

Thames South School

Newsletter- Term 2 Week 8, 2017



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From the Principal

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa,

The kaupapa of manaakitanga/caring and being prepared to give and give back is very prominent this week. Wig Wednesday allowed us to make a donation of \$79.00 to the Child Cancer foundation. Proceeds from next week's Tapuwae Tournament fundraising is going to support Matua Adam Steele and his family. It is also the topic of discussion with our tamariki around New Year celebrations... New starts... moving forward, growing positive relationships. **Naku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi** *With your basket and my basket the people will live*

Whaea Kim



Matariki - Student Hangi Celebration

Involvement in the preparation of a Hangi is a time-honoured tradition for our school. This year is no exception. With the support of our wider whanau and the donations of wood and time given, the experience should be a smorgasboard for the senses. The lunch time Hākari for our students and staff will top off a day of fun. The generous donations of vegetables from The Green Grocer & Fresho's have helped to keep the costs down.

Thank you to all of the students who have paid their \$2 contribution towards their hangi on Friday. We now have 50% of funds in. Please remember to send this to the office by Friday morning, it can be paid by cash, internet banking (enter your child's details) and eftpos.



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.

Science Roadshow Term 3

The science roadshow is visiting Thames High School in Term 3, on Wednesday 16th August. The students will walk down to the high school together as a group and will attend as a group. A visit to the Science Roadshow is a fun, exciting and interactive learning experience for students. One 80 minute session includes live shows and hands-on exhibits that broaden students' knowledge of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. We have 11 more spaces available. If your child is interested in attending this roadshow please send through their registration form and \$5 to the office to go toward the cost.

My child _____, Room _____ would like to take part in the Science Roadshow on Wednesday 16th August.

Signed: _____ Yes, I have enclosed \$5 with this reply slip

School Holiday Programme

Kidzone

When?—Second week of the holidays

Tue 18, Wed 19 & Thurs 20 July

9.00am - 12.30pm

Where?—Thames Elim Church - by the wharf

Who?—For children aged 5 - 12 years

What?—Games, crafts & morning tea

Why?—So kids can have Heaps of fun!

Cost?—\$5 per child/per day

\$15 per family/per day

The church office is open for bookings now

(closed during the first week of the school holidays)

Phone 868 5536 Office 8681122 Jenny

Netball

Every Thursday afternoon, during the months of May, June, July and August, I scooter down to Rhodes Park to play netball. Winter's a great time of the year for me because I get to play netball and it's not too hot. It's so easy to get there because it's mostly downhill, I don't need to rush, but I have to be there by 5:00pm.

By the time I get to netball I'm really tired, but I can't wait to get stuck into the game. I watch the ball, I chase it everywhere. Where the ball goes I go, I run, I pass, I handle everything. I do everything I can think of, and it feels good. Sometimes it's very cold, and when I fall over it hurts, but I get up and carry on.

When I get home I lie down underneath the orange tree and eat every part of it, they're as sweet as sweet, and I love it. I just can't wait until next week.

By Terina Tata

COMMUNITY NEWS

Parawai School Golden Jubilee - We warmly invite all past pupils, staff, BOT, PTA and parents to join us in celebrating 50 years of education at Parawai Primary School on Friday 27th October and Saturday 28th October 2017. For a registration form or more information please phone 07 8688117 or email administration@parawai.school.nz.

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

Homestay Families Required - Have you ever thought about having an international student stay in your home? Hosting a student from another country can be a hugely rewarding experience for your family. You will be able to share your own culture and learn about a new one as well as create lifetime connections with people from other countries. The international student will be part of your family during their stay so you will care for them as you would your own children. Homestay families provide a warm and comfortable bedroom with study facilities and three meals a day, in return you will receive \$250 a week. Thames High provides support for homestay families through our international department. We are currently looking for families who are interested in hosting an international student from the start of Term 3 for one to two terms. Or we have short-term students requiring host families for eight weeks or just one week. If you would like to know more, please contact Pauline Carter by phoning school on 868 8688 or emailing internationalsupport@thameshigh.school.nz

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 _____

Junior Adventurer's Fundraiser

For Sale - SLIPPERS (juniors only), \$5 a pair. A variety of sizes and styles! See Whaea Jeannie in room 9

ADVENTURE ZONE LUNCH ORDER & JUICIES

No lunch orders or jucies this Friday due to the Matariki Hangi