

Thorndon School Newsletter

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Out of intense complexities intense simplicities emerge.

Winston Churchill

Action List

Do we have your email address for the newsletter?

Have you booked a conference with your child and teacher?

Have you ordered or sold an entertainment book?

Dear Parents

A welcome change in the weather. Well, somewhat welcome! We are well into Week 4 of the term and looking at the calendar it appears that we have really pulled back on events and activities outside the school after what was a very busy time last term. Which is not to say that things won't be added between now and July 2.

Three way conferences are winding down now and all the feedback I have received so far has been positive but we still haven't managed to get a 100% response. A few people are still to book and some others need to rebook. Please try to make a time to come in and meet with your child's teacher over the next ten days or so. Once you have made the booking, please try to be there on time. Once one conference runs over time there is a knock on effect through the rest of the afternoon and evening which has the potential to create a group of annoyed parents and teachers.

If you find you can't make your booked time for some reason **please** either email the teacher or ring the office to let us know. It is very frustrating for teachers to be left dangling, waiting for parents and children to arrive, and, I suspect, most people would call their doctors, lawyers or bank managers if they were not able to get to an appointment! Could the same courtesy be extended to teachers? The three weeks of conferences are very intense for teachers who might have up to five consecutive meetings in an afternoon.

If you change your appointment time it would be useful if you could email the teacher. There seems to be a gap in the booking programme so teachers are not informed of changes of time. We have let the programmers know but in the meantime you could help by making sure the classroom teacher knows of the change.

The site address is www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and if your child is in Rooms 1 – 7 the code you need is **D72KZ**. For children in Rooms 8 – 11 the code is **EPZTA**.

This has probably sounded somewhat grizzly and it wasn't meant to be. I am sure that no-one has meant to miss an appointment and has not deliberately left a teacher waiting but letting us know could help keep blood pressure down..

A final round of the Super 14 to look forward to this weekend which could define the Hurricane's season. Another weekend of tension for supporters of the team? We'll wish them well.

Bill Sutton



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Term 2 Calendar

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

May 18	Central Zone Cross Country
May 24	Young Leaders Conference
Jun 1	Whole school Art Workshop.
Jun 1	Parent Information session re WGC
Jun 2	National Standards Information evening
Jun 2	Onslow College visit Year 8
Jun 7	Queens Birthday – school closed
Jun 9	National Standards lunchtime session.
Jun 11	Inter-school Chess Tournament in hall.
Jun 15	Inter-zone Cross Country
Jul 2	Term ends

Successes

Congratulations to *Aliyah de la Mare* who has been selected for the Northern Suburbs Representative Netball team.

This is the second year Aliyah has been selected in only her 3rd year of playing competitive netball.

New Children

There are two new children to welcome this week. They are:

James Schaer-Mills	Y1	R 2 - Harakeke
Rangipai Te Hau-Grant	Y4	R 5 - Koromiko

James is just beginning his school career while Rangipai has just moved into the area from Napier.

We welcome the children and their families to the school community and hope they enjoy their time here.

Girls Soccer Results

The Thorndon Strikers lost 5 - 2 to Onslow Orissas.

Player of the match went to Coco for saving a few fantastic strikes at goals.

The Cookies came really, really close to scoring a hat-trick of goals this mothers' day. Player of the day was Rebekah Peters for awesome controlled runs with the ball at her feet. Well done Cookies, you are awesome!

Good luck for this weekend.

Junior Cross Country

The junior school held its own cross country competition on Monday with the help of members of the Sports Squad. This is a low key event but the element of competition was clearly present and the level of effort was impressive as children pounded their way around Wellington Girls' College field, showing a remarkable degree of determination and persistence.

Well done everyone.

Year 1 Girls		Year 1 Boys	
1 st	Caitlyn Frawley	1 st	Maxwell Wilson
2 nd	Ella Freeman	2 nd	Connor Fleming
3 rd	Trinity Anorpong	3 rd	Luke Davison
Effort	Elaina Neal	Effort	Joshua Swaine
Year 2 Girls		Year 2 Boys	
1 st	Emogene Bird	1 st	James Stanish
2 nd	Frances Upton	2 nd	Rueben Kapene
3 rd	Poppy Beaumont	3 rd	Quinn Jackson
Effort	Rebekah Peters	Effort	Isaac Waterman



Start times

There has been a gradual creep in arrival times this term and we are beginning to see some children here at 7:30 in the morning. The school is more generous than most in allowing children here from 8:00am rather than the more usual 8:30am but each year we see a creep back from 8:00.

The early arrivals become more noticeable as winter approaches, the days shorten and the weather deteriorates. When it is cold and wet children should not be expected to have to stand around outside but equally, teachers are not expected to be here that early to supervise children. This early morning uninterrupted time should be available for teachers to plan and prepare and to meet with each other.

We are not unsympathetic to the problems that parents have to deal with but the school too has its own particular imperatives.

Before and After School Care

Leading right on from the item above...

Need Before School/After School Childcare?

NZ Nannies International have Au Pairs available to care for your children and help with housework for up to full time hours in exchange for free board and \$200-250 per week. The Au Pair can stay for 12-24 months as required. For more information please go to:

www.nznannies.org.nz
or email kristina@nznannies.org.nz"

THORNDON CHILDREN'S VIRTUES CLASS

All children are welcome to our neighbourhood children's virtues class. Classes are designed to help children practice virtues such as respect, politeness, sharing, service, generosity and truthfulness.

Classes are free and held at the Anorpong home (Trinity, Room 2) fortnightly on Sunday mornings. For more details see the flyer in the office, or call/text Trinity's mum, Di, on 027 208 7759.

Entertainment Books

We still have entertainment books available for sale and they still offer really good value for money.

By the time you have used it just a few times you will have covered the cost and be getting into real savings for a range of entertainment activities. Keep plugging away at these.

Thorndon Residents Association Annual General Meeting

Come and talk with your community about important local issues - including plans for our swimming pool, parking and traffic update, graffiti management, and developments in Thorndon's heritage zone rules

Date: Tuesday 25th May 2010
Time: from 6:45PM to say hi to your neighbours (with refreshments- self pay bar). AGM commences 7:30PM
Venue: Thorndon Tennis and Squash Club, 4 Katherine Avenue, Thorndon

RSVP by email thorndonresidents@gmail.com
Check out the latest on:
<http://thorndon-residents.blogspot.com/>

Join us on Facebook.

Dawn till Dusk- Netball for World Vision

The World Vision committee of Wellington Girls' College is holding a student run event as a major fundraising opportunity on behalf of World Vision.

A "Dawn till Dusk" non-stop netball game and fair, culminating in a concert will be held on Sunday 30th of May in Civic Square. The event will run from 6am to 6pm and players from secondary schools across Wellington will be joining the Wellington Girls' College students in what is sure to be a day of fun.

The event will include a fair, sausage sizzle, face painting and spot prizes as well as a concert featuring local acts including Meghan Glue, James Shaw, The Laundromat Cats and Emerge Dance Crew from 4 pm onwards. Come down and help support the girls as they attempt to contribute their largest sum ever to World Vision charity work

a for Art

Drawing & Painting, Clay Sculpture, Sewing and Construction

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
3.30 - 5pm
6 - 8 years

Monday & Thursday
5.30 - 7pm
10 - 13 years

Phone Dianne Baker – 971 4614 Or 021 2677 106

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Enviro Update

The Earth Nuts Enviro Group is now meeting every Tuesday. We have checked out the worm farm and established that our worm population is booming! Most of us were not afraid to handle the worms. Some others were happy to observe this time!!! We have also brainstormed some ideas about activities and projects around the school. We did a survey around the school to check that all classes have a compost bin, GOOS box and recycling bin. We are looking forward to a productive year!

Meta, Bex and Becca.

Earth Nuts Enviro Group 2010

- Ella Freeman
- Isaac Paku
- Nick Wills
- Mia Freeman- Room 5
- Poppy Black
- Sarah Hale
- Maya Jackson
- Stella Saul
- McKenzie-Anee Brown
- Emillie Beamsley-Dick
- Sophie Wiles
- Allegra Symonds
- Jocelyn Sinclair
- Callum Hancock
- Amy Turner
- Tabitha Dombroski
- Xiangtao Hu
- Connall Deacon
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- Josh Spice