

Welcome back to another busy year at Thornton School with lots of academic, cultural and sporting events planned. A big warm welcome to all of our new students. We are very happy to have you here as Thornton School kids!

2019 Staffing

Room 1: (Year 1) - Miss Erin Moore

Room 6: (Year 2/3) - Mrs Julie Harnett

Room 5: (Year 2/3) - Miss Angela Bray

Room 3: (Year 4) - Mrs Odette Mitchley

Room 4: (Year 5/6) - Mr Carl Imlig

Room 2: (Year 7 & 8) - Miss Morgan Reynolds

Mrs Sarah Marshall is our Reading Recovery teacher. Mrs Kirsten Mews is in the office. Mrs Ceciley Walker, Miss Georgia Mills, Miss Georgia Satherley and Mrs Catherine Hogg continue as teacher aides. Tomomi Sensai is our Japanese teacher. Mrs Sue O'Brien is our caretaker.

Stationery and Activity Fees

Stationery lists are on our school website and school app. Stationery can be purchased from the school office or you may like to buy your own. If you choose to purchase your stationery from town you will still need to pay the **photocopying cost of \$10** to school. Do check the lists and take off any items that your child has from last year. The activity fee this year is **\$50 for Room 1, 5, and 6 students and \$75 for Rooms 2, 3 and 4 students** and is due by **4 March**. This amount covers all visiting performers and extra activities through the year. There is a voluntary donation of \$25 per child or \$35 per family.

Technology

Room 2 students attend Technology at Edgecumbe College on **Mondays** this term. These students will travel to Tech on the school bus and will leave school at 9am and return at 2.45pm. Students will need to wear covered shoes/sneakers and a hair tie if required. NO cell phones or mp3 players. Any student with either of these in their possession at Tech will be returned to school. There is an expectation of good behaviour from these students while out of school. The college canteen is available to our students. The Technology fee is \$92 and is due by **15 April**.

Swimming

Please remind your children to bring their togs and towels every day. Parents need to send a note to your child's teacher if they are not swimming. Our school swimming sports are on **Friday 1 March** and the Rangitaiki Interschool Swimming Sports are on **Tuesday 5 March**. We send a squad of swimmers selected from our swimming sports day to this event.

Hats

Please ensure that your child has a sunhat every day this term please.

Room 2 Aquatic Camp

Room 2 children are going on camp at Lake Rotoma next week from Tuesday 12 - Friday 15 February. Miss Reynolds has organised a great programme for these students including kayaking, air rifle shooting, building bivouacs, orienteering and more. I will be accompanying Miss Reynolds on camp as mother (Nana!) help.

Lunches

Lunches will start next week, **Wednesday 13 February** and orders will be taken and supplied on the same day. The order list is available on the school app or from the school office.

Fundraising Sausage Sizzle

There is a sausage sizzle at school this Thursday 7 February to raise money for some staff members and parents who are off to play netball at the New Zealand Masters Games this weekend. Orders at the office on Thursday morning. Sausages \$2, ice blocks \$1 and baking \$1

2019 Term Dates

Term 1: Monday 4 February - Friday 12 April

Term 2: Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July

Term 3: Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September

Term 4: Monday 14 October - Wednesday 18 December

Other holidays in termtime:

Waitangi Day - Wednesday 6 February, Queen's Birthday - Monday 3 June. Labour Day - Monday 28 October.

Term 1 Dates - also available on website www.thornton.school.nz

13 - 16 February	Lake Rotoma Camp	Room 2 Students
20 February	Cycle Challenge	Selected Year 5/6 team
Friday 1 March	School Swimming Sports	Whole School
Tuesday 5 March	Interschool Swimming Sports	Qualifying swimmers
Sunday 24 March	Top School	Selected Y7&8 students
Thursday 4 April	Interschool Touch	Year 5 - 8 students
Thursday 13 April	Term One Ends	

Kind Regards

Shelley Bremner

Principal