

Week 1 - Term 2

Welcome back to Term 2. We have a busy term ahead of us with lots going on. We are heading into the winter term and the mornings are getting cooler so the children will be wearing jackets and polar fleeces to school. As the day warms up they will be taking off their jackets. Please make sure that these are named and also that the children are wearing the correct school uniform jackets or polar fleeces please.

Important Information re Classroom Numbers

As the Room 6 class has moved to the 'old' library we are taking the opportunity to rename the classroom numbers. All class teachers and teacher aides remain the same. Room 1 is still at the front of the school. The old Room 5 is now the new Room 2. These are followed by Rooms 3, 4, 5 in the main block and Room 6 in the 'old' library. I have attached a map of the school with the new room numbers. The 'old' Room 6 will be turned into the library.

Interschool Rugby and Netball - Year 3 - 8 Students

This event is being held on **Wednesday 15 May** and is for all Year 3 to 8 children. Permission and support with transport and supervision can be completed on the School App or by phoning school.

Rugby is played at Matata Rugby Club, Division Street, Matata. Year 3 & 4 will play Rippa Rugby. Year 5 - 8 will play Sevens (full contact). No boots (bare feet or running shoes) and mouthguards are strongly recommended. Children are to wear dark coloured blue or black shorts and their warm school polar fleece or jacket. They will be provided with a school sports shirt which needs to be brought back to school. They need to take lunch and a drink. There is food for sale at the venue. They will be leaving school at 9.15am for the tournament to start at 10am and will be back at school by 2.30pm. We need support from parents in looking after teams please.

Netball Junior games (Year 5/6) will be played at Te Teko School, Te Teko Road and Seniors (Year 7/8) and Midgets (Year 3/4) will be played at the Te Teko Pavilion, State Highway 30, Te Teko. Children are to wear their blue school shorts or black sports shorts, their uniform shirt and their warm school polar fleece or jacket, sandshoes and socks. They need to take lunch and a drink. There is food for sale at the venue. They will be leaving school at 9.15am for the tournament to begin at 10am and will be back at school by 2.30pm. We need help from parents in looking after these teams as well as umpiring some games please.

School Cross Country

The children have started practicing for our school cross country which is being held here at school on Friday 31 May starting at 12.30pm. The event starts with the 5/6/7 year olds, 8/9 year old, 10/11 year old and then the 12+ year old.

School Lunches

Lunches are still on Wednesdays starting this week. The new menu is on the school app.

Teachers Paid Union Meeting - (PUM)

Parents please note that there is another Union meeting for our teachers on Tuesday 7 May. 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.

Board of Trustees Election

Every state school has a board of trustees. The board is accountable for student progress and achievement to its parents, community and the Crown and has the overall responsibility and accountability for the school. The school Board of Trustees election is held every three years. This year it is being held on 7 June. Please consider whether you would be interested in becoming a school Board of Trustees' member. More information re the nomination and election process will be coming out shortly.

Saturday Sports

Soccer:

Soccer season kicks off soon, and on Saturday 4th of May the Eastern BOP season begins with Bay Day being held at Rex Morpeth Park in Whakatane, in conjunction with Whakatane Town AFC.

5th/6th and 7th Grades will be doing the Junior Framework at Athletic Park from 10am to 11am. 8th, 9th, 11th and 13th Grades will play three or four games. Every game will be of 15 minutes duration. Games will start at 9am and finish around 12pm.

Good luck to all of our netball and football sports teams this season.

Community Notices:

Seedlings Preschool Vacancies

Seedlings Preschool has let us know that there are spaces coming available soon.

Contact: SEEDLINGS PRESCHOOL Phone: 07 3049 466 37 Putiki Road, Edgecumbe

Term 2 Dates - also available on website www.thornton.school.nz

Saturday 4 May	Bay Day	Saturday Soccer players
Wednesday 15 May	Interschool Rugby/Netball	Year 3 - 8 students
Tuesday 28 May	Mini Rugby World Cup	Rooms 4 & 5 students
Friday 31 May	School Cross Country	All students
Monday 3 June	Queen's Birthday Weekend	
Wednesday 6 June	Interschool Cross Country	
Friday 7 June	Board of Trustees Election	
Friday 5 July	Term 2 Ends	

Regards

Shelley Bremner

Principal