

# Thorndon School Newsletter

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A painting is never finished - it simply stops in interesting places.

Paul Gardner

## Action List

Have you sent in scratchies?

**Teacher Only Day on November 20**

Have you sent in books for the fair?

Is all money in? (donation, activity fee, etc)

Dear Parents

Kia ora. Both Art Week and the Art Auction are over and done with for 2009 and there is a feeling of great relief. Teachers are feeling a little swamped as they have been busy writing reports at the same time as preparing for and running art week and preparing and running the art auction. I have reported on art week already and a number of you were able to join your children for lunch on Tuesday and take a look at what had been produced. The pieces on display ranged from the very simple to the very complex and from the relatively conventional to the quite out there. Computer aided design and cell phone movies featured alongside scarecrows and Banksy inspired stencilling. Some of the work will become a relatively permanent part of the school environment and some will go home with children.

The auction, while not without its moments of tension, was a great success and certainly worth persevering with. The final figures are not yet available but we appear to have made a profit of about \$6,500 which is very good when compared with all the other fundraising activities we engage in - the fair excepted. The hall looked great and we sold just over half of what was offered, most of it on the night but a good deal of it this week. We have learned a good deal from this experience and will be able to tweak things for an improved repeat performance some time in the future. We now have a baseline from which we can work another time.

You know all about the fair so I will leave out this week's harangue and hope that everyone has the message and is sending in books, books, books and more books along with the scratchies that continue to come in. (Just a minor harangue)!

I wonder how many of you managed to get tickets to the All Whites game this weekend? A number of us completely misjudged the level of interest and were too late – twice – to be able to get seats. We will be watching from the couch and missing out on what I am sure will be a magic atmosphere. Everything crossed as we wait breathlessly and hopefully for the All Whites to win and go on to the World Cup.

Bill Sutton

### Teacher Only Day

Don't forget that next Friday, November 20, is a teacher only day and there will be no teachers at school for your children.

The After School Care staff have arranged a "holiday programme" running from 8:00 to 6:00. and they have enrolment forms for this available in the hall foyer. The cost will be \$35 for the day and if you want to take advantage of the opportunity you must fill out one of the forms and pay in advance. Please do this as soon as you can.

### Scratchies

The scratchies are flying in now. The prospect of a pizza lunch has obviously focussed attention! The average per head in each class at the moment is shown below.

Rooms1/2	3.9
Room 4	1.3
Room 6	1.9
Room 8	1.8
Room 10	2.7

Room 3	1.1
Room 5	1.3
Room 7	3.7
Room 9	0.4
Room 11	1.5

At the moment it is a two horse race but it wouldn't take much to change this.

**College Uniforms**

The WGC Parent Support Group runs a second hand uniform shop. Their next sale is on Tuesday 1 December from 3:30 – 5:00pm in the Wellington Girls' College school hall. Sales are cash or cheque only and the money generated goes straight back into the school.

**New Children**

We have two new children this week. They are:

Hyun Jung Lee	Y4	Room 5- Koromiko
Connor Fleming	Y1	Room 2 - Harakeke

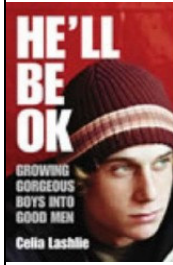
We welcome both boys and their families to the school.

**Intelligent Rewards**

Some of you may remember the Telecom School Connection programme which allowed schools to accumulate points which they could use to get ICT equipment. Parents and other supporters nominated a school and points were allocated on the basis of toll bills. There was no cost to either the supporters of schools or to the school itself and we all found it a most valuable scheme. There has been nothing similar since Telecom dropped the scheme but we now have something called **Intelligent Rewards** taking its place. This is a promotion by Telstra Clear and for every dollar spent with them by supporters 1.5 points are generated for the school. These points can be redeemed by the school for almost any item we wish to buy. Again, there is no cost to those who nominate a school. You can find more information by going to the website: [www.intelligentrewards.co.nz](http://www.intelligentrewards.co.nz) and we will have a little more in next week's newsletter.

**Term 4 Calendar**

Nov 13	Central Zone Athletics
Nov 16	Middle School to City Gallery
Nov 17	BP Technology Challenge
<b>Nov 20</b>	<b>Teacher only day</b>
Nov 26	Y 5/6 overnight
Nov 28	Muka Prints exhibition
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Nov 30	Written Reports posted
Dec 6	The Fair
Dec 8	BoT meeting
Dec 10	School Tabloid Sports
<b>Dec 11</b>	<b>School Chess tournament</b>
Dec 15	Parent Helper Morning Tea
Dec 16	Y 8 Farewell Dinner
Dec 18	Term ends 12:00.
Feb 3	Term 1 begins



**Celia Lashlie**  
**social commentator,**  
**internationally renowned**  
**speaker and author**  
**talks about:**  
**Living and Working with Boys**  
**and Men**

Not only entertaining but her message about boys is strong and powerful and the role that parents, teachers and indeed the wider community play in supporting and building boys who "will be okay" needs to be heard by everyone.

Wednesday 2 December, 4.00 - 5.30pm  
 Cost: \$15.00  
 Titahi Bay Intermediate School Hall  
 Kahutea Terrace, Titahi Bay  
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Art Week