

Happy Birthday

To our January and February birthday children: Lacey, Beau, Rex, Emily, Bailee, Lydia, Andrae, Eli, Jayden, Alisha, Ariana, Harper, Vadym, Ryken, Jordan, Harley, Spencer, Abby, Holly and Mason



Swimming Sports

The pool is a pleasant 26 degrees at the moment and classes are swimming daily. Please make sure that your child brings their togs every day. Our school swimming sports are on **Friday 1 March** and the Rangitaiki Interschool Swimming Sports are on **Tuesday 5 March**. The 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 year olds swim in the morning starting at 9.10am and the 5, 6 & 7 year olds in the afternoon starting at 1pm. There is food available for purchase on the day. Hot dogs - \$2.50, Cookies/Donuts/Drinks - \$2 and Ice blocks - \$1.

Goal Setting Interviews

These are being held on **Tuesday 5, Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 March** between 3pm - 5.30pm. School will still finish at 3pm. You can book through the school Skoolbag app or by sending a note or phoning the school.

Saturday Soccer

If we are to have Thornton School children playing soccer this year we need parents to organise a committee to run the Rangitaiki Plains Junior Football Club. If you are keen to do this, please contact me at school on 3049308 or 0272564911

Netball

The season starts on the 9th March with a new format. Years 7 & 8 will still play on Saturday morning however all juniors from Year 1 to Year 6 will now play at 4.15pm on a Tuesday night. Kirsten will coach during lunchtime however we need a parent to take responsibility for the team at the game on the Tuesdays. The juniors will be more skills based rather than game based. Any queries phone Kirsten at school 3049308.

Hockey

Wanted girls and boys to play hockey. All ages. Meet at Edgecumbe Tennis Courts at 3.30pm starting Tuesday 5th March. Hockey sticks are available.
Phone D Harvey 3048097 or M Fry 3049572

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.

Thornton School App

We have a new app: School Stream which has replaced the old Skoolbag app. You can download the app for free. The Android version is available from the Google Play Store and the iPhone version through the Apple App store. To download: Go to the App Store and download "School Stream" to your phone. Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the school's profile. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.

This new app is more user friendly and has more will give you up to date information about happenings at school. Using the app will allow you to receive instant notifications, register absentees and trips and be kept up to date with events.

Eventually teachers will be able to put newsletters out to their classes via the app.

Assemblies & Lunch Order Days

School assemblies are held at 9.05am on Thursdays. Lunch Order Day is Wednesday. The order list is available on the school app or from the school office.

Stationery and Activity Fees

All children should have their stationery now. If you purchased your stationery from town you will still need to pay the photocopying paper cost of \$10 to school. 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**. The fee for Technology is \$92 and is due by **15 April**. There is a voluntary donation of \$25 per child or \$35 per family.

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.

Whakatane Children's Music School

The Whakatane Children's Music School offers music lessons to year 5-8 students. The **enrolment day** will be held on **Saturday 2nd March** in the Whakatane Intermediate School Auditorium from 9am -11am. Lessons are offered for guitar, keyboard, violin, flute, recorder, fife, saxophone, clarinet, percussion and brass instruments at only \$50 for the year. Enrolment forms will be available through the school office.

Sarah Galbraith. Whakatane Children's Music School Co-ordinator

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

20 February	Cycle Challenge	Selected Year 5/6 team
Friday 1 March	School Swimming Sports	Whole School
Monday 4 March	Activity Fee Due	
Tuesday 5 March	Interschool Swimming Sports	Qualifying swimmers
5 th , 6 th & 7 th March	Goal Setting Interviews	All students
Monday 11 March	Zero Waste programme	All students
Wednesday 20 March	EBOP Swimming	Qualifying swimmers
Sunday 24 March	Top School	Selected Y7&8 students
Tuesday 26 March	EBOP Cricket competition	Selected students
Thursday 4 April	Interschool Touch	Year 5 - 8 students
Thursday 13 April	Term One Ends	