

# Thames South School

Newsletter - Term 1 Week 10, 2017

## From the Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa,

This will be our last newsletter for the term. The last day for students is next Wednesday, 12th April. School will finish at the usual time of 3.00 pm. As we wrap up the term, we would like to thank the team of community and whanau people who have been alongside us in our work this term. Breakfast club helpers, Flexible Friday helpers, Road Patrol Adults, fruit in schools teams. Your support helps our teaching team and support staff to be available for the time needed to focus on the learning. Thank you to our relievers and wider support team who adapt and flex with our programmes, events and activities each day. We wish you all a happy and hopefully dry time over the Easter and school holiday break. See you back here bright and shiny on Monday 1st May.

Whaea Kim

## DUFFY ROLE MODEL ASSEMBLY - Books in Homes returns

## School Doc Access

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

<http://thamessouth.schooldocs.co.nz> You will be able to see what policies are coming up for review on a regular basis.

## Teacher Only Day Reminder - Community of Learning Symposium

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.**

## Computers in Homes

Our school has again been given the opportunity to be part of the Computers in Homes programme. This means that families who indicate their interest have the chance to receive a PC and internet connection for their home and a free training course. If you are interested in being involved we invite you to register your interest.

Please advise the office in the first instance. Further information will be sent out next term.

## 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.

## CODING CLUB OPPORTUNITY - Thames High School, Tuesday 4th May

This after school activity is once again available for any students between years 5-8 who have an interest in this 21st Century Skill. Last year's group raved about how great it was. To help kiwi kids get a jump start into modern IT and the new Digital Technologies Curriculum, a group of IT professionals have formed a not-for-profit called Code Club. Code Club is offering FREE basic software training. The course will cover the core concepts of computer programming, software design and small scale internet of things projects using Netduino and external sensors.

More information is available; [alchivers@thameshigh.school.nz](mailto:alchivers@thameshigh.school.nz)

Permission slips are available at our school office, these need to be completed and returned to the Code Club on your first night of attendance.

## Question: What next? (looking at the incoming storm)

Response: We could get lightning and really hard rain and maybe floods, tornados and really hard wind that can carry barbecues away.

Zach, Room 11

## Story by Chelsea Buchanan

As the waves crash along the beach, the moon's secrecy is revealed to the world and as darkness falls the stars come out of hiding.

You try to find the light, but the sky keeps grabbing you and pulling you back to where you started. This is stuck on repeat and there is no way of escaping.

Every night the oily black sea washes and curls over itself, leaving ripples and scars on the smooth sand.

At the break of dawn, it's too late. The sun is on the horizon, quickly growing by the second.

There's no point explaining this troublesome loop to anyone, because in the end the only ones who understand are the trees who stood witness throughout your wild predicaments.

## KIWICAN NEWS

Kia ora te whanau

Over the last two weeks in Kiwi Can we have been doing activities around our module Friendship and Cooperation. Our juniors have been thinking about our manners and when we need use them, what they look and sound like. Our juniors had the challenge of remembering to use their manners all week, they did a spectacular job at this, hopefully they will keep it up at home as well. For our senior students our KC leaders set up some tricky obstacles on the court with a set of instructions on how to complete the task. In groups, our tamariki had to read the instructions to complete the task successfully. All the while thinking about how we can cooperate respectfully with each other, remembering our tone of voice, body language and keeping calm.

Unfortunately our KC leaders were unable to see our lovely Thames crew last week as the Thames Coast road was blocked. Can't wait to get back this week and have some fun. Stay safe on the roads everyone.

Ka kite ano

## THAMES SCHOOLS HOCKEY

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

**Voice Box Studio** - Singing and Speech & Drama lessons. Individual classes beginning at \$20 for 30 minutes. Group Speech & Drama classes (*dependent on sufficient interest*) beginning at \$16 for 45 minutes.

Contact: Emily Bisset 0221745675 or [emilybissetcreates.weebly.com/teaching](http://emilybissetcreates.weebly.com/teaching)

**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

**BECOME A KIWI GUARDIAN** - On the 13th of April, the Kauaeranga Valley is being added as a Kiwi Guardians location as part of the joint DOC and Toyota program to encourage kids to get out into nature. To celebrate this event, we are holding an event from April the 14th to the 17th at the Kauaeranga Visitors Centre.

For the long weekend, we will be providing a number of things to do in the visitors centre such as crafts to make your own pine cone bird feeder and pest tracking tunnel. We will be supplying the materials for these and will require a gold coin donation to take part. Karl the Kiwi (myself in a large Kiwi mascot suit) will be making an appearance at midday on the Saturday (15th) to hang out and do a lolly scramble.

The café will be closed over the weekend so we encourage people to bring a picnic if the weathers nice! Even if the weather isn't great majority of the activities will be indoors so rain wouldn't be a problem.

We have also a new treasure hunt through our short model dam walk that will have questions based around New Zealand native animals. On completion of the hunt kids will receive a bag of treasure including an explorer certificate, Kiwi Guardian sticker and temporary tattoo and an Easter treat. This treasure hunt will be continued so it will be available for families to complete at their leisure, not just over the weekend.

All activities, apart from Karl's appearance and lolly scramble, will be available daily from 8.30am - 4pm over the weekend, for families to come get involved when they would like to.

For the past two weeks, since the severe rain, we have been completely closed and there has been no access into the valley. But, for the event we will be opening the valley road up to the Booms Flat campsite. This will give the public access to Hotoritori, Whangaiterenga, Booms flat and Catleys campsites to camp for the long weekend. There will also be access to several short walks and a longer loop walk between Booms flat and Whangaiterenga campsites as well which also lead up to Crosbies hut. At this point in time the road will be closed again on the 18th April while repairs are resumed.

We are hoping to get as many families in as possible to get kids involved with becoming a kiwi guardian! The kids will be able to order their Kauaeranga Valley medals as well as an explorer medal for completing the treasure hunt and a pest detective medal for making the tracking tunnel. These medals are ordered online and delivered to their home address.

We would really appreciate it if the jpegs flyer inserted or some information could possibly be included in a newsletter or sent out to parents to advertise the event. Also, if school groups have an interest in the activities we are providing and may like to organise similar activities for school trips we would be more than happy to sort something for in the future. I've also attached the map for the valley of all the things that families and kids can get involved with when here.

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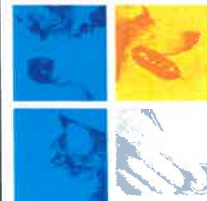


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