

Thorndon School Newsletter

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Diversity is the one true thing we all have in common. Celebrate it every day.

Anon

Action List

- Have you sent back the TASC enrolment and contacts form? Have you sent in any feedback on the ASC programme?
 Have you checked the netball draw? www.nsnetball.co.nz

Dear Parents

Kia ora.

The rush towards the end of term seems to be accelerating and we have a lot to do over the next six days. The most immediate issue for us is to get the mid year reports finished and sent out. These reports, as I keep saying, are new for us so this is very much a trial effort. We, like most schools, are still not entirely clear about what we are required to do and how we should be reporting on things. The messages are still fairly mixed.

I must stress that these are reports on *progress towards* so you should not be concerned if your child has not yet reached the standard. In some cases teachers might say that a child is unlikely to meet the standard by the end of the year. This may or may not be a cause for concern. Children do not progress at the same rate so a child not achieving the standard at, for example, the end of Year 4, may well meet the Year 5 standard comfortably the following year. Where there is real cause for concern then the issues should already have been signalled during the course of the three way conferences.

Each report will have some ideas for how you can help at home. Most of you will be doing many of these things already – they are really just good parenting. All these activities should be fun, relaxed and without pressure. We want children to feel good about learning. I mentioned to everyone at the meeting last week that there is some research which shows that one of the best predictors of later academic success is families eating together at the table. How simple is that?

We seem to have hit on a winning formula for parent meetings. We had a successful and well attended meeting last night for our Maori and Pasifika community and again, food, drink, child care and an early start were in the mix. Thank you to everyone who came and in particular thanks to Luai Leuga who prepared a big pot of chop suey for us.

How important has the game against Paraguay tomorrow morning become? When the All Whites left for South Africa few of us would have thought that there might be a realistic chance of the team going through to the second round. The lights will be burning around the country early tomorrow morning and there are likely to be a few more people getting up to watch the game. I think I will try to be one of them!

Bill Sutton

Disco

Friday 25th June 2010!

The Thorndon School Disco “Big Time Party!”

DON'T FORGET

Tickets \$5.00 each.

**There will also be food, drink and disco “stuff”
for sale on the night.**

Alliance Francaise

No classes next week but French will resume in the first week of Term 3 as usual.

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Term 2 Calendar

The last Week of this term and a first look at next term.

Jun 24	Chess tournament – Newlands Primary.
Jun 25	Disco Disco Disco Disco Disco Disco
Jun 29	BoT meeting
Jul 1	Years 5 – 8 to NZSO concert.
Jul 2	Term ends

Jul 19	Term begins
Jul 26	Rooms 1, 5, 9 and 10 to RNZAF Band
Jul 27	Year 5/6 netball Competition
Jul 28	Year 7/8 netball competition

Aug 3	BoT Meeting
Aug 10	Tackel Rugby Competition
Aug 12	Central Zone Swimming competition
Aug 17	Girl Black Rugby Year 5 – 8
Aug 24	Rugby Tournament Year 5-6

Sep 1	Central Zone Speech Competition
Sep 7	Winter Sports Festival Year 5-6
Sep 14	Winter Sports Festival Year 7-8
Sep 20	Science Roadshow
Sep 21	Science Roadshow
Sep 21	BoT Meeting
Sep 22	Jump Rope for Heart
Sep 24	Term Ends

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.

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**.

Soccer Team Results

The Cookies showed real resilience and enthusiasm in conditions more suited to Waterpolo than Football this Sunday.

Player of the day was Scarlett Fraser who was fearless in goal and determined on defence. Great work Cookies.

For Sale

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

Good condition, cast iron frame – which is apparently a good thing though not so good when it comes to moving the piano.

Cross Country Results

Last week a number of our pupils were part of the Central Zone team competing in the Inter-Zone Cross Country, a different order of competition from both the school event and the Central Zone event.

They all did their absolute best against the best runners from schools all around Wellington. Well done to all of them.

The results are shown below

Year 8	Alex Gooch	19 th
	Mikaela Bovey	23 rd
Year 7	Eliza Muldrock	17 th
	Connall Deacon	DNP
Year 6	Shaun Corfield	26 th
	Oliver Stanish	48 th
Year 5	Alex Rae	36 th
	Amy Turner	58 th
Year 4	Emma Yang	34 th
	Callum Hancock	40 th
	McKenzie Anee-Brown	47 th



EARTH NUTS UPDATE

Thorndon's Glad Wrap overload!!!

On Tuesday the Earth Nuts collected up the whole school's Glad Wrap. After lunch time the Earth Nuts had their meeting and got into groups of 4-5. Each group stuck together as much Glad Wrap as they could with sellotape. Once there was no more Glad Wrap left all the groups stuck their one to another group's one. We ended up with a very long string of Glad Wrap.

Then we took it down to the racetrack to see how long it was. We didn't measure it, but it was longer than the long side of the junior block! It was shocking to see how much Glad Wrap the whole school used in just one day! Why are we shocked? It's because Glad Wrap is plastic and plastic takes ages to break down.

We are going to do another Glad Wrap collect up this year and we are hoping that there will be less Glad Wrap than this time. Why do we want you to be aware? It's because all the rubbish that goes in the rubbish bin goes to the landfill which is a hole in the ground that people dump stuff that they don't want and garbage such as Glad Wrap.

By Tabitha and Lily the Room 8 Earth Nuts reps☺!

Enviro Day 30 June!

Thorndon has been an Enviroschool for 4 years. It is time to celebrate and dedicate a day to our lovely planet. This coming Wednesday we are spending the whole day learning in and about the Environment. We will start the day with a whole school assembly at 9:15. We are lucky to have a special visitor Gareth Hughes from Parliament to come and talk to us. Every class has designed an activity or activities to focus on for the day. We will

end the day with sharing photos and experiences in the hall at 2:30.

Parents, please join us for the day if you can. There will be some gardening activities around the school – so bring spades, gumboots, buckets and gloves.



Bex Brown, Becca Robinson and Meta Beyers on behalf of Earth Nuts Enviro Group

Holiday Programmes

The end of term is approaching rapidly and we have a plethora of notices about holiday programmes. Plenty of choice for you and your children.

Animation and Design

Have you ever wondered how computer games and 3D movies like Shrek are made? Learn the latest in 3D Animation and Games Design on a Bubble Dome School Holiday workshop this July at Scots College (6-8 July) and Samuel Marsden Collegiate (13-15 July). Other courses in Science, Inventions & Technology and Afterschool Animation at selected venues.

For students aged 6 to 16 years.
Tel: 0800 GET BUBBLE (438-282) or
Email: info@bubbledome.co.nz
www.bubbledome.co.nz

Circus Courses

Wellington Circus Trust is a non-profit organisation with the goal of producing a high level of circus arts to New Zealand. We employ highly experienced, international performers. Classes are fun and active, enabling children and adults alike to gain fitness, skills and confidence.

Holiday Courses and Courses for Term 3 at the Wellington Circus Trust

Take the kids and runaway to the circus!

Bookings are now open for holiday courses and term three at the Wellington Circus Trust. Challenge yourself and your kids learning some key circus skills and having great fun!

For more information and bookings contact Alice Capper-Starr at info@circus.org.nz and visit the website www.circus.org.nz.

Writing Workshop

Learn how to write a poem or illustrate a book and discover the magic of *The Making of the Word Witch*. There are just so many great events for you to do! Come along to a storytelling with the one and only Margaret Mahy, do a workshop with the creative genius of illustrator David Elliot, or create a picture poem postcard that may see you become a published author. For full details see www.museumswellington.org.nz.

Whitireia Performing Arts Centre

Need something to do over the coming School Holidays! Join WPAC for our School Holiday Programme "BLAST OFF"! Kids will explore the wonders of space, create characters, play games and perform a SPACE ADVENTURE show! Registrations now open and must be paid in full before the 5th of July. Download a [rego form](#) and send it back to WPAC to claim your part in the adventure!

July 12-16th 2010
Ages 7-12years
\$200 per child

Payment can be made by Cheque, Credit Card, Eftpos, Cash or online.

Pipes and Drums

**Ever thought about learning
the Pipes or Drums**

Friendship Music Competition Travel

We are offering 3 **free** sessions for you to come along and give it a try...

See you at practice!
every Tuesday evening from 7.30pm

City of Wellington Pipe Band
Cnr Stoke & Hanson St, Newtown
04 381 9025
www.cowpb.org.nz

Capital E Programmes

You will be amazed by how much is packed in at Capital E these holidays! Come along for the premiere of KIDZONE GIGGLES LIVE and be entertained by characters from the popular TVNZ 6 show, then return in the second week for a VIRTUAL ADVENTURE into the world of gaming – get hands on playing games old and new or challenge your friends and family to a fun gaming duel. Children can film their own documentary during an ALIEN INVASION or create some ADVENTURES IN GAMING in the Soundhouse™. Plus Capital E is bringing you two amazing productions in July. BOXES, a tale of almost life-sized puppets Bernie and Elton in a show about moving house and making friends and The Dominion Post Season of END GAME at Downstage Theatre. For more details visit www.capitale.org.nz or call 04 913 3740.

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**Holiday Programme
74 Heke St Ngaio
July 5-16 2010**

**Programmes will run both weeks and details
are in the school office.**

Mornings 9.30-12

Afternoons 1-3.30

Bring a snack & drink.

\$25 per session (includes materials)

Contact

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Speech and Drama/Effective Communication Lessons

Trinity College, London trained teacher, 17 years teaching experience, sessions either after school Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday or Saturdays.

20 minute or ½ hour sessions available. All ages, all abilities. Mt Victoria location.

Third Term begins week beginning Monday July 18

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