

<u>Week 5</u>	<i>Room 1</i>	<i>Room 6</i>	<i>Room 5</i>	<i>Room 3</i>	<i>Room 4</i>	<i>Room 2</i>
Citizen:	Evan	Bradley	Armalia	Isabella	Alicia K	Matty
Worker:	Mattix	Lila	Zak	Harper	Zariah	Keira
Principal's Award: Amelia			Councillor's Award: Andrae			

Happy Birthday to our March birthday children:

Charlie AT, Lily-Jane, Ruby G, Adara, Fabian, Lyla, Henry, Willow, Zak, Rebecca and Korban



Swimming Sports

Our school swimming sports was a fun day and the weather was kind. Well done to our swimmers who participated fairly and supported each other. Well done also to our swimmers who competed in the Rangitai Inter-school Swimming Sports on Tuesday: Adara, Lydia, Maliya, Zandre, Ariana, Alisha, Ruby, Vadym, Jimmy JR, Lila, Natalie, JD, Jesse G, Sam, Trista, Keira, Ollie, Jordan, Jesse BP, William, Neko, Niamh, Abby, Amanda, Tayla, Brody and Charlie.

Saturday Soccer - Plains Junior Football Muster

The Plains Junior Football Club is having the muster for the 2019 season on Thursday 14 March at the Edgecumbe Domain from 5 - 6pm. The Muster is for players aged 4-13 and parents/coaches to come along and register your interest for the 2019 season. Registration forms can be collected from the school office or downloaded from our website www.sporty.co.nz/PJFC. Registrations can be done online by following the links on our website. Any queries feel free to contact Scott Holmes 0272245470 or email scottholmes@xtra.co.nz

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

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.

Assemblies & Lunch Order Days

School assemblies are held at 9.05am on Thursdays. Parents, grandparents welcome to attend and celebrate our children's success. Lunch Order Day is Wednesday. The order list is available on the school app or from the school office.

Activity and Technology Fees

The activity fee this year is **\$50 for Room 1, 5, and 6 students and \$75 for Rooms 2, 3 and 4 students** and the fee for Technology is \$92. There is a voluntary donation of \$25 per child or \$35 per family.

Kirsten will be emailing out invoices for any outstanding money in the last week of term. Please let us know if you are having trouble paying or are intending to make regular (weekly/fortnightly) payments.

Goal Setting Interviews

We had an excellent number of parents attend their child's interview. If you weren't able to meet with your child's teacher this week, please make a time with your child's teacher or the school office.

Matata JABs

Last muster will be held 5.30 to 6.30pm Thursday 14 March at Matata Rugby & Sports Club. All age groups are welcome to participate. If you are unable to attend that's fine just give Mitch a call 02041191603.

Top School Team and Top School Cheerleaders

Our Top School team and Cheerleading teams are practicing hard for this event on Sunday 24 March.

Teachers Paid Union Meeting - (PUM)

Parents please note that there is another Union meeting for our teachers on Tuesday 19 March. The teachers will be attending this meeting to vote on the conditions of their employment bargaining round. This is an important meeting as the conditions that teachers and principals work under directly affects your child's education.

We will be splitting the teachers between a morning meeting and an afternoon meeting so our school will remain open on this day.

Whakatane Kiwi Trust Bush Bash

Support our local Whakatane Kiwi Trust in keeping kiwi close to our town by coming along to the Kiwi Trust Bush Bash. (It was the Kiwi Trust volunteers who took our students for the walk in the bush) A night of music, dancing & good old kiwi grub!

The Whakatāne Kiwi Trust is proud to present the Bush Bash from 7pm on Saturday 06 April 2019 at the Ōhope Christian Camp Hall. This will be a hoot of an evening, with live music from the Back Porch



band that will be playing a wide range of music from Eric Clapton to Hello Sailor. So dust off those old dancing shoes... or just go barefoot!

A tasty supper of antipasto platters, hot and cold savouries and sweet treats is included in the ticket price. All guests will receive a free drink on arrival, and a cash bar will be available for guests to purchase additional beverages (at very reasonable prices!). The evening's festivities will also include a short charity auction, with some fantastic items donated by our wonderful sponsors and friends. A prize will also be given for the best dressed guest, so feel free to dress up in your favourite Kiwiana costume! (e.g. Footrot Flats, Barry Crump, the Topp Twins, the All Blacks, and of course our beloved kiwi birds!). Come along and support the kiwi in our back yard.

Tickets \$60 can be purchased online via PayPal or credit/debit card on the Whakatāne Kiwi Trust website <https://www.whakatanekiwi.org.nz/> (Bush Bash Web Page Link).

Alternatively, if you would prefer to pay via internet banking or in cash, please email your full name, contact details and the number of tickets you require to: volunteer@whakatanekiwi.org.nz; and we will get back to you with further details.

[Whakatane Children's Music School](#)

The Whakatane Children's Music School offers music lessons to year 5-8 students. Lessons are offered for guitar, keyboard, violin, flute, recorder, fife, saxophone, clarinet, percussion and brass instruments at only \$50 for the year.

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

[Whakatane Music School Facebook Page](#) [Email: sarahgalbraithmusic@gmail.com](mailto:sarahgalbraithmusic@gmail.com)

Ph: 027 340 5600

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

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	

[Tomorrow's School Review](#)

As part of the national [Education Conversation | Kōrero Mātauranga](#), the Government is reviewing Tomorrow's Schools - the name given to the reforms that dramatically changed the governance, management and administration of our schools nearly 30 years ago.

After more than 200 meetings with people interested in education, the Independent Taskforce reported its findings to the Minister of Education in November 2018. [Their report: Our Schooling Futures, Stronger Together | Whiria Ngā Kura Tūātinini](#) has now been released for public consultation.

The report covers eight key issues: Governance; Schooling Provision; Competition and Choice; Disability and Learning Support; Teaching; Leadership; Resourcing; and Central Government Agencies.

The Taskforce's report makes a number of significant recommendations for changes to the current education system. Stakeholder feedback on the report and its recommendations will be critical to inform Government decision making in 2019.

View the report and supporting information below:

Full report: [Our Schooling Futures, Stronger Together | Whiria Ngā Kura Tūātinini Report Summary in English](#) and [Te Reo Māori](#). The report summary is also available in eight other languages on the [Resources page](#).

[Report Summary in EText](#)

[Frequently asked questions](#)

[Cabinet paper: Tomorrow's Schools Review: Report of the Independent Taskforce](#)

Have Your Say

Public consultation on the Tomorrow's Schools Review report, [Our Schooling Futures, Stronger Together | Whiria Ngā Kura Tūātinini](#), is open until 7 April 2019. This can be done in the following ways:

Survey

An online survey is now open until 31 March for you to provide feedback on the key issues and recommendations in this report. [Click here to have your say](#).

Written Submissions

Submissions can be emailed to tomorrows.schools@education.govt.nz

Freepost postcards will also be available at the public consultation meetings for anyone who wants to briefly have their say on a recommendation or the full report.

Oral Submissions

A free 0800 number for oral submissions is available to leave your thoughts on the future of our schooling system. Call 0800 FOR TSR (0800 367 877) to leave a message.

Public consultation meetings

Taskforce-led regional consultation meetings will take place from 14 February 2019.

There are parent meetings in Rotorua and Tauranga. Click [here](#) for details.