

# Thames South School

Newsletter - Term 2 Week 1, 2017



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## From the Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa,

On the weather front - AMAZING! Our playground has been a happy and busy space as everyone settles back into the swing of school and learning. Activities are starting to build up and the Term Calendar building. This term, we support our tamariki to unpack the idea of advocating for change. We are blessed to live in a democratic society where we can do just that. We are finding issues that are important to today's youth and then doing something about them. Our hope is to grow a generation of New Zealanders who believe they can make a difference in their lives and the lives of others. We want to build their moral purpose and maybe they will make the most of their right to vote. Help us to do this by connecting them to our National Elections and talk to them about what your whanau/families do or have done to advocate for change.

Whaea Kim

## Constable Catherine Sell - School Community Officer - K.O.S Evening

Welcome back from the school holidays! The sun shone and the fish were biting - life is good huh! A couple of things to catch up on.

**Road Safety Week**, this week & every week, especially when our children are involved. I will be visiting as many schools as possible this week to deliver road safety items and messages to your children.. Please go over some of the rules you have in your family to keep them safe - around cycling, walking, crossing roads and getting on and off school buses.

**Keeping Ourselves Safe** is running across Thames South, at present. Teachers have begun working with your children on the important skills they need to grow to do just that - keep safe. There are flyers coming home with the newsletter to give you an understanding of the content that will be covered during the next few weeks. If you would like to know more please attend the following meeting.

### Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 10th May - 3.30pm & 5.00pm ( repeat sessions) in the School Hall

## Teacher Only Day RE-RUN Community of Learning Symposium

We are going for a RE-DO of our Thames-Kauaeranga Community of Learning, on Tuesday 6th June, after the original date was called off because of Cyclone. Cook. The day has been tacked onto the Queens Birthday break to help whanau. All schools across the town will be closed on this day. **This means NO SCHOOL for students on Tuesday 6th June.**

## BIKE MAINTENANCE Working Bee

CAN YOU HELP? We are looking for people to come in and work on our fleet of bikes to keep them up to standard for our students to ride every day. Please let the office know if and when you could help out. This could be in or out of school time.

## Adventure Zone news

### Juicies

Just letting you know that Room 1 will continue to sell Juicy's on a Friday morning. \$2 each, orders in before 9am and they will be handed out from canteen window at 1.10.

### Mother's Day Raffle

The Adventure Zone will be selling raffle tickets for their Mother's Day Basket next week before school. Tickets are \$2 each. Thank you to those whanau from the Adventure Zone who provided items for this fundraiser.

## Community News

**Free Ear Clinic Service for children** - will be visiting Thames South School on Wednesday 10th May and Friday 9th June between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver - for inquiries regarding this service phone 07 838 3565.

**Rugby League Players wanted** Boys &/or girls. Rhodes Park 3pm this Saturday 6 May. All ages up to 12 years. FB Thames Rugby League

Contact: Jody Brewer 021424904 Or Honey Heemi 027-5869711

**Volunteers Needed:** We seek caring and responsible people to help in the chemotherapy room in the Thames Hospital. You will be the friendly face welcoming patients as they arrive for their treatment or consultation, and will provide support for the family and friends who have accompanied them to their appointment. Days and hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 9 - 11 am and 1-3 pm and sometimes Thursday 9-11 am. We do a monthly roster and you can be on it when it suits you.

For further information or to apply, contact volunteer coordinator Sue Worth email [sueworth@cancersociety.org.nz](mailto:sueworth@cancersociety.org.nz) or phone 0800 22 77 44

**Junior Squash, Thames Squash Club**, starting Friday 5th May, 5.15 p.m. Primary - 6.15 p.m.

Secondary. Friday nights on the following dates to align with school terms: Term 2 5th May to 7th July inclusive, Term 3 28th July to 29th September inclusive. If you have any queries get in touch with Shane Dinneen, junior convenor, 0272 771 771 or Paul Silvester, junior convenor 0223 092 099 or email [thamesjuniorsquash@gmail.com](mailto:thamesjuniorsquash@gmail.com)

**Thames Valley Zonta** - Thames Cooks for Syria, at the Thames Civic Centre, 27th May 2017, 12.00 - 17.00 p.m. Exhibition fundraiser for Syria, entry by Koha. For more information phone Rosalie 0279 009 215 or Christine 0274 422 466 or email Emmi at: [emmi\\_r@yahoo.com](mailto:emmi_r@yahoo.com)

**Thames Primary Badminton Club** - Opening and enrolment day, Monday 1st May at the Thames High School Gym, 3.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. every Monday. Racquets supplied. All you need are good non-slip shoes (not to be worn to the gym), and a drink bottle. Subs: \$85.00 for 2 terms. Enquiries to K Paki, coach / coordinator, ph/fax 07 868 2791

## PowercoThames Skate Park Opening - Saturday 6th May

The official opening event for this great community asset is finally here. Thames South has a small part to play in the proceedings, so we are looking for students to represent us. It will be a great morning of events including hip-hop, skate & scooter exhibitions, Sausage sizzles & drinks for \$1.00. Adventure Zone will be selling Mother's Day Raffles.

Any students attending need to be at the park by **9.45 am**. *Students must be dressed in black pants, skirt or shorts and white top. Please confirm their attendance by returning the slip below.*

Students can be collected from the park from 11.00 am onward.

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SKATE PARK OPENING

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_ to attend this event.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Details \_\_\_\_\_