

Thames South School

Newsletter - Term 1 Week 8, 2017

From the Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Great to see so many families being part of our ako hui. These meetings are set to help us build on our home-school partnerships. This year as we work to grow each child's understanding of their strengths and plan their next step learning, we have asked them to be part of the meeting too. For them to be successful and stick with their learning pathway through to high school and into tertiary or work, then they will need to grow their ability to be strong, confident learners. It all starts here. If you were unable to be part of this set time, teachers are happy for you to make another time that suits you both. Together we excel.

Whaea Kim

School Photos

School photos are next **Friday 31st March**. All children should have received an individual photo envelope by now. If they haven't, there are spare envelopes at the office.

Sibling envelopes are also available at the office. These are pre-paid. Please return your order and payment (cash, cheque or credit card) in the sealed Photolife Envelope to the office before 9 a.m. Friday 31st March.

TSST - THAMES SOUTH SCHOOL SUPPORT TEAM

Thursday 23rd March - 6.30 p.m.
School staff room - All welcome.

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

2017 Great Kiwi Science, English and Mathematics Competitions

We are inviting students to register their interest in participating in the great KIWI English, Mathematics or Science Competition in term 2 this year (*this is an alternative to the Australian Testing we usually take part in*). This competition is for year 5 - 8 students. More information is available on their website www.cem.canterbury.ac.nz or you can pick up a pamphlet from the school office. Please register your child's name at the office and the chosen subject for testing.

Health Concerns

Headlice - there are a considerable amount of headlice in the school at the moment. Can you all please help us by checking your child/ren regularly and treat immediately if there are signs of eggs and/or the bugs. If we all work hard at getting on top of this we should be headlice free!

Impetigo - please see the note below regarding impetigo and what to look out for.

Impetigo

(you say, im-pa-ty-go), also known as school sores

Blisters on exposed parts of body, such as hands, legs and face
Blisters burst and turn into a sore with a yellow crust that gets bigger each day.

The sores are itchy.

The sores spread easily to other parts of the skin. Impetigo is easily passed to other children and adults if they touch the sores.



What to do

- 1. Cover the sores
- 2. Check and clean the sores
- 3. Gently wash the sores with warm water and soap (3-5 times). Wash the sores and the rest of the body and wash soap the sores and hands
- 4. Check other children for sores. Sores can only spread from the skin to the sores
- 5. Keep sores away from children who are using the same facilities (e.g. swimming pool)
- 6. Wash your hands before and after handling the sores
- 7. Make sure you're always wearing your hands when, especially if they touch the sores

How are school sores spread?

It's 10 times more likely to spread than a cold and flu.

Time off from care or school

One day after treatment has started, or until the sores have cleared up. Contact your health care or school.

What to do if impetigo gets worse

- 1. You need to go back to the doctor if any of these things happen:
 - 2. sores that more than 2 weeks
 - 3. sores become very painful
 - 4. sores have pus in them
 - 5. your child has a fever

The doctor may have signed for other tests or treatments. Your child may have blood tests and antibiotics.



It's important to take the antibiotics every day until they are finished. Even if your child's sores have cleared up. The antibiotics are taken by being 10-15 minutes in the bath, after the doctor has finished.



Netball

Registrations forms need to be back for netball by Wednesday next week so we can organise a muster and sort out teams.

Community News

Thames Skate Park - The Council has asked us to remind our students that the park is still a construction zone. The Park will be officially opening on 6th May (because of the weather bomb the grass is not taking as it should - so we really want to give the grass a chance to grow. There are also fences and signage to be installed before the official opening.

Charity Fun Cycle Ride, in support of the Cancer Society's "Lions Lodge" Hamilton, Sunday 2nd April. More details are on the poster outside the school office.

Afterschool basketball, Wednesdays until the end of term. 4-5pm Thames South School \$2. Bring hat, shoes, water bottle. Cancelled if wet. Contact Lawrence 0210589533

It's Showtime! 90 minutes magic and illusion spectacular! Friday 24th March from 7 p.m. at the Thames Civic Centre. \$12 per child & \$18 per adult. Buy tickets at: www.ITSSHOWTIME.CO.NZ - alternatively you can purchase tickets at the door on the night (cash only).

Kauaeranga Valley Christian Camp, Thames - School Holiday Programme
26th-30th April: Wednesday 10.00 am to Sunday 12.00 noon

8-12 year olds (including all Year 8 Students)

Camp cost - \$155 (no hidden extras)

Our Holiday Programmes are OSCAR approved, so you may be eligible for full or partial payment through OSCAR for our camp.

If your child is interested in attending our camp, please don't hesitate to contact us, either phone us on 07 868 8348 or email us at: kvcc@maxnet.co.nz

For more registration form, OSCAR form or more details, please see our website:

http://www.kvcc.org.nz/page/Holiday_Camps/