

Thorndon School Newsletter

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Reason can answer questions, but imagination has to ask them.

Ralph Gerard

Action List

Do we have your email address for the newsletter?

Do you have any "stuff" we might find useful

Have you ordered or sold an entertainment book?

Have you booked a conference with your child and teacher?

Dear Parents

Welcome to Term 2. Not a lot happened in the school over the holidays but we have not been entirely idle. We have had hot water put into the downstairs toilets in the hope that this will help encourage children to wash their hands properly through the winter months when flu's and colds are rife. This has been a long time coming but we have finally managed to find the funding. We can hardly be surprised that children are reluctant to put their hands under a cold tap on a freezing July or August day so perhaps this will help.

This weather has us crossing our fingers that it will last into next week when the seniors go on camp to Erua Lodge not far from National Park. Bad weather could result in a number of activities having to be changed. Almost all our Year 7/8 children will be attending and with them will be Rebecca Brown, Jay Smith and Jane Stocker/Finlayson and a group of volunteer parents who have given up time to come and help. I will be going up on Monday but coming back on Wednesday rather than staying for the full week. I am sure that they will have a wonderful time regardless of the weather.

I hope that all the children going away are aware of the sacrifice that teachers make when they go on a school camp. While EOTC is an integral part of education in New Zealand there is nothing compulsory about school camps. We believe that they are important in a wider education context and that children get a great deal from the experience, perhaps not so much in terms of the knowledge areas of the curriculum but certainly in relation to the values, key competencies and social interactions. Teachers too can gain from the camp experience, learning much about the children they are teaching in a context other than the classroom and the school but it is a draining experience and most teachers arrive back at school shattered, not so much by the physical experience (though that in itself can be eye-opening for someone new to school camps) as by the emotional and mental stress that being responsible for 60 or 70 diverse pre adolescents can create.

We look forward to seeing what the children can accomplish and hearing about their activities. Perhaps when they return the Year 7/8 group can take over the newsletter in the week following camp to tell us all about it.

Three way conferences will be starting soon and many of you have already booked. Thank you for that. Some of you have tried and have found that the code you are trying to use is wrong. I emailed everyone on the newsletter email list during the holiday with the correct codes but those people who still get the newsletter in hard copy may be struggling to make their bookings. There are a couple of changes that need to be made for bookings in Room 10 and I will be in touch with those people directly. We are really keen that all parents come along to the conferences so that you can see what your child has been doing, provide some feedback and help in setting some goals.

If your child is in Rooms 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7 the code is **D72KZ**.

If your child is in Rooms 8, 9, 10, 11 the code is **EPZTA**

You may notice that there is no mention of donations or activity fees at the top of the page. This is not because we are all up to date but because I have decided to give everyone a break from the constant harping. Just a few figures though which may help explain why the harping is constant.

We have billed \$22,000 for activities (things children have already done) and have received \$10,500. We have asked for \$45,800 for school donations and received \$19,450. Camp charges total \$16,800 and receipts are \$10,000 while Technology charges for the year for Year 7/8 are \$4400 and receipts are \$1,200. These are sobering figures.

Bill Sutton

National Standards

Last night we held an information evening on the National Standards for a small group of interested parents.

We timetabled this meeting this early in the term in order to have the opportunity to talk with parents about the standards before our three way conferences began. We have since had a rethink and have decided to separate reporting on progress towards the standards from the conferences, sending home a brief written report on the standards midway through the year.

This gives us the opportunity to hold one or two more information sessions – perhaps during the lunch hour - and I will get some dates into next week’s newsletter.

Term 2 Calendar

There are not a lot of changes from the calendar put out at the end of last term.

Apr 26	Year 7/8 Camp all this week.
Apr 26	3 way conferences begin.
Apr 27	Y 4/5/6 Football tournament
May 4	Y 7/8 Football tournament
May 4	Room 8 to City Gallery
May 4	BoT Meeting
May 5	School Cross Country
May 7	New Parents evening
May 18	Central Zone Cross Country
May 24	Young Leaders Conference
May 25	Central Zone Cross Country
Jun 1	Whole school Art Workshop.
Jun 7	Queens Birthday – school closed
Jun 15	Inter-zone Cross Country
Jul 2	Term ends

New Children

The term started with a bang with 10 new enrolments.

They are:

Oisin Cummings	Y1	Room 2 - Harakeke
Josephine Jarvis	Y1	Room 2 – Harakeke
Hannah Grover	Y1	Room 2 – Harakeke
Mia Aitchison	Y3	Room 1 - Nikau
Manon Bird	Y2	Room 3 – Tarata
Emogene Bird	Y2	Room 4 - Tawhai
Lily Crampton	Y6	Room 8 - Kowhai
Taine Bird	Y6	Room 10 - Manuka
Joshua Morgan-Ranui	Y6	Room 10 - Manuka
Jakob Morgan-Ranui	Y7	Room 9 - Koromiko

We would like to extend a warm welcome to these children and their families and hope they enjoy their association with the school and its community.

Billeting

You may remember that in the last newsletter I asked about the possibility of billets for 15 children from Bailey Road School in Auckland.

The timing was not great as the request went out on the last day of term so I am asking again. There are 15 Year 7/8 pupils, 8 girls and 7 boys in the school’s Gifted and Talented group and they would hope to be able to billet them in pairs.

They have proposed either Thursday 17 June or Friday 18 June and the billeting families would be asked to provide an evening meal, a bed, breakfast and transport from school to home and from home to school.

It is always quite nice to make contacts like this as it establishes the possibility of reciprocal visits.

I have put a return slip later in the newsletter so that people who may be able to help can let me know their preferences for date and gender.

I need to know reasonably urgently as they will have to make bookings and other arrangements if we are unable to help.

Results

We will set aside this little area of the newsletter – or an area somewhere each week – to publish the results of any weekend or other out of school sports competitions that our children are involved in.

We now have three junior girls’ soccer teams playing each weekend and last term we had water polo teams playing as well as a summer league netball team.

The results for the three soccer teams last Sunday are below:

Thorndon Cookies – tried hard in their first game ever, but didn’t manage to win.

Thorndon Strikers – Had a win against the Karori Cats - 9 – 1. A great start to the season.

Under 10’s - A win for the start of the season: 4 – 0

Well done to all of them.

Things we Need

If anyone has any old towels they are thinking of getting rid of we can always find a home for them here.

Room 10 would like broken small appliances – phones, radios, cameras etc for discovery.

I am still searching for small engines – motor mower engines, scooter motors, little old outboard motors. Maybe someone will know someone not connected with the school who might have something like this.

Drama Classes

Aro Valley Theatre Club – Kids Drama Classes – Ages 5-12

Professional and fun classes for kids to investigate the ins and outs of acting and creating theatre. At AVTC each child gets to explore and develop their creative potential, individuality, and abilities to work effectively as a group. In this dynamic process we develop confidence, spontaneity, coordination and movement skills, and improve self awareness and communication. As classes progress we create a special scene to share at the end of term with friends and family at our club headquarters.

Aro Valley Theatre Club
Aro Valley Community Centre, 48 Aro St

8 week term commencing Term Two Week Two,
Wednesdays from April 28
3.45 - 4. 40pm - Ages 5-8
4.45 - 5.45pm - Ages 8-12

Term Fee: \$80
Registrations essential

Contact Sophie Dingemans

Email: sophie.dingemans@gmail.com
Ph: 021 332780

Dance

L.O.D Dance Studios

Ballet and Jazz to all ages, 6 days a week in our purpose built studios in Newtown!

For more info please call 386-2145 or visit www.loddance.co.nz

Piano Lessons

Classes include learning to read music, performance techniques, general theory, listening skills and composition.

Visit www.wellingtonpianolessons.co.nz or call Kate on 021 1561 804.

Mog Music

Private Tuition available for this term:

- PIANO BEGINNERS 5 – 8years
- RECORDER BEGINNERS 7 – 12 years
- GUITAR BEGINNERS 8 – 12 years

Also tuition in guitar and piano for adult beginners.

All lessons held at MOGMUSIC studio in Brooklyn.

Please phone Moggie Grayson on 384 8213

Successes

Some of you will remember that last year a number of our children entered the New Zealand Schools' Photographic Competition.

Emma Montague-Cripps, one of our pupils was a finalist and the work of some of the finalists, including Emma's, has been selected for an exhibition at Te Papa from June 10 to August 31.

Congratulations Emma, not many of us have our work displayed at the National Museum.

Brianna Anglesey continues to enjoy considerable success in music and recently won the song writing final at Matamata Country Music Awards with her song "Follow Your Dreams." This puts her through to NZ Country Music Entertainer of the Year in October where she will be up against adults.

<http://www.nzcountrymusic.org.nz/awardwinners0910.html>

Brianna is one of ten finalists in the Gold Guitar MLT song writing at Gore Queens Birthday weekend. Again against adults. This is with her song "I just Wanna be on the Radio"

Well done Brianna.



NEW URBAN HARVEST SCHOOL LUNCHES!

Growing healthy kids, fighting obesity and ensuring children have nutritious lunches and energy to learn is something that concerns most parents. It's something that concerns Urban Harvest as well. But we know that making lunches can become a chore and often the cupboards are bare by Friday.

So Urban Harvest, Wellington's newest online fresh food market, has teamed up with some of its local producers to develop a range of healthy school lunches for your children. These can be ordered online by 9:30pm Wednesday, are made fresh each Friday and will be delivered direct to schools by midday on Friday. All for just \$5.50 per lunch (free delivery if you only order school lunches).

So how does it work? It just takes 5 easy steps:

- Step 1:** visit www.urbanharvest.co.nz before 9:30pm Wednesday
- Step 2:** register or log in (if you are already registered). If you are registering, you will need to activate your account by clicking on the link in the email that is sent to you straight after you submit your registration.
- Step 3:** click on Meals & Lunches, then School Lunches and select the lunch your child wants
- Step 4:** check out and note in the delivery instructions your child's name, classroom, school and the lunch option
- Step 5:** pay by visa or mastercard

And the lunch will be delivered to your child's school before lunchtime on Friday. It's as simple as that! Plus you can feel good in knowing that **30c from each lunch ordered will be donated to your child's school**. Your kids will love the tasty treat with their lunch and the silly food jokes attached to the bag.

You may also want to check out the other delicious local food available online at www.urbanharvest.co.nz. You will find everything from chocolate to cheese, meat, fish, bread, yoghurt, milk and fresh fruit and vegetables. Most produce is picked the day before your order is delivered to your door so it is super fresh. Orders can be delivered to homes or offices in Wellington on Tuesdays or Fridays. Urban Harvest makes life simple!

Have a look at the attached school lunch options and give yourself one less thing to do on Friday morning! If you have any questions, email info@urbanharvest.co.nz or call 3854200.

From the Urban Harvest Team

www.urbanharvest.co.nz



Urban Harvest School Lunches

Only \$5.50 per lunch (30c of which goes to your child's school!)

Add a Daily Squeeze orange juice (250ml) squeezed fresh from NZ oranges for an extra \$2.

The Roly Poly (egg free)

Apple
3 red or yellow cherry tomatoes
ham & cheese roll
chocolate chippie biscuit

JR's Orchards
Warburtons Tomatoes
Zuleika Foods
Zuleika Foods

Georgie Pie

Apple
bacon & egg pie
3 red or yellow cherry tomatoes
chocolate chippie biscuit

JR's Orchards
Zuleika Foods
Warburtons Tomatoes
Zuleika Foods

Mamma Mia (egg free)

Organic Apple
Fruit Spaghetti/Dried Apple
Risoni pasta salad with pesto and parmesan
chocolate chippie biscuit

Imago Orchards
Imago Orchards
Zuleika Foods
Zuleika Foods

Baguette Express

Apple
Mini baguette
Pesto OR Raspberry, Apricot, Strawberry or
Boysenberry Jam (specify preference in delivery
instructions)
3 red or yellow cherry tomatoes
Fruit Spaghetti/Dried Apple
mini vanilla cupcake

JR's Orchards
Simply Paris

Genoese Pesto, Te Horo Jam or jam
from Martinborough Manner
Warburton Tomatoes
Imago Orchards
Zuleika Foods

Sushi Samba (gluten free)

Pear
Salmon, cucumber & avocado sushi
Gluten Free Berry and Almond Friand

JR's Orchards
Zuleika Foods
Zuleika Foods

Sizzling Sausages

Apple
Kransky Sausage Roll
Mini vanilla cupcake
Cherry tomatoes

JR's Orchards
Zuleika Foods
Zuleika Foods
Warburtons Tomatoes

www.urbanharvest.co.nz

Parents! Attention!

Parent Help Wellington presents a parenting evening with Diane Levy:

**“How To Handle Our Children When They Are Upset Or
Angry“
&
“How To Get Children To Do As They Are Told”**

For parents of children of all ages
Tue 11 May @ 7.15 pm – 9.45 pm
@ the Hall at Queen Margaret College
Corner Hobson St & Fitzherbert Tce
Thorndon
Wellington
Tickets \$20

Diane Levy is author of *“Of course I love you...NOW GO TO YOUR ROOM”*



**Parent
Help** For Parent and
Family Support

Tickets available on www.parenthelp.org.nz or call 802 5767

SUNDAY DIVING

Are you aged 7-11, flexible, fearless & up for a challenge?

This weekly session will show you the basics of diving in a professional but fun environment.

It includes gym work, using trampolines & gym mats & time in the pool learning how to dive.

Sunday Diving is an introduction to an exciting & challenging sport. It's also about keeping fit & having some fun.

Pay as you go \$10 per session, 2pm-3.30pm starting Sunday April 25 at Poneke Rugby Club Gym & Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre, Kilbirnie.

(And for mum and dad, this could be the perfect time to go for a walk, a bike ride or just enjoy a flat white in peace and quiet.)

If you've watched the divers at Kilbirnie pool & thought you'd like to give it a try....now's your chance!

**For more information contact:
Wellington High Performance Aquatics (WHPA)
Ph: 021 443-984
whpa@clear.net.nz
www.whpa.co.nz**

Earth Day

Today, the 22nd of April, is Earth Day so Room 8 are doing a variety of things to help our environment. We have made posters about Earth Day, done a rubbish pick up and other things as well. We went round the classes to tell them things about Earth Day and every class is going to do something for the environment.

<http://www.earthday.net/earthday2010>

Tabitha

Concert

A Touch of Spain

A concert by Trio Con Brio presented by the Caprice Arts Trust (CAT)

A colourful journey on guitar, violin and viola through Italy, Germany, Spain and Argentina including classical and popular music from Beethoven, Carulli, Albeniz, Granados and Piazzolla.

Performers:

Martin Jaenecke (Violin),
Victoria Jaenecke (Viola),
Cheryl Grice-Watterson (Guitar)

30 April Friday: St Andrew's on the Terrace, 6.30 p.m.

4 May Tuesday: St Mark's Church, 58 Woburn Rd, LOWER HUTT, 7.30 p.m.

\$25 / \$15 Students with ID / \$60 Family / \$7 school students

Work Website

TimeShop - hiring people with time to sell

TimeShop is a unique online job service for people wanting temporary work and flexible hours around other commitments they have. Workers create and manage their own online diary of skills, qualifications and a schedule of their availability and then sell their time or advertise for quotes on an interactive booking calendar. Customers use the website free of charge to search and book Workers to hire.

Free registration. www.timeshop.co.nz

Billeting

Yes, we would be able to billet children from Bailey Road School in Auckland.

Thursday 17 June

Girls

Friday 18 June

Boys

Either date

Name _____