

	Room 1	Room 6	Room 2	Room 4	Room 5	Room 3
<b>Citizen:</b>	Lily Jane	Louie	Amelia	Amelia	Ryken	Keira
<b>Worker:</b>	Mason	Rex	Kevin	Keeva	Dylan	Zak
<b>Principal's Award:</b> James M			<b>Councillor's Award:</b> Riley			

**Welcome to:** Jacob in Room 4 and Amelia in Room 2

### Strike on Wednesday

*As mentioned in last week's newsletter our teachers are striking tomorrow - Wednesday 29 May. School will be closed on this day. I apologise for any inconvenience. However along with our teacher colleagues across the country we believe that a strong message needs to be sent to the government regarding the conditions of our contracts.*

We greatly appreciate the community support that we have already received following the decision by teachers and principals to strike. The decision to take further strike action was not taken lightly by any of us. For the first time, both primary and secondary teachers are striking together because the crisis in education hits us all very hard and we need the Government to understand how serious it is.

Schools are grappling with the fallout of a drop in the number of people training to be teachers, even while the population is growing rapidly. While the situation improved a little last year and the Government has announced an urgent \$95m package to recruit teachers, this is not sufficient to address the crisis. Schools struggle daily to find enough teachers to meet their relief teacher needs and this will worsen as winter approaches. There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs.

The fact is that teaching is no longer considered an attractive profession due to long-term under-funding of the education sector. A significant pay jolt is part of the solution, alongside significant improvements to our heavy workloads. Otherwise our schools will end up with larger class sizes and more teachers leaving.

**On Wednesday 29 May our school will be closed and we will be travelling to Rotorua to join in a regional teacher's rally.**

**SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS**

As there have been more than five nominations we will be holding an election. Voting papers will be posted by Wednesday 29 May. Voting closes at noon on Friday 7 June.

**School Cross Country**

Being held here at school this week 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.

Interschool Cross Country: A list of those children who qualify to go to the Interschool Cross Country event to be held on Thursday 6 June will be put on the school App on Friday 31 May with information about the day. Could parents of children who have qualified please give your permission through the App and consider transport and support with the food stalls.

**Manawahe Eco-Trust Multisport Race**

Well done to: Lila Mews, Niamh Steens, Ollie Good, Billy Dawson, Jesse Byford-Pothan and Neko McCormack who participated in this event.

**Milk Carton Folding Competition**

Congratulations to Finn, Armalia, Brody, Bradley, Braydon and Jimmy T for being their class fastest folders. Well done to Brody for being our school's milk carton folding champion.



**Term 2 Dates - also available on website**

[www.thornton.school.nz](http://www.thornton.school.nz)

Friday 31 May	School Cross Country	All students
Monday 3 June	Queen's Birthday Weekend	
Wednesday 6 June	Interschool Cross Country	Selected students
Friday 7 June	Board of Trustees Election	
Friday 5 July	Term 2 Ends	

Regards  
**Shelley Bremner**  
 Principal