

Thames South School

Newsletter - Term 1 Week 1, 2017

From the Principal

Tena koutou katoa, he mihi nui mo te tau hou! Nau mai, haere mai, hoki ma.

Hello and greetings for the New Year to all who returned, and all who are new to our school community. The gaps left by our 28 leavers in 2016 are quickly filling up with new entrants and new families.

A special welcome to Whaea Odette Wilson, Adventure Zone Syndicate Leader and Whaea Rebecca McGarry, release teacher for Whaea Jeannie on Wednesday's & Thursdays in Room 9. We also welcome back Whaea Kathy Milner to the classroom, sharing the teacher role in Room 11 with Whaea Lisa.

We are all looking forward to the many learning opportunities and events ahead, both in and outside the classroom. Stay connected to be informed and be part of the journey with us in 2017. Whaea Kim & Whaea Jeannie



**Whaea Odette Wilson
- R1**

Senior Leader - Adventure Syndicate, 2017. Whaea Odette is a local Thames girl who has a wide range of experiences in teaching and life. She has great plans for engaging our senior students in the philosophy of adventure learning.



**Whaea Rebecca
McGarry**

Whaea Rebecca has chosen to come east from the big city two days a week to with our Junior Explorers team. she is looking forward to meeting you all and is excited about being part of our special learning community.



Co-Principals 2017

Whaea Kim & Whaea Jeannie are excited about working together and using their strengths to build both our own school learning community and the newly established Thames -Kauearanga Community of Learning.

Lucky Book Club

Welcome back to school and a new year of AMAZING books from LUCKY Book Club!

Issue 1 is in place for students to spend any \$2 vouchers received on Issue 8 last year. These can only be redeemed this issue, so make sure you use them.

There is also a chance this issue for a student to win 20 books for themselves and 50 books for their school just by ordering via LOOP in Issue 1.

Adventure Zone Notice

Sport Waikato Cricket YEAR 4 and up

Begins Tuesday the 7th February,

Runs every Tuesday from 4pm at Rhodes Park.

There is no cost involved, just a commitment to turn up each week.

Juicy Fundraiser

Senior students from the Adventure Zone will be taking orders for juices outside Room 1 on Friday 3rd February.

\$2 each and the students will bring the juices to classes just before lunch.

Year 8 - Leadership Course

The Year 8s will be involved in a Leadership Day on Wednesday the 8th March.

This day is run at school by the Waikato Institute of Sport and Leisure and looks at what are the attributes of a good leader. This will hold them in good stead in their roles as leaders for road patrol, peer mediators, classroom monitors etc.

Year 7 & 8 Leadership Skills Day

On Thursday the 9th March, the Year 7s and Year 8s will be involved in a time of team challenges run by our local Energiser, Ngawehe. We look forward to the Year 7 and 8's learners developing their leadership potential and starting the year being the best they can be.

Community News

Free Ear Clinic Service for children - Term 1

All children must be accompanied by a parent / caregiver. For enquiries regarding this service please contact the Hamilton office 07 838 3565

Friday 17th February from 9.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.

Wednesday 15th March from 9.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.

Do you want to make a difference in a child's life?

Child, Youth and Family are currently looking for people in this area who can offer safe, caring, stable homes for young people in need of short term care, time out over weekends and/or holidays, or a home for life.

Our team will support you to understand and manage the challenges of fostering a young person, and we will be there with you to celebrate the successes.

You may be surprised; you could be just the right person to offer your care to a young person who needs you!

If you are interested in finding out more, or know someone who may be interested, or if you think you might be able to help in some other way then we would love to hear from you!

Please call Johnson Taoho, Care Services Manager, on 07 957 4740 or email

johnson.taoho001@cyf.govt.nz

Are you keen to be part of our school programmes?

We are looking for experts in our community again this year. If you have skills you would like to share with our students or you are willing to give some time to our school to help with any of the following projects, please let us know. As they say, "it takes a village to raise a child"

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Name: _____ **Contact Number** _____

Please circle projects that you can help with:

School Gardening

Fruit in Schools

Native Tree Propagation

Bike Maintenance

Reading with students

Resource making and book repairs

Worm farms

Breakfast Club

TSST Fundraising

Thank you