

# Thorndon School Newsletter

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**Creativity is hard work**

**Henri Matisse.**

## Action List

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| Have you sent in scratchiest?        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Teacher Only Day on November 20</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Have you sent in books for the fair? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Have you returned your seeds?</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Have you paid your donation?         | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you paid your activity fees?      | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## Dear Parents

Kia ora. This will again be a brief newsletter consisting mostly of reminders as I am out of the school again this morning and, more importantly, Hela is away. We are drawing to the end of another successful Art Week. This is the result of massive amount of work by teachers and is quite exhausting. In spite of this almost everyone enjoys it hugely. The enthusiasm, energy and excitement displayed by the children is almost palpable and some really interesting pieces and performances are being produced. We have compounded the pressure by timing our Art Auction for the end of the week and this too is involving everyone in a huge amount of work. We have been overwhelmed by the amount of art that has come in for auction – far too many for them all to go into a live auction so there will also be pieces available on silent auction. Now we just need bidders to turn up tomorrow. Reminder number one.

Absentee bids will be accepted from people unable to stay till the bitter end and there will be instructions about how to do this on the programme. Time has not allowed us to have a viewing before the auction which is unfortunate, but you can always call in between 6:00 and 7:30 if you are unable to stay.

We have planned a lunch next week so that children have the opportunity to show their parents what they and other children have been doing. Bring you lunch across between 12:30 and 12:30 on Tuesday – weather permitting – and sit out on the grass with your children before taking a little tour so that you can see the range of activities that children have been involved. There were a couple of performance groups among this year's activities and we will see if we can arrange for performances during the lunch hour.

The fair is drawing ever closer and we are still very much in need of **BOOKS** and **SCRATCHIES**. We are also going to need plastic bags for the fair. The competition for the pizza lunch is intensifying but because Hela is not here I can't tell you who is in the lead. More up to date information next week. You will all be phoned in the next week or two and we do need as many of you as possible to respond positively to the request for your time on December 6<sup>th</sup>. That is reminder number two.

Invoices have been or are about to be posted and we would really like to get all accounts settled as early as we can so a third little reminder – please get you payments in as soon as possible.

And a last reminder for today. We have, as I have said, a teacher only day on **Friday 20 November** to allow staff to work on the development and writing of our local curriculum. We have tacked this on to our usual planning day which is on the Saturday immediately following. Please do not send you child to school on Friday 20 November.

We very much hope to see you and your friend's tomorrow evening, plastic at the ready! What we would really like is for every piece to be bought by someone who has no direct connection with the school so we broaden our sources of income! If we could manage this we would have a hugely successful evening. There are styles, media and prices to suit everybody. Please continue to promote the event and nudge the people around you when they waver in their bidding!

Bill Sutton

**Job Vacancy**

The ASB, our school bank has sent through the following ad – unfortunately with no real contact details.

**Key Time Position**

- Flexibility in hours to suit your lifestyle
- Convenient Lambton Quay location
- Customer Service and Sales environment

Your circumstances mean that you want flexibility, but like most talented professionals, you still possess that desire to develop your skills and move forward. Here at ASB, we understand the importance of flexibility, variety and having time to do other things. “Key Time staffing” will provide the work/life balance you are looking for.

We have an exciting job share opportunity available in our Lambton Quay Branch for one person to work 2 full days a week, and another to work three full days.

The whole idea around Key Time staffing is about flexibility to meet both yours and our customer’s needs, so the availability to work extra hours on top of those listed, when required, would be an advantage.

As a Customer Service Officer you will use your excellent communication and relationship-building skills to develop a positive face-to-face rapport with our customers. This will involve providing a wide range of assistance and identifying opportunities to promote other products and services that could benefit your customers, making referrals to one of our personal bankers where necessary. Here, your confidence, out-going personality and drive to succeed will be clearly evident.

Whether you’re a mum looking to return to the workforce, someone seeking a work-life balance or a student seeking flexible hours, with your passion for customer service and need for variety and flexibility, this could be the perfect opportunity for you! Apply Online Now!

**Term 4 Calendar**

It continues to shorten!

Nov 6	Art Auction
Nov 10	Art Week Picnic and art walk.
Nov 11	New Central Cluster Cultural Festival
Nov 12	BP Technology Challenge
Nov 13	Central Zone Athletics
Nov 20	Teacher only day
Nov 26	Y 5/6 overnight
Nov 28	Muka Prints exhibition
Nov 29	Muka Prints exhibition
Nov 30	Written Reports posted
Dec 6	The Fair
Dec 8	BoT meeting
Dec 10	School Tabloid Sports
Dec 15	Parent Helper Morning Tea
Dec 16	Y 8 Farewell Dinner
Dec 18	Term ends 12:00.
Feb 3	Term 1 begins

**School Organisation**

I have mentioned a couple of times already that it would be helpful if we could know as early as possible about children intending to come to the school next year and about children likely to be leaving. Thank you to those people who have already been in touch.

This is also the time to ask if you have any particular requests about class placements. These are always useful as we make up class lists. Our placements are made on the basis of teacher recommendations, class size, class balance, and social compatibility. A great deal of thought and discussion goes into making up the lists and our imperatives may not necessarily be the same as those of parents and children – though we will obviously do our best to keep everyone as happy as we can.

Please email me if you would like to make a particular request.



**ART AUCTION**

**Thorndon School  
Invites YOU**

**To an Art Auction in the School Hall  
6:00pm  
November 6**

**Approximately 100 lots of affordable art including works  
by Andrea du Chatenier, Emma McLeay, Dee Guam,  
Mario Azorean, Colyn Nicholls and Helen Wilson among  
others.**

