

Thorndon School Newsletter

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Italians can't win the game against you, but you can lose the game against the Italians.

Johan Cruyff – Dutch soccer player

Action List

Have you sent back the TASC enrolment and contacts form? Have you sent in any feedback on the ASC programme?
Can you help with extension and enrichment activities? Have you checked the netball draw? www.nsnetball.co.nz

Dear Parents

Kia ora. I was a week ahead of myself last week when I said it was almost the penultimate week of term. A little wishful thinking as I contemplate getting on a plane and going off to a northern hemisphere summer. Today I can legitimately say it is almost the penultimate week but rather than looking ahead to July 4 I am looking at July 2 and thinking about all the things I have yet to do before I get away, both in school and out of school. Still, who's complaining?

Thank you to everyone who came along to the meeting on National Standards yesterday evening. These things always seem much more worthwhile when the numbers are reasonable. With around 40 people there was a bigger turnout than we have had for any curriculum related event since the hugely successful numeracy evening we had last year. Clearly there was something about the formula last night that worked. The time, child care, wine, the soup, the topic, the email reminder might all have helped.

I get the feeling that what most people want to know is how the introduction of the standards will affect their children and how what we do at school might change. The short answer is that neither you nor your children should notice any change in the classroom. There will be an extra mid-year report and some change in format to the end of year report but beyond that we will be making a concerted effort to maintain things as they are. Google operates, it says, by the maxim "Don't be Evil". We will implement the standards with an underlying principal of "do no harm".

There were some fairly tired teachers at school yesterday after a highly successful, if slightly fortuitous start to the Football World Cup for the All Whites. I anticipate even more interest for the second game against Italy, more tired children and more tired teachers. Kevin Fallon believes the All Whites can beat Italy and he must have some credibility.

Bill Sutton

Disco

Friday 25th June 2010!

**The Thorndon School Disco is back!
"Big Time Party!"**

**We will be coming round the classes this week and next week selling tickets and we will also be selling tickets at the door on the night.
\$5.00 each.**

There will also be food and drink for sale on the night.

Thanks,
Olive and Vikee (on behalf of the Young Leaders)

Cross Country

We have 11 children heading off to represent the Central Zone in the Inter-zone Cross Country competition this afternoon.

Good luck to:

Callum Hancock	Amy Turner
Shaun Corfield	McKenzie-Anee Brown
Alex Rae	Emma Yang
Oliver Stanish	Eliza Muldrock
Connall Deacon	Alex Gooch
Mikaela Bovey	

Term 2 Calendar

The last couple of weeks of this term

Jun 17	Wellington East Open evening.
Jun 23	Maori/Pasifika parent evening.
Jun 24	Chess tournament – Newlands Primary.
Jun 25	Disco
Jun 29	BoT meeting
Jul 2	Term ends

New Children

We have one new child this week. She is:

Rucksayi Wannpong	Y7	R 9 - Koromiko
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We would like to welcome Rucksayi and her family to the school community and we look forward to the different experiences and perspective she will bring to the senior school.

After School Care

I am still interested in hearing what you think about After School Care – and now, since I have started this, so is the staff. Feel free to comment on any aspect of the programme - quality of care, interactions with parents, value for money, administrative efficiency, suggestions for improvement, any overall comments.

While we all like to receive positive feedback I am equally interested in hearing about areas where we might be able to introduce changes and improvements. All feedback is useful.

We are also keen to get back all the new forms with contact and enrolment details. Can we get the rest of these in the next day or two please.

Holiday Programme

The Aro Valley Community Centre next to Aro Park will be running a school holiday programme this July and it will be FANTASTIC!

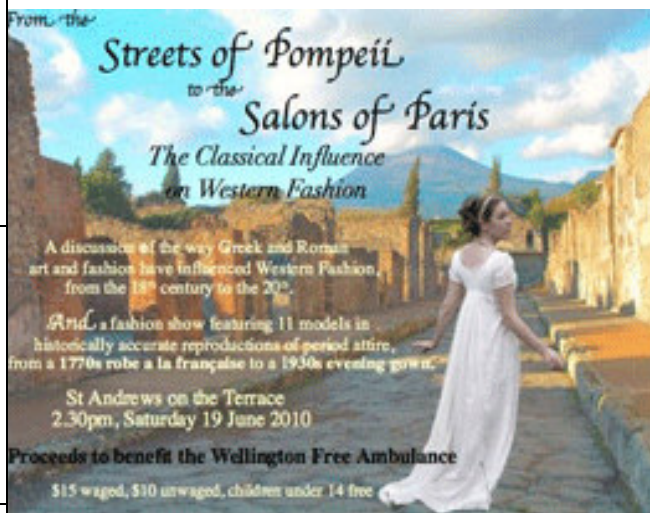
There will be trips to the swimming pool, the marine reserve, and the theatre, as well as fun arts and crafts, drama, storytelling, and sports activities - something for every kid.

Please contact Sarah and Linda via email - avcc@xtra.co.nz - or on the phone, 384 8499, to book a place.

Just \$35 a day - or \$30 if you book before the 28th of June), but do hurry, as places are filling up super-fast.

Fashion

Please join us for a fascinating talk and stunning fashion show:



Textile and fashion historian Leimomi Oakes will present an entertaining and informative talk on the way Greek and Roman art and fashion have influenced Western fashion from the 18th century to the 20th.

The talk will be illustrated by **11 models in historically accurate recreations of period attire** from a 1770s robe a la francaise to a 1930s evening gown.

The talk will be fascinating, and the frocks will be fabulous, and best of all, you get to support a really great cause - it should be an event to remember!

Tickets will be available at the door, or can be purchased in advance by e-mailing thedreamstress@yahoo.com

Children's Work

It is always nice to be able to put some children's work into the newsletter but we don't do it as often as we would like so it is good to have a little poem to put in this week.

I see...

The clouds falling over the mountains.
The houses clinging to the hills.
The sea tumbling on the shore...

On my way home.

Gemma Guiney

The Netball Teams

Tip top, tip top, bounce, bounce.
Netball is a great sport to play, it gives you energy, strength, and a whole lot of courage so well done to those who played on Saturday.
Thorndon School has 4 teams of netball players, girls and boys. You are allowed up to 10 players in a team. Our schools teams are:

- Thorndon White**
- Thorndon Black**
- Thorndon Red**
- Thorndon Blue**

It is a VERY hard competition.
Thorndon did particularly well on Saturday 12th June 2010, take a look at the scores.

Thorndon White: lost by 1 point, with the score of 5/6, nice Thorndon White!!

Thorndon Black: Lost by 1 point as well, with the score of 5/6, good job Thorndon Black!!

Thorndon Red: won by 15 points, with a score of 16/1. Congratulations, Thorndon Red!!

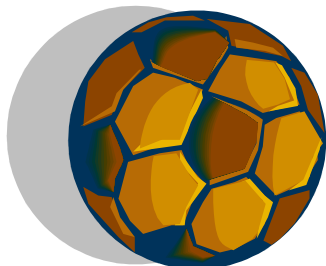
Thorndon Blue: won by 11 points, with the score of 19/30, Brilliant job guys!!!

We have got 2 players from the Thorndon White team to share how they felt:

“We were doing really well until half time, and then they gained some points, so we lost by 1 point,” Jack Dick said.

McKenzie Anee Brown had a different side of the story:
“My partner kept on going up so they had more players, and so it was harder, then she kept running back, she shouldn’t have done that, because it wasted time running,” she told us.

Thanks guys!!



Thorndon Black has some news too:

“I felt fresh, excited, and fierce. My heart was beating really fast, I couldn’t have done it without our team, so thanks guys”, Alana Brown said.

Thorndon Red has some new ideas too:
“I didn’t know we won until we finished because we did so well, we were all tired”, Charlotte Crampton said to us.

Thorndon Blue, “We tried our best, and we were pleased”, Gillian told us.

By Maisie Cossar and Brianna Anglesey

Successes

Brianna Anglesey competed in the Golden Guitar awards over the recent long weekend with her sister and the pair of them got a Highly Commended award for their duet – “Why Haven’t I Heard from You?”. This is viewable on You Tube by typing in the name of the song. The girls also made it to the final of the “Freeze Your Bits Off” busking competition, only being beaten by adult acts.

Brianna made the last ten in the MLT song-writing competition, a wonderful result considering her age and the fact that she was competing against 100 adult entrants from Australia and New Zealand.

Well done Brianna and Holly.

For Sale

If anyone is interested in buying a cheap piano you could ring Peter or Wendy on 4791617.

Good condition, cast iron frame.