

# Thames South School

Newsletter - Term 1 Week 5, 2017

## From the Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa,

With camp planning being finalised I would like to acknowledge the **commitment** of parents / whanau who are **contributing** in so many ways to this event. Without these **connections** our school community would be a poorer place, and the opportunities to provide our tamariki with experiences that enrich their lives and bring fresh perspectives to their learning journey could not happen. If you are unable to be part of our camping experience you are more than welcome to come up Thursday evening (bring kai and join us for dinner).

As parents/caregivers/whanau of our school we encourage you to grow these **connections**, to become **connected** and role model commitment to your child's learning journey. Check in with your child's teacher, visit their classroom, ask about their learning passion (read to and with them), and we would love to hear of your skills that may provide opportunities for new learning to occur - woodwork / carving / flax weaving / sewing / crafting / art / mechanics / electronics / car and/or bike maintenance / gardening and so much more. Looking forward to connecting at camp.

Whaea Jeannie

p.s. I was humbled and proud of the way our junior parents last week stepped up and networked for our fundraiser at very short notice. Our syndicate raised \$262.00

## 6 days to go until the SCHOOL CAMP

### UPDATE

Senior Leadership Wednesday: Our 2017 leaders will have spent the night and be there when the rest of the school arrives on Thursday. We have revamped last year's plan and will be ready to kick into 28 hours of fun in the sun.

A Timetable and Gear list info will be re-sent next week. We will have a parent helper meeting before we go, so we are well organised.

### FORMS

Thank you to everyone who has returned both the permission forms and health forms for your child/ren to attend our whole school camp. Additional forms are available at the office if you need any. These need to be completed as well, even if you did this last year, we need the 2017 updated version please.

COST: Please see Diane if you are unsure if you have paid. Camp is covered in last year's school fees. Funds have been transferred through to this year.

## TSST - Thames South School Support Team

Please come along to the first meeting of our TSST team. An opportunity to talk about fundraising ideas for the school community.

Thursday 23rd March from 6.30 p.m. in the school staffroom - all welcome.

## Adventure Zone Notice

**Juicy Fundraiser** - The Adventure Zone will have Juicies for sale on Friday morning, outside Room 1, for \$2 each. They will be handed out from the Tuck Shop at lunchtime.

## KiwiCan News

Bonjour. We are now all settled into school and Kiwi Can. Our tamariki have discovered the Kiwi Can puzzle revealing our Theme and Catchphrase for term one. Our Theme is **Positive Relationships** and our Catchphrase is...."**Cooperation and Communication is the key, to build a friendship between you and me**".

Your child or children should remember this by now so ask them to give it a go at home and ask who they share a positive relationship with and what makes this a positive relationship.

Over this term we will be talking with our students about Positive Communication, Cooperation and Friendships.

One of our classes at Thames South School gave themselves the extra challenge of finding the Maori names to our formation lines, these are **Earth - Papatuanuku, Saturn - Parearau, Mars - Matawhero and Venus - Kopu**. It is so awesome to have our students teaching us as well.

Au revoir Kiwi Can Team.

## MUMPS

In the last five months there has been an increase in cases of mumps in New Zealand, with 25 cases reported between 1 September 2016 and 9 February 2017. This number is 2 - 3 times higher than for the same period in the three previous years.

Most of the cases have been from the Auckland region (15 cases). Other affected District Health Boards are in Lakes (3 cases), Capital and Coast (2 cases), Canterbury (2 cases) and Hutt Valley, Northland and West Coast with 1 case each. It appears nearly half of these cases have been acquired overseas.

The age range of affected persons is 2 to 34 years, with approximately half the cases occurring in school-aged children and half in young adults.

Though spread has been limited at this stage, there is an increased risk of further outbreaks, particularly given the start of the year for schools and universities. We recommend you read the information below regarding the risks mumps may pose for children and adults.

Symptoms to watch out for

Symptoms of mumps include sore and swollen areas under the jaw/around the face, usually accompanied or preceded by fever, muscle soreness, poor appetite, fatigue and headache.

Prevention of mumps

The best prevention against mumps is immunisation with 2 doses of the measles, mumps, rubella vaccine (MMR). Vaccination is free.

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## Community News

### **CHILDREN'S DAY, Victoria Park - Sunday 5th March**

Bring a picnic and join us, lots of activities to keep everyone busy. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Proudly organised by CAPS Hauraki celebrating National Children's Day, inquiries to 0 7868 8644

### **THAMES JUNIOR RUGBY MUSTER & REGISTRATIONS**

Sunday March 5th between 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Sausage sizzle, boot swap (bring your old rugby boots to donate or swap with someone else), games. Final registrations, Wednesday 8th March

between 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. \$50 per player under 8s - 13s, \$30 per under 7s (rippa) player, \$100 per family (3 players or more) CASH only, no eftpos. AP forms available. Thames Rugby & Sports Club, 455 Ngati Maru Highway, Thames 3578