

Thames South School

Newsletter - Term 1 Week 9, 2017

From the Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa,

This week, the weather has returned to interrupt our plans again! It has had a large impact on our learning and teaching programmes for the term and with it being a long eleven weeks of school, our staff have pulled together to keep our tamariki engaged and positive about school and learning through the dismal weather. We are focused on making sure our last 2 weeks of school will run smoothly. The Life Education Truck will return next week for our students to look closely at food and nutrition and building social relationships. We will take a moment to hold our school ANZAC commemorations and reflect on our term's BIG IDEAS before we go to our Easter Break.

Whaea Kim

DUFFY ROLE MODEL ASSEMBLY - Books in Homes returns



Successful NZ Author - Sharon Holt

Whaea Sharon was our first Duffy Role model to visit for 2017.



Use your talents to as a guide to the future

Know your strengths and work with them to choose your pathway to success. Read, write, enjoy books.



Bikes in Schools

The lead team shared their expectations for bike use as our new system is extended across the school.

School Doc Access

You are invited to review our policies using the following link:

<http://thamesouth.schooldocs.co.nz> You will be able to see what policies are coming up for review on a regular basis. Along with this newsletter is a copy of our **Recognition of Cultural Diversity**.

School Photos

School photos are tomorrow **Friday 31st March**. 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.

Teacher Only Day Reminder - Community of Learning Syposium

As part of our launch of the Thames-Kauaeranga Community of Learning, all staff from the 8 schools involved, will be spending the day at Thames High School on Thursday 13th April. This will be an official Teachers Only Day, with the purpose of beginning the journey to improve the academic success of our students in writing across our CoL. The day has been tacked onto the Easter break to avoid a messy week for schools and whanau. All schools across the town will be closed on this day. **This means the term will finish on Wednesday 12th April at 3 p.m.**

Junior Explorers Easter Raffle

Purchase your tickets at the office. 50c a ticket. A total of 3 draws drawn on Wednesday 12th April. Can all Junior Explorer Whanau (Rooms 8, 9 & 10) bring in their donated Easter confectionery to Jeannie before Friday 7th April. Thank you in advance for your support.

TSST

TSST News

A meeting was held last Thursday, it was agreed that this statement encompasses our vision (see below) [Parent Group Fundraising](#)

TSST (PTA) is responsible for the bulk of the school's fundraising.

Each year this group raises funds for the school, which are spent on projects agreed in advance by the Board of Trustees (BoT), the committee and the school staff.

The committee also decided to purchase a piglet to grow on for our Matariki celebrations or end of year hakari.

Possible next steps are:

- Purchasing of a 2 bay swing, installation & ground cover approx \$5000.00 all up
- Fundraising initiatives
- Contribution to COLA Canopy (fixed) purchase for eating / playing area and Room 9 courtyard - (Thanks Diane for successful funding applications)
- Monies toward decoration of front fenceline
- Electronic sign for school notices
- Sports uniforms

Next meeting will be held early in Term 2 - look out for dates / times in our newsletter, social media notifications and / or the PTC app.

THAMES SCHOOLS HOCKEY

In the past there have been teams made up of children from the schools in the Thames area.

Practice is usually at South School one afternoon after school and games are on a Saturday morning or Wednesday evening at the turf in Ngatea.

If your child is interested in playing hockey this year you can contact Neville Harding at Thames South School neville@thamessouth.school.nz

There will be a sign up session at Thames South on Friday April 7th in Room 8 from 3:30 to 4:15. Parent/whanau help will be required to help coach and manage teams.

Community News

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.

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