery is providing two. Emma McCleary whose works can be seen at Solander Gallery in Willis St, is sending in 5 limited edition prints, and we are hopeful of getting work from some other well known artists, people who are known locally or nationally. We hope that some emerging artists will put their work forward and there will be a limited number of selected works by children for a silent auction.



We know that some families are busy working with their networks to get hold of artworks for the auction and it would be really helpful if you could let us know what you are organising. A quick email to Rebecca Brown at rebecca@thorndon.school.nz would be really useful.

We want all pieces in at the school by Tuesday 27 October and we would like to get artist profiles at the same time so we can produce a catalogue. The usual arrangement between dealers and artists, we are told, is a 40/60 split. We are hopeful that because this is a school fund-raising activity artists will agree to a 50/50 split but we are conscious that for professional artists selling their work is a primary source of income so we are open to discussion on this.



Arrival Times

Please note that the school opens at **8:00am**. As the weather gets warmer so do arrivals get earlier with some children arriving between 7:00 and 7:30.

Successes

Last night we had 5 children representing the school in the annual New Central Cluster Speech competition held at Connolly Hall.

The Year 5/6 part of the event is non-competitive in that no places are awarded but the quality of the speeches is so high now and the children face an audience of strangers with such poise and confidence that the cluster principals think we may raise the bar next year and make it the same as the Year 7/8 section with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters. Our speakers were:

- Tabitha Dombroski – *Chocolate*.
- Isabelle Beaumont – *Dance should be the Main Subject at School*.
- Lakan Beech – *Save Manners Mall*.

The Year 7/8 section of the evening is competitive and our two speakers swept the board, taking first place for Year 7 and Year 8 just as we did last year.

Congratulations to:

- Olive Brown – *Get Rid of Shortland Street*.
- Ngawhera Rangitaawa – *Every School Should have a Marae*.

Well done to the entire team. This was a great result and sets a standard for next year.



Mr Whippy

Mr Whippy will be at Wellington Girls College at 12:30 next Monday, September 7. A group of senior girls has organized this to raise money for Women's Refuge.

Our children have been invited to go across to buy ice creams on Monday and anyone who has the money will be able to go over.

There won't be much opportunity for reminders so children and parents will need to fix this in their minds if there are not to be disappointed children on Monday.

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The event of the year
THE THORNDON SCHOOL DISCO

Tomorrow, Friday 4th September.

- Year 1-4: 6:00 - 7:30
- Year 5-6: 7:00 - 8:30
- Year 7-8: 8:00 - 10:00

Drinks and snacks available on the night.
Cool disco gear and glow gear on sale.

Door Sales Available



Soccer

We have been playing soccer for the Thorndon Soccer Team. We have improved a lot from when we started to when we finished. We have won 8 games, lost 6 and had 2 draws.

We have been playing at Nairnville Park on fake grass every Sunday. Only two games were cancelled across the whole season.

We recently went to an award ceremony. Alex got most improved player, Erin got most consistent and Emma got player of the year for Thorndon.

We all enjoy playing soccer whether we win or lose and we hope to see more Thorndon teams next year.

The team was made up of: Erin, Lucy, Alexandra, Mia, Isabella, Sophie and Emma.

We look forward to another successful season next year.



More Success

Congratulations to Christopher Andrews who has been selected for the Wellington Primary Schools Rep Rugby Team.

Christopher is gradually moving through the grades and has been in these rep teams at different age and weight levels for some years.

There are other senior boys who have trialled for the reps and others who are reps in different areas and we will get these names into the newsletter as soon as we are sure of them.

And Yet Another Success.

Congratulations to Emma Montague-Cripps who is one of 10 finalists in a national photograph competition which attracted 1400 entries.

Emma's photo is in the Primary Colour Section with the theme **Celebrate**.

The Awards will be announced at a function in Hamilton on September 18 so we have our fingers crossed.

And One More Small Success

One of the things we have tried to do with our playground is to give children the opportunity to use their imaginations so the grounds are fairly well devoid of standard playground equipment.

Recently we introduced 8 car tyres and these have been a huge success. There are only 3 rules attached to these – they must not be used in such a way that someone might be hurt, they must not be used in such a way as to damage property, and they must be returned to where they came from at the end of each day.

The kids are doing all sorts of things with them and by the end of the year we may be able to add a few more.

New Children

We have one new child to welcome this week. He is:

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| Jordan Kelland | Y1 | Room 1 - Harakeke |
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We welcome Jordan and his family to the school community and look forward to a long and successful association with them.

Planning and Organisation

It seems very early but we are already starting to think about the school organisation for next year and it promises to be just as complex an operation as it has always been.

We begin by looking simply at the numbers and work back from there to decide how many classes we need in each area. Decisions about who goes into what room come much later.

The first piece of information we need then is to know how many children there will be. If you know of a child who will be coming to the school next year can you please let us know? We already have quite a few enrolment forms but past history tells us that there are other children out there that we don't know about. It is also very useful to know about children who are not or may not be returning next year – other than our Year 8s.

Library Books

We have had a great result from the books that have been displayed in the foyer over the past three weeks.

People have donated 20 books which may not sound like a huge number but probably represents an expenditure of about \$400 which is, in the context of a school's library budget, quite significant. The books will be boxed up and taken away tomorrow afternoon so there is still a small window of opportunity left for anyone who intended to have a look but hasn't managed it yet.

Immunisations

Child's name

Room No

There is a long list of possible immunisations here. If your child has not been immunised a negative response would be just as useful as getting the list below filled out.

| HPV | Hep B | MeNZBTM | Tetanus | Polio | Measles | Pertussis | Diphtheria | Mumps | Rubella | HIB |
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