Thornton School Strategic Plan 2023

Thornton students are active and connected learners, respectful of self and others, confident and prepared for a life of learning

Thornton School is a small, rural primary school located 15km west of Whakatane. The school is very well maintained and well-resourced and has a number of features that make it an attractive learning environment. These include modern, collaborative learning spaces, a well-stocked library, a multipurpose learning area, large, covered decks, fibre optic internet connection and ample computing, a large playing field, courts and two adventure playgrounds, and a swimming pool.

Thornton School provides rich educational programmes to students from Years 1 to 8. A variety of enterprising approaches and strategies are used by teachers and the school to ensure children are engaged, enthusiastic, and self-motivated to lift their levels of achievement.

The Key Competencies are interwoven through the many practical activities provided. A robust physical education based on the Move Well programme complements our academic programme and our school participates in many sporting activities mixing with the children from the Rangitaiki Plains schools.

The Arts are a focus with our students having opportunities to develop skills in performance through our annual school production.

Our school's values and principles underpins our school culture which is inclusive, supportive, and a happy place to learn.

Our students positive attitudes to school life are very evident and are an important aspect of our school culture.

We have an idyllic setting amongst established native trees with wide open spaces for sport and activities.

We have a special school culture that is built around our school values and supportive community partnerships.

We provide quality teaching and learning for all students to ensure that they leave Thornton School with the confidence, skills, and knowledge to progress in their next learning journey.

This strategic plan is linked to the National Education and Learning Priorities (NELPs)

School Charter 2023

Vision

For our children Thornton School, through the full support and involvement of the community will:

- Prepare our children with a greater range of knowledge and life skills to take a positive role in society
- Provide quality learning opportunities and experiences
- Meet the individual needs of all students
- Develop a stimulating, exciting environment which fosters strong learning foundations
- Encourage students to take risks and challenge their own abilities
- Provide social and cultural opportunities
- Provide opportunity for extension
- Encourage student achievement by fostering independent goal setting
- Identify and cater for the learning needs of all children
- Provide opportunities for children to mix within class levels and other schools
- Provide a low staff/pupil ratio to enable teachers to better cater for individual needs
- Welcome all learners, including those with special education needs

Values

We share

Our values are the important qualities shared by the children, staff, and community

- Learning is a lifelong process
- We respect the right to have an education
- Everyone can learn and achieve success
- We foster a friendly, supportive atmosphere through our 'I Care' (Cooperation, attitude, respect, effort) philosophy where children feel part of a 'large' family
- The school encourages an 'open door' policy
- Values of the community are effectively represented by the BOT
- The school encourages children to have a high standard of behaviour
- The school provides individual programmes based on learning needs
- Rural community values
- We care for property and the environment
- We value our staff's commitment and believe in their professional development

Principles

Our curriculum is underpinned by and consistent with the principles outlined in the NZC. We know these principles are evident in our curriculum because:

- ➤ **High Expectations** We will support and empower our students to be the best they can be. Our high expectations of attainment and behaviour are suitably differentiated. Our attainment standards are high and continue to improve. Our students are motivated to learn
- Learning to learn Our students receive explicit feedback that helps them to understand their own strengths and weaknesses and their next learning steps. Our pupils are aware of learning intentions and success criteria.
- ➤ Treaty of Waitangi Our students benefit from rich learning experiences that enable them to understand and value the bicultural heritage of New Zealand. Diversity Our teachers and our students are knowledgeable of others' cultural backgrounds and are sensitive to a diverse range of beliefs and practices
- Inclusion Our student's interests and abilities are recognised and celebrated. Our professional practice is non-sexist, non-racist, and non-discriminatory.
- ➤ Coherence Our learning is enriched by natural connections that exist across the various dimensions of our curriculum our principles, values, key competencies and learning areas. Our school-wide procedures, practices, policies, and systems align with our vision as it is articulated here.
- Future focus Our curriculum encourages pupils to look at the future and to consider a range of issues such as sustainability, citizenship, enterprise, and globalisation; that will have an impact on themselves and others in our community and around the world.
- Community engagement Students make connections with their wider lives and engage the support of their families and wider communities

Our Vision

Is for our young people who will develop the competencies they need for study, work and lifelong learning and go on to realise their potential

Active learners	Confident learners	Connected students	Lifelong learners	Respectful students
 Participate in a range of life contexts Positively contribute to school community & society Participate in decisions about learning & articulate strategies used Experience success & are willing to take risks with their learning 	 Accept challenges and are actively involved in their learning Have a high level of selfesteem and are happy Strive to be the best they can be Are resilient and are able to manage change Are intrinsically motivated Know that they can learn Can articulate meaning 	 Relate well to others Are effective and confident users of communication tools ICT – computers, phones, fax, photocopiers, digital media, things that have not yet been invented Language, symbols and text emphasising literacy and numeracy Participate fully in the school community 	 Are critical, creative, and caring thinkers Are curious about the world around them Transfer learning to new contexts Have well developed literacy and numeracy skills Are active seekers, users, and creators of knowledge Are informed decision makers 	 Treat others as they would like to be treated Have an awareness, understanding and acceptance of diversity Take care of themselves physically, emotionally, and mentally Show respect for their environment Understand that their actions have an effect on others Understand and respect the place of Tangata Whenua Strive for excellence (intrinsic motivation) Show empathy for the needs of others

Values

These are the collective values of our school. They were developed through consultation with students, parents, and staff. All curriculum decision making in our school reflects these values. They are to be encouraged, modelled, and explored in our school.

Mātauranga	Rangatiratanga	Whanaungatanga	Whakamana
Knowledge and Wisdom	Leadership	Connections, Relationships	Equity and Respect
 Understand that knowledge is power Promote high expectations and good work ethic Strive for excellence (intrinsic motivation) Encourage children to reach their full potential Realise that goals guide learning Celebrate our academic, sporting, cultural and sporting successes 	 Not scared to try anything Know questioning drives learning Offer children many opportunities We seek independent thinking Problem solvers Self-managers Good communicators Leaders Individuals Goal setters Resourceful Resilient 	 Inclusive programmes Celebrate the bicultural identity of the school Understand and respect the place of the Tangata Whenua Working together Healthy relationships 	 Respect the right to have an education Understand that their actions have an effect on others Show empathy for the needs of others Inclusive programmes which address the learning needs of all students Recognising everyone as a learner Use positive reinforcement
Kotahitanga	Kaitiakitanga	Pono	Manaakitanga
Working Together	Guardianship	Integrity	Respect for Self and Others
 A genuine partnership with our community A caring and sharing family atmosphere We welcome others to our school Using the strengths of everybody 	 Rural community values Care for property and the environment Encourage and provide opportunities for students to become environmentally conscious 	 Kind, caring, sharing Relate positively to others Honest Supportive Approachable Reliable Know what's right and wrong Responsible citizens 	 Respect and treat others how we like to be treated ourselves Follow great role models Encourage good values

Principles

Our curriculum is underpinned by and consistent with these principles. They provide the foundations of our curriculum decision making.

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\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	School wide values School wide targets for core curriculum areas Ability and interest groupings within classrooms Shared learning intentions and success criteria Remedial programmes Extension programmes Children encouraged with sports/arts	 Programme of Te Reo and Te Ao Māori Hauora is an integral part of our health strands Marae visits Art focus 	 Religious Education Social Sciences units Arts programme includes cultural diversities Report and analyse achievement of Māori students 	 Special needs programme in place IEP with parent inclusion Mainstreaming of students with special needs Support provided for the progress and achievement of students with special education needs Teacher aides to help support children and address learning needs Community consultation Programme for gifted and talented
>	Leadership opportunities		_	
	Learning to Learn	Community Engagement	Coherence	Future Focus
AA A AAA	Goal setting and reflection Teacher aide programmes to assist with learning and behaviour Encourage self-managed independent learners Reporting to parents Leadership opportunities WALTs and learning outcomes	 Assemblies Website Newsletters Reporting to parents Charter review Reading Together programme Inclusive Practices SchoolStream 	 Curriculum plan builds on each level School wide values reflective in teaching 	 I Care philosophy - environment Environmental activities Career education

Thornton School Priorities

Developing a Quality Learning Environment

Promote Student Learning & Achievement

School Organisation & Structure

Programmes

- Continue emphasis on literacy oral, reading, and written language and Numeracy
- Develop programmes for all students identified as below the school's expected level and those making slow progress
- Seek agency support for programmes
- Provide resources to support programmes
- Continued programme for students Te Reo Māori and Te Ao Māori
- Japanese language programme
- Writers Toolbox

Curriculum Focus and Review

Language focus

Personal and Professional Development

- Local Curriculum development
- Writers Toolbox
- Courses that are in line with the staff's own personal development goals

To develop, implement, monitor, and review programmes and practices that strengthen achievement at all levels of the school, especially in Literacy and Numeracy

To strengthen school strengths and weaknesses in the delivery of literacy and numeracy so that continual improvement is achieved

To plan, assess and report to show student improvement, identify students not achieving, or at risk of not achieving and those with special needs or abilities

Through consultation, plan for and set targets for all student achievement, in particular Māori student achievement

To maintain the New Zealand Curriculum with an emphasis on vision, values, key competencies, learning areas and curriculum principles

Other Documentation

Human Resources

- Professional Development
- Support for classroom learning programmes

Curriculum

- Curriculum Delivery
- Assessment and Reporting Schedule

Property

• 5 and 10 year property plan

Finance

Budget set for resources, PD, and staffing

Health & Safety

 Develop a manageable system for ensuring safety requirements are met

Self-Review

- Community Partnership
- Inclusive Practices

Thornton School

Cultural Diversity and Maori Dimension

Thornton School acknowledges the bi-cultural nature of NZ society and the rights and responsibilities of Māori as Tangata Whenua and equal partners under the Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Ka Hikitia, the Māori Education Strategy, is an integral part of life at Thornton School and it's benefitting staff, students and whānau. With 21% of our students identifying as Māori, our school has a strong focus on its Māori learners and has found that the principles of Ka Hikitia benefit all of our students

Treaty of Waitangi

- We will understand, value, and appreciate the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi
- > All cultures within the school will be valued, accepted, and celebrated through active encouragement of an inclusive school culture and values.
- Staff members will ensure that students from all cultures are treated with respect and dignity, and will actively work towards maximising the potential of each student irrespective of cultural backgrounds
- Tataiako will be the base document for staff around meeting the Standards for the teaching profession as part of the staff development and performance management process

Tikanga - Code of conduct

- Our school will consider the position of Māori when making educational decisions for our school
- We will work collaboratively with our Māori families to contribute to what and how our Māori students learn, as well as work together to provide support for Māori students learning
- Separate student achievement data to focus on Māori and use to target resources and funding for optimal effect
- Provide early intervention programmes for students at risk of falling behind
- Strategic direction of the school to set targets that will provide better outcomes for Māori students
- Charter consultation with parents, whanau and Māori community
- Promoting board membership to Māori parents and whanau
- > Tikanga Māori will be incorporated into the Thornton school curriculum to ensure that all children display empathy towards Māori culture, protocol and language both in and out of the class
- Daily programmes will have a dimension where possible: greetings, commands, language related to everyday objects, days, months, number.
- Each integrated unit will include components as appropriate to the topic and the class level.
- Professional development and support of staff, on the understandings they need to develop with their students
- P Quality provision, leadership, teaching and learning, supported by effective governance

Whakamana - Māori potential approach

- A shared school-wide understanding that that all Māori students have the potential to excel and be successful
- Participation in the EBOPMAC to raise student achievement and promote success for our Māori students
- Expectation for success supported by families, whanau, communities and Māori organisations
- Provision of Te Reo and Te Ao Māori
- Learning and teaching programmes are tailored to the student
- > Strong engagement and contribution from parents, families and whanau, hapu and iwi, communities and Māori organisations

Ako – two way teaching and learning process

- Effective relationships between teachers and students
- Frachers will provide programmes that will engage and motivate the students
- Integrating te reo me ona tikanga into inquiry units and programmes
- For the Reo instruction timetabled and/or woven through the daily classroom programmes
- Include different cultural perspectives in the classroom programmes
- Give consideration to the varying cultural perspectives in planning extra-curricular activities
- Collaborative discussion with teachers to investigate best ways to support, teach and engage with Māori students
- > Teacher appraisal process that supports better outcomes for Māori students
- Tataiako will be the base document for staff around meeting the Standards for the Teaching Profession as part of staff development and performance management processes

Tuakiri Tangata - Identity, language and culture count

- > Development of a local curriculum that reflects and values Māori identity, language and culture
- Learning will positively reinforce where Māori students come from, what they value and what they already know
- We will provide the children with opportunities to experience Māori culture
- Waiata included in weekly assemblies
- Signage in classrooms and other working areas
- All staff members are expected to develop an awareness of Tikianga Māori (Māori culture and protocol) and Te Reo Māori (Māori language): and incorporate these into classroom programmes.
- > Thornton School will provide the means of fostering better cultural understanding consistent with the Treaty of Waitangi

Whakawhanaunga - Productive partnerships

- ➤ Ka Hikitia and Tataiako will provide the context for working with and consulting the community
- We will support whanau engagement and involve whanau in conversations about their children and their learning
- Goal setting interviews will involve the student and their parents and whanau
- Reporting of Māori students' progress and achievement will be evidence based and will suggest ways in which parents and whanau can support their child's learning
- Encourage parents of Māori students to become a Board of Trustees member
- Protocols around community meetings and activities e.g. karakia where appropriate
- > Māori community consulted in various ways

Ka Hikitia – Accelerating Success Tataiako Competencies

Thornton School Strategic Plan 2023 to 2025

In the 3 year period from 2023 our school aims to enhance student learning outcomes by fulfilling our vision and mission while taking account of the NEGs, NAGs, and areas of National Education Priorities. After consultation with the school community, parents, students and staff, the Board of Trustees has set the following Strategic Objectives as its Strategic Plan that will be the basis of the school's strategic goals for 2023 to 2025 and underpin the school's 2023 Annual Plan

Thornton School through a culture of continuous improvement will celebrate	2023	2024	2025
☑ Students: All students to successfully engage in the NZ Curriculum; with a	Refresh of the	Literacy & Numeracy	Literacy & Numeracy Targets in
focus on literacy and numeracy, measured and evidenced by progress and	NZ Curriculum	Targets in relation to	relation to achievement data
achievement		achievement data	
☑ Students: All students being supported to engage in all school activities and in	Student goal setting	Student goal setting	Student goal setting
partnership with their family and teachers being able to share their learning, set	Parents involved in their child's	Parents involved in their	Parents involved in their child's
goals and strive to achieve those goals	learning and involvement in	child's learning	learning
	developing quality learning	Quality Learning	Quality Learning Programmes
	programmes	Programmes	Attendance and engagement
	Attendance and engagement	Attendance and	
		engagement	
② Values: Shared, inclusive common values that are exhibited and evident in all	Inclusive Practices	Inclusive practices	Inclusive practices
we do.	Shared strategic planning	Shared strategic planning	Shared strategic planning
② Staff: Innovative staff supported by strong professional development	Standards for the Teaching	Standards for the Teaching	Standards for the Teaching
experiences	Profession	Profession	Profession
	Professional Growth Cycle	Professional Growth Cycle	Professional Growth Cycle
Property: A well-managed school property portfolio that supports education	10YPP and 5YA	10YPP and 5YA property	10YPP and 5YA property plan
outcomes	Toilet block	plan	Maintenance
	5YA projects	Maintenance	
Finance: The financial resources are prioritised to support and provide for the	Meet all financial	Asset Register &	Asset Register & Replacement
learning needs of our students	responsibilities as per policy and	Replacement Plan in place	Plan in place
	procedure		
2 School community: Parents, whanau, and a community, who are enthusiastic	Inclusive Practices	Inclusive practices	Inclusive practices
to support our children and support, contribute to and nurture our unique rural	Shared strategic planning	Shared strategic planning	Shared strategic planning
school	EBOPMAC	EBOPMAC	EBOPMAC
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Thornton School – 3 Year SchoolDocs Policy and Procedure Review Schedule

\$	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
11	Health and Safety Management	Health care	Student Wellbeing and Safety	HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE POLICY
	Safety Management Systems	First Aid	Care and Management of Students	Safety On and Off School Grounds
	Risk Management	Medicines	Child Protection	Alcohol/Drugs and Other Harmful Substances
2	Health and Safety Induction	Accidents and Injuries	Abuse Recognition and Reporting	Digital Technology and Cybersafety
2022	Visitors	Health Conditions and Illness	Supporting Student Wellbeing	Getting to School Safely
7	Emergency, Disaster, and Crisis Management	Infectious Diseases	Food and Nutrition	School Bus Transport (O)
	Emergency Planning and Procedures	Behaviour Management	Sun Protection	Pool/Swimming topics (O)
Year 1	School Closure	School Values and Behaviour Expectations (O)	Separated Parents, Day-to-Day Care, & Guardianship	Storage and Use of Hazardous Substances
K	Emergency Management	Bullying and Online Bullying	Staff Wellbeing and Safety	
	Disaster Management	Surrender and Retention of Property and Searches	Staff Wellbeing	
	Crisis Management	Physical Restraint	Harassment	
	COVID-19 Information	Stand-down, Suspension, and Exclusion Procedures		
	LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATION POLICY	Education Outside the Classroom	Learning Support	CURRICULUM & STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT POLICY
~	Student Attendance	EOTC Safety Management	Learning Support Coordination	Student Achievement Information
2023	Enrolment	EOTC Planning and Review	Identify Learning Support	Home Learning
70	Privacy	EOTC Risk Management	The Teacher's Role	Distance Learning
100	Records Retention	EOTC Roles and Responsibilities	Learning Support Staff	Inclusive Education
7	Copyright	EOTC External Providers	Individual Education Plan	Recognition of Cultural Diversity
ear	Creative Commons (O)	EOTC Staff Competence	Reading Recovery	Maori Educational Success
Ye	Uniform/Dress (O)	EOTC Process	Learning Support Supervision	Religious Instruction/Religious Education
		EOTC Forms	Perceptual Motor Programme (PMP) (O)	Health Education
			Gifted Learners	
			English Language Learners (ELL)	
	Te Tirito o Waitangi	EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITY POLICY		FINANCE & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT POLICY
	GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT	Appointment Procedure	Concerns and Complaints	Managing Income and Expenditure
4	Board Responsibility	Employment		Income
2024	Principal Responsibility	Safety Checking	Protected Disclosure	Expenditure
1	DOCUMENTATION & SELF-REVIEW POLICY	Classroom Release Time/Non-Contact Time		Asset Management and Protection
	School Planning and Reporting	Media		
ear	Recognising Student Achievement	Performance Management		
Ye	Reporting to Parents on Student Progress and Achievement	Professional Development (O)		
	Parents and Whanau	Staff Exit Interviews/Surveys (O)		
	Special/Designated Character (O)	Staff Conduct		
		Staff Leave		

KEY	REVIEW OVERARCHING POLICY	Review main topic (section heading)	Review topic and key subtopics	Review single topic	(O) = optional
					topic

<u>Thornton School Strategic Plan Goals 2023 – 2025</u>

Strategic Goals to raise levels of achievement over the next 3 years

Strategic Direction	2023	2024	2025
Raise student achievement by providing teaching and learning programmes which incorporate the NZ Curriculum and NZ Aotearoa Histories	Review and develop practices so that all assessments are used to inform out teaching and learning	Collect information that is sufficiently comprehensive to enable the progress and achievement of students to be evaluated	Collect information that is sufficiently comprehensive to enable the progress and achievement of students to be evaluated
		Embed and sustain our curriculum learning statements with shared understandings and practices of effective teaching and learning	Sustain the use of our curriculum learning statements with shared understandings and practices of effective teaching and learning
Give priority to student achievement in literacy and numeracy: especially in Years 1 - 8	Develop Literacy and Numeracy statements so that we have shared understandings and practices of effective teaching and learning in our school	Review our Literacy and Numeracy learning areas to ensure effective teaching and learning in these areas	Maintain Literacy and Numeracy focus areas
To provide students with opportunities to achieve for success in all areas of the NZ Curriculum	A shared school-wide understanding that that all students have the potential to excel and be successful	Maintain a school-wide expectation for success	Maintain a school-wide expectation for success
From data collected at the end of 2022, students will be identified in the priority groups of: Māori and Pasifika Learners who need teaching adaptions or learning support Learners who are well below expectation and require IEP's Learning related to the needs, abilities, and interests of students	Develop register of focus students to monitor progress and achievement, and to develop individualised support Student progress is tracked schoolwide Individualised programmes developed for focus students	To use assessment process to monitor all student progress and achievement and identify students not achieving at the required level Student progress is tracked schoolwide Individualised programmes developed for focus students	To use assessment process to monitor all student progress and achievement and identify students not achieving at the required level Student progress is tracked schoolwide Individualised programmes developed for focus students

Review and design a unique and local curriculum, responsive to the priorities, preferences, and issues of our community and our people inclusive of the NZ Aotearoa Histories	Review of a local curriculum to be responsive to the needs, identities, languages, cultures, interests, strengths, and aspirations of our learners and families	Continue to personalise learning Curriculum relevant to student's needs, abilities, and interests	Curriculum relevant to student's needs, abilities, and interests
In consultation with Māori whanau and community, develop and make known to the school's community policies, plans and targets for improving the achievement of Māori students	Involve Māori whanau in development of Māori students learning programmes and resources Include Māori consultation in the development of programmes To consult with Māori whanau to	Embed Charter Māori Dimension and Cultural Diversity principles in our school Review Māori consultation in the development of programmes	Sustain Charter Māori Dimension and Cultural Diversity principles in our school Embed Māori consultation in the development of programmes
Continuation of involvement in the MAC	promote and extend Taha Māori in our school Participate in the MAC group to raise	Participate in the MAC group to raise	Participate in the MAC group to raise
Implementation of Te Reo and Te Ao Māori in our school	Promote and extend Te Reo and Te Ao Māori in our school	Extend the use of Te Reo and Tikanga in classrooms and around the school	Continue the use of Te Reo and Tikanga in classrooms and around the school
	Increase hours of delivery in each classroom to become L4b Learning Te Reo Māori as a separate subject at least 3 hours per week		
In consultation, develop and make known policies, plans and targets for improving student achievement	Develop inclusive Practices in our school	Implementation of inclusive practices	Continue and review inclusive practices in our school

Provide opportunities for e-learning in our school	Digital Technologies – consolidation of the revised curriculum area Develop our knowledge and use of elearning across the school curriculum Continue the implementation of the IPads/Chromebooks/HP purchase programme	Embed e-learning in all areas across the curriculum Sustain use of devices and other forms of IT	Sustain e-learning in all areas across the curriculum Sustain use of IT
Give priority to regular quality physical activity: especially in Years 1 – 6 Implementation of MoveWell programme	Review the Health programme across the school in consultation with staff and community To audit the physical skills resources and	Embed and sustain the Health programme Extend the range of physical equipment	Review the Health programme In consultation with community Maintain suitable resourcing and staff
	purchase as required	and staff capability in teaching PE and fitness	professional development. Review student participation and capability
I Care school philosophy Key Competencies underpin all we do at Thornton School	Emphasis on I Care school philosophy and inclusion of Key Competencies in Charter	Emphasis on I Care school philosophy and inclusion of Key Competencies in Charter	Emphasis on I Care school philosophy and inclusion of Key Competencies in Charter
Provide appropriate career education and guidance for all students in Year 7 and 8	Provide opportunities for career education	Provide opportunities for career education	Provide opportunities for career education
Develop a strategic plan giving effect to the NELPs	Review of school's charter and strategic goals in consultation with the school community	Review of school's charter and strategic goals in consultation with the school community	Review of school's charter and strategic goals in consultation with the school community
Maintain an ongoing programme of self- review – policies, procedures, and programmes using SchoolDocs	Monitor use of SchoolDocs for reviews	Monitor use of SchoolDocs for reviews	Monitor use of SchoolDocs for reviews

Report to students and parents on the achievement of individual students; and to the school's community on the achievement of students including the achievement of Māori students	Follow reporting schedule	Follow reporting schedule	Follow reporting schedule
Report to students and their parents on the student's progress and achievement.	Report to parents in plain language twice a year.	Report to parents in plain language twice a year.	Report to parents in plain language twice a year.
Report to the Secretary of Education annually by3 1 March	Student achievement data analysed and collated. Analysis of Variance completed	Student achievement data analysed and collated. Analysis of Variance completed	Student achievement data analysed and collated. Analysis of Variance completed
Develop and implement a Professional Growth Cycle for teachers and principal that identifies professional goals and observations of teaching practice	Implement the Code of Professional Responsibility and Standards for the Teaching Profession	Code of Professional Responsibility and Standards for the Teaching Profession underpin our appraisal process	Code of Professional Responsibility and Standards for the Teaching Profession underpin our appraisal process
Use of the Standards for the Teaching Profession as part of the staff development and Professional Growth Cycle	Professional Growth Cycle	Professional Growth Cycle	Professional Growth Cycle
Be a good employer complying with the conditions in employment contracts for all staff	Policy/procedure review Review Support Staff agreements EEO policy Attestation	Policy/procedure review Review Support Staff agreements EEO policy Attestation Support Staff Police Vets	Policy/procedure review Review Support Staff agreements EEO policy Attestation
Allocate funds to reflect the school's priorities as stated in the Charter Monitor and control school expenditure	Prepare and monitor the annual budget Ensure expenditure priorities support current school targets Maintain financial procedures	Prepare and monitor the annual budget Ensure expenditure priorities support current school targets Maintain financial procedures	Prepare and monitor the annual budget Ensure expenditure priorities support current school targets Maintain financial procedures

Implement a maintenance programme to ensure a safe healthy learning environment	Review the Asset Register and depreciation Complete projects as per 5YPP and 10YPP	Review the Asset Register and depreciation Update the 5YPP and 10YPP and plan for future project	Review the Asset Register and depreciation Continue project completion 5YPP and 10YPP
Provide a safe physical and emotional environment for students	Review Health and Safety policies and procedures with community consultation	Review Health and Safety Curriculum policies and procedures	Review Health and Safety Curriculum policies and procedures
Promote healthy food and nutrition for all students	Review Health programme	Follow Health guidelines Staff First Aid certification	Review Health programme
Comply in full with any current legislation to ensure the safety of students and employees	Complete and report monthly checks	Complete and report monthly checks	Complete and report monthly checks
Signatory for the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students	Implement the Code	Implement the Code	Implement the Code
Comply with all general legislations concerning requirements such as attendance, the length of the school day, and the length of the school year Provide an analysis of variance between the school's performance and targets set in previous years Charter	ETap SMS and Enrol Ministry published term dates followed Achievement data analysed and collated Development of variance reports	SMS and Enrol Ministry published term dates followed Achievement data analysed and collated Development of variance reports	SMS and Enrol Ministry published term dates followed Achievement data analysed and collated Development of variance reports

Thornton School Strategic 2023-2026 & Annual Plan 2023

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OBJECTIVE 1 - LEARNERS AT THE CENTRE:	OBJECTIVE 2 - BA	RRIER FREE ACCESS:	OBJECTIVE - QUA		OBJECTIVE 4 - FUTURE OF LEARNING AND WORK
Learners, with their whānau, are at the centre of education		ortunities and outcomes n for every learner	Quality teaching make the difference	•	Learning that is relevant to the lives of New Zealanders today and throughout
PRIORITY 1: Ensure places of learning are safe, inclusive and free from racism, discrimination and bullying.	including for Māori and Pacific learners/ākonga, disabled learners/ākonga and those with learning support needs PRIORITY 4: Ensure every learner/ākonga gains		their whānau		their lives PRIORITY 7: Collaborate with industries and
PRIORITY 2: Have high aspirations for every learner/ākonga, and support these by partnering with their whānau and communities to design and deliver			the everyday life of the learning	-	
education that responds to their needs, and sustains their identities, languages and cultures.	literacy and numeracy		PRIORITY 6: De strengthen teachin learner support cal education workford	pability across the	
Thornton School Strategic Focus		Thornton School Str			rnton School Strategic Focus 3
Providing opportunities and resources for learning and We will:	growing together	We will:	hool experience for all Strengthening We will:		connections within and beyond our school
We will: A. embrace new approaches B. make evidence driven decisions C. advance leadership for all D. (value) collaborate E. review, innovate and improve F. resource to support		A. provide quality induc B. communicate clearly C. build relationships ar D. learn and grow toget E. provide people with a safe environmen	A. develop/co-construct a shared understanding of partnership with our partners and connections bether a welcoming and B. develop/co-construct a shared understanding of partnership with our partners and mutually beneficial C. strengthen existing partnerships		vith our partners ur partnerships are reciprocal in nature (ako) beneficial

	Thornton School – Annual Plan 2023					
Annu	al Goal	Actions	Personnel	Timeframe	Measures	
NELP 3 and 4	Accelerate the progress and achievement of all children	 collate and analyse 2022 data and use this to select target students. Target students are those who are below expectations implement assessment practices in all core subjects to ensure assessment is used to inform teaching and learning in real time review assessment data with staff and determine the particular learning needs of target students track student cohorts to look for patterns 	Principal/SENCO Staff	Start of Term 1 Ongoing	Target students are identified Data is analysed, students are identified and IEPs and programmes developed Targets are set and monitored	
NELP 3 and 4	Priority learners who are identified as underachieving will be resourced and monitored appropriately	 teachers report on the progress of target students and effectiveness of teaching planning is targeted to needs of learners purchase of specific resources 	Principal/SENCO Teachers	Ongoing	Informed programme planning and resourcing	
NELP 3, 4, 6 and 7	Provide an authentic, innovative, localised curriculum	 embed our Thornton local curriculum. Teachers use carefully considered contexts for learning to engage our children design and review local curriculum to be responsive to the needs, identities, languages, cultures, interests, strengths, and aspirations of our learners and whanau Implement NZ Aotearoa Histories into local curriculum 	Principal Teachers	Over the year	Teacher's planning shows lessons that reflect the cultures, interests, and strengths of their children At Thornton School Aotearoa NZ Histories curriculum is implemented	

NELP 3, 4 and ERO Evaulation Focus	Curriculum areas are targeted to develop programmes that improve school-wide achievement	 through writing PLD, implement a writing style approach to teaching and learning in writing that improves outcomes for all teachers use Writers Toolbox PLD to implement whole school writing programme and improve literacy teaching strengthen moderation processes in learning areas support role of curriculum lead teachers – Writers Toolbox 	Principal Lead Literacy teachers	Ongoing	All teachers make the necessary changes to their programmes, implement and reflect on new initiatives and ideas learnt through PLD School-wide writing programme implemented Lead teachers feel supported
Annua	ıl Goal	Actions	Personnel	Timeframe	Measures
NELP 2, 3, 4 and 6	Review assessment practices to ensure validity of data for individual/school-wide reporting and next steps learning	 review, refine assessment practices review school-wide testing and OTJ format and reporting process develop teacher effectiveness in administering assessment, unpacking data, and identifying next steps learning data is used to inform the next steps for teaching and classroom programmes 	Principal/SENCO Teachers	Ongoing	Staff aware of assessment practice Assessment tools are consistently applied across the school
Nelp 2 and 6	Continuation of Japanese language and cultural programme	> support continuation of Japanese learning programme	Principal Japanese teacher Lead teacher	Ongoing	Effective teaching of Japanese language and culture in all classes
NELP 3	Focus on attendance, engagement and truancy	 monitor student attendance on eTap support of Attendance Service to support school with truancy issues Use of 'Every Data Matters' Ministry Attendance report 	Principal	Ongoing	Identification of students with low attendance rates at risk of becoming disengaged Increased attendance across the school

NELP 2 and 3	Strengthen productive partnerships with family/whanau by sharing and discussing teaching and learning to accelerate student achievement	 report student achievement targets and results to board & community report to whanau twice a year in writing include parents/caregivers/whanau in IEP development gather whanau voice around identified focus areas 	Principal Staff	Ongoing	Parents, families, and whanau are actively involved in their child's learning and in their wider school activities
NELP 1, 6 and 7	Improve communication within the school and wider community	 connect with/establish communication with our local early childhood centres and high schools to gather voice and establish smooth transitions identify the skills and knowledge in our community via consultation so they can be leading some parts of the school's education programme – CoastCare, Waste Education, Art Week, school production 	Principal Staff	Ongoing	Relationships with the wider school community are well established and fostered
Annua	al Goal	Actions	Personnel	Timeframe	Measures
NELP 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5	Local beliefs and practices at Thornton School are valued and will reflect the inherent identity, language, and culture of every learner	 all students are actively engaged in learning all students have a sense of belonging practices add to local curriculum 	Principal Staff	Ongoing	Students have a sense of ownership of their school and a sense of belonging Students are life-long learners
	Review reporting	update annual reporting schedule	Principal	Term 1	Schedule of reporting
NELP 2	schedule	review report form to parents	Staff		reviewed through consultation

NELP 2 and 3	Involve Māori whanau in development of their child's learning	Ka Hikitia principles and Taitaiako cultural competencies to underpin Charter and Strategic Plan and teaching and learning programmes	Principal Teachers	Ongoing	Māori students will get a culturally responsive programme
NELP 3, 5 and 6	Continuation of Māori language and cultural programme	 support teachers in developing 'things Māori' continue programme of Te Reo, Waiata, Te Ao Māori share examples of best practice with staff participate in MAC (Māori Achievement Cluster) L4b Learning Te Reo as separate subject at least 3 hours per week 	Principal	Ongoing Term 3	Māori students will get a culturally responsive programme
Annua	l Goal	Actions	Personnel	Timeframe	Measures
	Review aspects of the	> include parents of focus students in IEP development	Principal	Ongoing	Students and whanau can
NELP 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	Thornton School Curriculum to cater for the learning needs of our tamariki	consultation with the Māori community will be ongoing	SENCO Principal Teachers BOT Māori community	Ongoing	collaboratively set goals for learning Whanau will be better informed and knowledgeable and engaged in learner centred relationships

NELP 1, 2, 3, 4, 7	IT purchase and Digital technology is used as a tool to provide equity in learning outcomes	 implement Digital Technologies learning implement IPad/Chromebooks/HP purchase programme complete IT project to the best possible standard Devices and Google Docs PD for staff 	Principal / BOT ICT Lead Teacher Principal	Ongoing	Students will make a connection between and across all learning areas Teachers are upskilled
NELP 1 and 3	Review Health programme	 create and distribute Health survey to the community purchase physical skills resources appropriate for programme continue participation in Move Well programme 	Principal/BOT Teachers	Term 4	Parent voice is collected Year 1 – 6 students have access to managed skills
NELP 1 and 2	I CARE philosophy	emphasis on I CARE philosophy within school (Co-operation, Attitude, Respect, Effort)	Principal/staff	Ongoing	Students and Whānau have an understanding of the culture at Thornton School
Annua	ıl Goal	Actions	Personnel	Timeframe	Measures
NELP 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7	Review and approve the Charter and Strategic Plan, and Annual Plan	 Strategic plan will provide direction for our school Establish goals and expectations 	Principal Staff / BOT	Begin review in November Annual Plan to be finalised in March	The Strategic Plan and Annual Plan are finalised in March each year, approved by Board and submitted to MOE by 31 st March
NELP 1, 3 and 4	Policy Development and Review	SchoolDocs Policy Self Review cycle to meet current and future legislation	Principal Board Office Admin	Termly	Policies and procedures are reviewed at BOT meetings and are kept current

NELP 4 and 6	Ongoing review to strengthen the use of Key Competencies	 Key Competencies immersed as part of core learning and not viewed in isolation Embedded in planning, assessment & reporting Key Competencies reported to parents 	Principal Staff	Ongoing	Key Competencies underlying all things Thornton
NELP 3 and 4	BOT Effectiveness	 Ensure that every BOT member knows the collective responsibilities of the board and understands the role as a board member Ongoing BOT training and support 	Principal BOT	Ongoing	Every member contributing effectively to the work of the board
NELP 3 and 4	Report to Ministry on achievement data Analysis of Variance reports	 report on school strengths and identified areas for improvement the basis for identifying areas for achievement planned actions for lifting achievement how students are progressing in relation to the Curriculum school achievement data identifying achievement of Māori , Pasifika, European/Pakeha, Asian, gender and by year level Reporting informed by knowledge about effective pedagogy 	Principal BOT Staff	31 March	Specific priority areas determined by measuring progress against expected outcomes through careful analysis
Annua	l Goal	Actions	Personnel	Timeframe	Measures
NELP 3 and 4	Analysis of Variance reports	 how students are progressing in relation to the Curriculum school achievement data identifying achievement of Māori , Pasifika, European/Pakeha, Asian, gender and by year level Reporting informed by knowledge about effective pedagogy 	Principal	Annually	Specific priority areas determined by measuring progress against expected outcomes through careful analysis

NELP 3 and 4	Flexibility is evident in the budget to meet the needs of students 10YPP/5YA initiatives	 review financial policies and procedures develop budget complete audit requirements identify and target areas of financial need based on analysis of student achievement data maintain asset register maintain programme of maintenance 	Principal / BOT	Ongoing Term 1 Term 1 Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing	Established best practice in financial governance, financial management and reporting A well-managed school property portfolio that supports education outcomes
NELP 1 and 2	Provision of a safe, healthy environment	 staff first aid certification use tagged funding to provide a safe, healthy learning environment compliance check for all electrical appliances 	Principal Principal Board Principal	Ongoing Ongoing Term 3/4	Staff certificated School classrooms and grounds well maintained and safe

Thornton School - Outline of Local Curriculum Design and Review 2023

- > Vision statement constructed with community involvement. Develop our vision for our students where their learning clear and shared
- > Reflection on school vision, values, and principles
- Review our local curriculum to explain how our programmes are designed to meet the needs and interests of our students with an emphasis on Māori students. Ensure that the vision is reflected in the design of our school's curriculum
- Review local curriculum and assessment. Development and implementation of integrated inquiry-based approach to teaching and learning
- Review formative practice, inquiry learning and co-constructed learning
- > Key competencies broken down and incorporated into school planning and reporting as well as day to day school
- > Teachers visit school I Care philosophy with classes at beginning of year to give meaning at each year level
- Parent communication tool School Stream
- Review reporting to Māori student parents and all other parents
- Review community consultation re health programme
- A focus on the Literacy teaching and learning programme in early years to lift student achievement
- > Implementation and consolidation of Writers Toolbox into writing programme
- > Boys education and Māori learning styles studied and current practice reviewed and improved
- Programmes of early intervention
- > Review of other curriculum areas
- > Student cumulative record and assessment folder updated
- Update Staff Handbook
- Professional Development of all teaching staff
- Implement the Standards for Teaching: Tiriti o Waitangi Partnership, Professional Learning, Professional Relationships, Learning Focussed Culture, Design for Learning, Teaching
- > Consolidate and implement a Professional Growth Cycle for teacher and principal attestation relevant to our school
- > School student councillors and school leadership programme continually reviewed
- > Review of curriculum goals with inclusion in the writing of Strategic Plan for next 3-5 years
- Implementation of Digital Technologies learning and review of IT purchases to help learning

Thornton School - Planned Action for Lifting Student Achievement 2023

Stewardship:

Board members to be engaged and have raising student achievement as their primary goal

Board to ensure that annual student achievement targets are analysed and based on trends, patterns and progress

Target reports to board mid and end of year with discussion around resourcing to improving student outcomes

Leadership:

Principal sets priority goals and targets to accelerate the learning of students at risk of underachieving

Principal to develop a local school curriculum that responds to Māori and all other students needs

Principal ensures alignment between student learning needs, teacher professional learning goals and the teacher appraisal process

Embed collaborative inquiry in all leadership practice

Ensure leaders meet the needs of teachers

Connections and Relationships:

Development of effective school/family/Whānau /community connections and the building of relational trust

Student wellbeing will be reflected by their engagement in learning and their social and emotional behaviour

School recognition of individual student's backgrounds

School to listen to our school community and respond accordingly

Provision of Reading Together reading parent support programme

Strengthen inclusive learning partnerships across the school community

More in-depth and meaningful parent/Whānau involvement in the learning process by fostering an even more inclusive learning environment for all parents/caregivers/Whānau using specific strategies such as the Reading Together programme and Parent Interviews, Parent Support Group meetings, class blogs, school website, School Stream app and newsletters

Responsive Curriculum, Effective Teaching and Learning:

Recognising that the learner is at the centre of all that we do and provide

Teachers understand the Code that sets out the high standards for ethical behaviour

Develop local curriculum

Use the NZ Curriculum and assessment information effectively to inform teaching and learning programmes and to measure and report student achievement, with focus on progress and adding value

Focus on student outcomes in all planning and resourcing

Ensure that students have the opportunity and capability to contribute to how learning happens, and have a shared ownership and responsibility for learning with the teacher, peers, and wider community

Develop a caring, collaborative, inclusive learning community

Increase students' ability and willingness to articulate their learning journey

Use assessment for learning with the use of formative assessment to inform teaching and learning and provide appropriate feedback and feedforward

Embed Charter Te Kotahitanga Dimension and Cultural Diversity principles in our school

Involve Māori Whānau in review of Māori students learning programmes and resources

To consult with Māori Whānau to promote and extend Taha Māori in our school

Promote and extend Te Reo and Te Ao Māori in our school

Participate in the Māori Achievement Collaborative with a view for support for L4b Māori language

Embed collaborative inquiry throughout the school and in all teacher practice and learning areas

Ensure effective teaching in every classroom to make a difference and add value to the learning of every student

Develop a strong, responsive local curriculum based on an inquiry approach

Set high challenging and appropriate expectations

Encourage our I Care philosophy Cooperation, Attitude, Respect, Effort

Develop a culture of mutual trust and respect

Embed the Key Competencies in all that we do

Ensure that innovative teaching and learning programmes are provided that strongly support and accelerate student progress and achievement for Māori and for all other students

Provide targeted intervention and learning support programmes including Reading Recovery, Toe by Toe, STEPS, Early Words, Numicon and targeted Teacher Aide 1 to 1 / small group situations

Provide opportunities for all students to identify their own learning needs, develop self-assessment skills and use criteria for self-evaluation

Teachers to co-construct challenging learning goals and criteria for success

Use goal setting and self-monitoring strategies to encourage students to become independent learners

Provide resources - people, materials and IT - to enable teaching and learning

Targets have been developed to lift achievement in cohorts with the greatest variance

Targets developed for our Māori students

Plan and implement systems that allow for sustained intervention progress and achievement including use of appropriate external agency support

Provide targeted interventions for students

Professional capability and collective capacity:

Effective, qualified teachers

Provide PLD - whole school and personal

Implement knowledge of Our Code, Our Standards in PGC system linked to teacher inquiry

Implement Professional Growth Cycle in attestation system

Link effective teaching and learning programmes and teacher appraisal to teacher inquiry

Ensure past professional learning and development initiatives are sustained and a high level of accountability is maintained

Encourage professional dialogue around student learning and progress

Evaluation, inquiry, and knowledge building:

Strong internal systems, processes and policies and teaching practices

Evidence driven decision making process with all involved

Internal and external evaluation for improvement and innovation

Thornton School Annual Plan Summary 2023				
Thorn Teaching and Learning Programme Development Special Needs intervention programme Continue use of baseline data at each level in reading and written language and numeracy for planning, assessment, and reporting Continue use of formative assessment practice in classrooms Writers Toolbox Curriculum Focus Priority Areas for Improving Student Achievement Written Language Reading Comprehension Numeracy Key Competencies Local curriculum Early intervention programme Property Review 10 year & 5 year property plans Implement a maintenance programme and property management policy	Partnership with the Community Communication Weekly newsletters and assemblies celebrating children's success Parent interviews timetabled and highly encouraged SchoolStream app Teacher's blog and class Dojo Collaboration Reading Together programme Parent help programmes to improve student achievement I CARE philosophy Consultation Review Charter and school goals annually, to ensure continued school development Consult with Maori and the wider	Professional Development Writers Toolbox Curriculum upskilling IT upskilling Courses related to needs of special education and Maori learners BOT professional development Implementation of Code and Standards Review SchoolDocs Policy and procedure review Local curriculum Formative practice & inquiry learning practice Health curriculum Reading programme review Boys and Maori current practice review Human Resources Staff management – EEO Performance Management – appraisal and attestation – teachers and support staff		
Capital build projects	community Reporting to parent's review	 Standards Performance Growth Cycle Review cleaner/caretaker agreements 		
Finance > Prepare annual financial statements > Budget reflects school's priorities > Purchase of resources to support implementation of targets > Financial policies and procedures to monitor and control school expenditure Health > Health and Safety Programme reviewed in consultation and fully implemented > Adopt a statement on the delivery of the health curriculum after consultation with the school community	Attendance Focus on attendance and truancy trends	Learning Programmes ➤ Reading Recovery ➤ Numicon ➤ Early Words ➤ Steps ➤ Writers Toolbox Vision ➤ Reflection on vision, principles, values ➤ I CARE philosophy		