



Newsletter

Week 1	Room 1	Room 2	Room 4	Room 5	Room 3
Citizen	Annabelle	Isabella	Jayden	Emily	Micaela
Worker	Kian	Emily	Katie	Will	Flynn
Japanese	Bonnie	Ekamdeep	Louie R	Lucas	Kaelin
Principal's Award: Katie B					



Week 2	Room 1	Room 2	Room 4	Room 5	Room 3
Citizen	Ava	Ella D	Luka	Eva	Rex
Worker	Bonnie	August	Louie R	Kensy	Zandre
Japanese	Leo	Ekam	Braxton	Mattix	Lilly W
Principal's Award: Louie T					





Swimming

Please remind your children to bring their togs and towels every day.

Our school swimming sports have a change of date so that our 8 years and older swimmers can qualify for Interschool Swimming Sports.

Senior Swimming Sports: Our school swimming sports for 8 to 13 years old is this **Wednesday 1 March starting at 9.15am**. The programme is on the app.

Junior Swimming Sports: Swimming sports for our 5, 6 & 7 year olds is on **Tuesday 7 March starting at 2pm**. There is no parent programme for this age group.

Interschool Swimming Sports: Are to be held at **Edgecumbe Primary this Friday 3 March**. Swimmers who qualify from our swimming sports will receive a notice before they go home at the end of the day on Wednesday for parent permission.

Our swimming pool is looking fantastic.

It is heated by Leishman Electrical and Aotearoa Gaming

Kept safely fenced thanks to Grassroots Trust, NZCT and Whakatane Fencing.

And beautifully painted by Blast and Paint

Accounts

Our school bank account: ASB 12-3253-0101698-01.

Technology

Edgecumbe College has set the Technology fee for our **Year 7 & 8 students** as \$92. Our school pays this amount to the college on your behalf. Could parents please pay this amount into our school account - 12-3253- 0101698-01 by **31 March** please using your child's name and Tech as a reference.

Stationery:

Invoices will be sent out and payment is required by **31 March**.

Payment is to be made into our school account - 12-3253- 0101698-01 with your child's name and Stationery as a reference.

Room 1 - \$48.50

Room 2 - \$52.50

Room 4 - \$69.00

Room 5 - \$64.50

Room 3 - \$64.00

HPV Vaccination Date

The **Year 8** children whose parents have given permission will be vaccinated at **9.15am on Friday 17 March** at school.

What's Happening in our Classrooms

For the past two weeks, teachers have focused on our 'I Care' philosophy with an emphasis on establishing respect and routines.

This term the focus in Numeracy is on statistics.

All teachers have been involved in professional development in the teaching of writing using a variety of writing styles.

All classes are still swimming as the water is still a pleasant 24 degrees. Please remind your child to bring their togs every day.

For Science this term all classes are doing the topic - Living World, with a focus on water. This includes SeaWeek, which runs from Saturday 6 March to Sunday 14 March. The theme of SeaWeek this year is 'Toi Moana ~ Toi Tangata' - Connecting with our Seas.

Teacher's Paid Union Meeting

The teacher's will be at a meeting organised by NZEI - the teacher's union this Wednesday at 2pm. Our school will still be open; however children will not be in class and be supervised by me and our support staff.

Parents may pick your child/ren up early if you would like, however the normal pick up time and the bus run is at 3pm.

School Leaders 2023

Councillors

Micaela, Mason, Zandre, Adara

Librarians

Jacob, Tyler G, Lydia

Sports

Eli, Morgan

Bus Monitors

Eli, Zandre, Lydia, Mason B, Beau, Louie T, Rex

2023 - Term Start and End Dates

Term 1: Tuesday 7 February to Thursday 6 April

Term 2: Monday 24 April - Friday 30 June
Anzac Day - Tuesday 25 April
King's Birthday - Monday 5 June

Term 3: Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September

Term 4: Monday 9 October - Wednesday 20 December
Labour Day Monday 23 October

SchoolDocs

Our school uses SchoolDocs for our policies and procedures.

Parents are able to access our SchoolDocs web page simply by going to www.schooldocs.co.nz and searching for Thornton School. Enter our login name (thornton) and the password (pukeko)

Every term we will be reviewing several of our policies or procedures. We will regularly call upon our parent community to help us review some of the policies to ensure they fit our community

Room 3 Lake Rotoma Camp

We had a fabulous camp at Lake Rotoma. We will put some photos on the app.

School camp is **\$40** and is payable by **31 March** using your child's name and Room 3 Camp as a reference.

School Fundraiser at the Rangitaiki River Festival - Saturday 11 March

This is a family fun event run by the Edgecumbe Lions Club at the Domain on Thornton Beach Road (down by the boat ramp).

We are having a school fundraising BBQ food stall selling burgers and sausages on the day. We would love to have parent support with this. If you are able to help, could you please fill in the form on the App and we will roster you on.

Top School Team

Top School Team: We will be choosing our team to compete in the Top School competition at Awakeri School on Sunday 19 March. These children will bring permission notices home this Friday. Children who are in the team will need to be available on Sunday 19th and will need to be taken to Awakeri School and picked up after the event.

Cheerleaders: Miss Moore and Miss Bray are looking for students who would like to be cheerleaders. Notices have been sent home today requesting parent permission for children who have expressed an interest in participating on the day. Please let us know if you would like your child to be part of our cheerleading team.

Term 1 Dates

Wednesday 1 March	Senior Swimming Sports	8 - 13 year olds
Wednesday 1 March	Teacher's PUM	
Thursday 2 March	Library Visit	Room 5 students
Friday 3 March	Interschool Swimming	Selected students
Tuesday 7 March	Junior Swimming Sports	5, 6 & 7 year olds
Friday 10 March	SeaWeek Trip	Room 1 & 2 students
Saturday 11 March	Lions River Festival	
Tuesday 14 March	Cricket Skills	Rooms 3 & 5 students
Thursday 16 March	Library Visit	Room 5 students
Friday 17 March	HPV Vaccinations	Year 8 students
Sunday 19 March	Top School	Selected Room 3 students
Tuesday 28 March	Cricket Skills	Rooms 3 & 5 students
Wednesday 29 March	Library Visit	Room 5 students
Thursday 30 March	Interschool Touch	Year 5 - 8 students
Friday 31 March	Last day for stationery and tech payments	
Thursday 6 April	Term One Ends	

Regards
Shelley Bremner