

Thames South School

Newsletter - Term 2 Week 7, 2017



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From the Principal

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa,

My focus this week is around important connections and showing appreciation. As a kura we have a real desire to connect to our school and wider community and this year is no exception. Whaea Jeannie is currently running another round of *Reading Together* to support whanau to understand the ins and outs of reading with their tamariki. Our Adventure Zone families have been engaging in preparations for an exciting E.O.T.C (*Education Outside the Classroom*) event next term and our Ngaa Kaahui Whetuu whanau are preparing for their overnight noho before our Matariki Celebration next week. We also held fast to our quick connections with whanau around both positive and concerning behaviours, being fully aware that by working together we can help our children grow into outstanding adults. We appreciate the way whanau do the same with us. Together we make a difference. We pride ourselves in being open to engaging around both acknowledgements and concerns to be addressed.

We have a great appreciation for all whanau who give of their time generously to support our directions as a school. We appreciate the ways in which all our kaiawhina/support staff give of themselves to make a difference for our students. We welcome outside agencies to join us in our journey. We appreciate the connections you have made with us on Facebook and the perspectives you have shared with our community this term. Mauri ora!

Whaea Kim

School Cellphone

With the unfortunate theft of our school iphone 6+ we have decided not to have the replacement phone as accessible in future. If you need to contact the office in the morning, please do this directly by calling 868 6594. We will pick up text messages on a regular basis. If anyone has information regarding the stolen phone please contact the office asap.

Hosting International Students

HOSTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS - we have some students coming to Thames South School in July - August. Are you interested in hosting these students who will be attending Thames South School? The three groups consist of:

Minako Sato (mother 46), Subaru (son 8)

Arrive Saturday 22 July, leave Thursday 3 August. Minako will be studying English at Evakona, one hour per day

Mizue Yano (mother 40), Kanta (son 5) and Ami (daughter 4) Arrive Sunday 30 July, leave Saturday 12 August. Mizue will be studying English at Evakona, one hour per day during the second week. Ami is going to Kindy in Thames. No big dogs (afraid)

Arata Hirono (boy, 11) Arrives Monday 14 August, leaves Wednesday 23 August. His mother, Momo, would like to stay one night with him on Monday 14 August.

If you are interested, please let the office know and we will forward your interest to Evakona.

Kiwi Can News

"Kia ora tatou katoa",

Over the past two weeks our leaders and tamariki have been super busy with our Kiwi Can lessons, we have been talking about self control and self discipline.

Our students have been showing us and practicing how they use self control and self discipline in roleplays. By Taking a breath to keep calm, walking away rather than arguing or getting upset, saying how we are feeling... sometimes we yell at someone if we get physically hurt or hurt feelings, but it is important to gather your self control and calm down before it goes any further and we regret our actions.

With the help of our Kiwi Can Leader Emma Hawkins who came in on Tuesday 30th May to help us catch up with our lessons we also practiced our self control and self discipline in a game called peg snatch.

Our seniors made a list of things they do all the time that aren't so good for them or maybe are bad choices, together we have been thinking of how we can use our self discipline to turn these discussions around and make better choices. For example going to bed late every night and not getting enough sleep which makes me grumpy at school - I'm going to make myself go to bed a bit earlier each night so I can get enough sleep and not be grumpy at school, Not reading enough - I will read for 10 or 15 minutes a day, Eating too much junk food - I will limit the junk food I eat to maybe just the weekends.

Kiwi Can Coromandel would like to say a huge congratulations to our very own Sir Graeme Dingle, who was knighted in the Queens Birthday Honours List for 2017 for his services to youth. A well-deserved commendation for his dedication to the young people of New Zealand. Don't forget our Kiwi Can Open Day on Friday 23rd June this is where you as care givers are welcome to come and observe your child or even join in on a Kiwi Can Lesson.

We would love to see you there.....

Room 9 & 11: 9.00am - 9.50am

Adventure 2: 10.00am - 10.50am

Room 8: 11.30am - 12.10pm

Te Haapai Oo: 12.15pm - 1.00pm

Te Kawenga: 2.15pm - 2.50pm

Ka kite ano from the Kiwi Can Team.

A sore throat can lead to rheumatic fever if it's left untreated. Rheumatic fever is very serious and can cause heart damage.

Every time your child has a sore throat it could be serious. Don't ignore, take them to a doctor or nurse straight away to get it checked. Call Healthline on 0800 611 116 to find out more.

SORE THROATS
RHEUMATIC FEVER
HEART DAMAGE

Find your nearest sore throat clinic rheumaticfever.health.govt.nz/sore-throats/clinics

COMMUNITY NEWS

The parenting show with Pio - A free community evening for parents and caregivers. Building awesome whaanau with Pio Terei, presentation includes:

- solid foundations are made up of love and values
- develop a positive atmosphere in the house
- give kids confidence and resilience to problem solve

Save the date: Thursday 17th August, 7 p.m. in the Thames High School Hall, Sealey street, Thames. Children's programme available. More information: theparentingplace.com

The Department Of Conservation are holding a community day on the 25th of this month (a Sunday) to educate the community with hands on learning based around Inanga spawning. The Inanga are one of the native fish species that make up whitebait and are in decline! They are finding less decent spots to lay their eggs due to the lack of suitable habitat. A method to provide

a place for them to spawn is to lay straw bales along streams and is what we will display on the community day.

We would love for as many passionate people to come down and get educated and involved with this current conservational issue.

The community day will involve:

- Inspecting the bales to see if the fish have spawned
- Pulling up traps to check for live Inanga and other fish species
- Interactive talks from freshwater fish experts
- A day out at the beautiful Kaiaua reserve surrounded by singing Tuis and curious Fantails
- If there is enough interest we will be looking at food and drink options and other community involvement

The aim of this project is to educate the public on simple techniques that can be easily replicated and to determine if Inanga are spawning in this location. If this is the case, there is the potential for a long-term fix with a planting project in the future that schools and community groups could get involved in.

More info can be viewed on the Facebook event at

<https://www.facebook.com/events/282408592229874/> or on the whitebait connections website

<http://www.whitebaitconnection.co.nz/teaching-resources/inanga-spawning.html>.

Friday Jucies & Lunch Order - (Adventure Zone Fundraiser)

Please see the school lunch order below. Additional forms are available at the office. We also have jucies for sale - \$2 each.



Te Haapai Oo Fundraiser

Dutch Donuts (Oliebollen)
for sale, Wednesday 14
June - \$2 for 5.

Name _____

I would like to pre-order
_____ dutch donuts

I have enclosed \$ _____
(\$2 for 5)

Room _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT !!!

The Spider is back in action
with the new artificial
surface laid below it. This
awesome work was made
possible by funds to our
TSST team and a grant
from NZCT

ADVENTURE ZONE LUNCH ORDER

NAME: _____ Room: _____

_____ Pizza (ham & cheese) - \$2 each x _____ = \$ _____

_____ Pizza (meatlovers) - \$2 each x _____ = \$ _____

_____ Sausage Rolls - \$1.50 each x _____ = \$ _____

_____ Wedges - \$2.50 each x _____ = \$ _____

with (please circle): *sour cream / cheese / tomato sauce / sweet chilli sauce*

_____ Vanilla Cup Cake - \$2.00 each x _____ = \$ _____

_____ Fried Bread - 2 for \$1.50 x _____ = \$ _____

with (please circle): *golden syrup / jam*

_____ Chocolate Chip Cookie - \$2.50 each x _____ = \$ _____

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Total Cost: \$ _____ / Total Money enclosed: \$ _____ / Total Change Needed: \$ _____

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