

Welcome back to another busy year at Thornton School with lots of academic, cultural and sporting events planned. Please remember that this is a 'wear a hat' term.

A big warm welcome to our new students - Lexie and Chey in Room 5, Arlo, Anna, Jordan and Libby in Room 2, Cohen in Room 1 and Ruben in Room 3.

We are very happy to have you here as Thornton School kids!

2020 Staffing

Room 1: (Year 1, 2, 3) - Miss Erin Moore Room 6: (Year 3/4) - Mrs Julie Harnett

Room 2: (Year 2/3) - Miss Angela Bray Room 4: (Year 5) - Mrs Odette Mitchley

Room 5: (Year 6) - Mr Carl Imlig Room 3: (Year 7 & 8) - Miss Morgan Reynolds

Sarah Marshall is our Reading Recovery teacher. Kirsten Mews is in the office. Ceciley Walker, Georgia Satherley, Tomomi Steele and Catherine Hogg continue as teacher aides. Tomomi Sensei is our Japanese teacher, Mrs Sue O'Brien is our caretaker and Mr Trevor Mews is our cleaner.

Board of Trustees:

Trevor Mews (Board Chair), Perry Panayiotou (Property), Rachel Watkins (Finance), Ashley Sturme (Health and Safety) and Michael Benner (Personnel).

Happy Birthday

January: Mason H, Holly, Ryken, Jordan G, Jayden, Eli, Lydia, Ariana, Vadym, Alisha, Rex, Beau, Lacey, Andrae

February: Abby, Harper, Bailee, Emily

Stationery

Stationery lists are on our school website and school app. Stationery can be purchased from the school office or you may like to buy your own. If parents have purchased stationery through the school then this has been given to your child's teacher and an invoice will be sent home. It would be good if all children can have their books by the of this week so that they can start using them. Please contact school if you would like us to supply stationery and invoice you.

Technology

Room 2 students attend Technology at Edgecumbe College on **Mondays** this term starting Monday 10th next week. These students will travel to Tech on the school bus and will leave school at 9am and return at 2.45pm. Students will need to wear covered shoes/sneakers and a hair tie if required. NO cell phones or mp3 players. Any student with either of these in their possession at Tech will be returned to school. There is an expectation of good behaviour from these students while out of school. The college canteen is available to our students. The Technology fee is \$92 and is due by **9 April**.

Swimming

Please remind your children to bring their togs and towels every day. Parents need to send a note to your child's teacher if they are not swimming. Our school swimming sports are on **Friday 28 February** and the Rangitaiki Interschool Swimming Sports are on **Tuesday 17 March**. We send a squad of swimmers selected from our swimming sports day to this event.

Room 2 Aquatic Camp

Room 2 children are going on camp at Lake Rotoma next week from **Tuesday 11 - Friday 14 February**. Miss Reynolds has organised a great programme for these students including kayaking, air rifle shooting, building bivouacs, orienteering and more. I will be accompanying Miss Reynolds on camp as mother (Nana!) help.

Lunches

Lunches will start in Week 3, **Wednesday 19 February** and orders will be taken and supplied on the same day. The order list is available on the school app or at the office.

2020 Term Dates

Term 1: Monday 3 February - Thursday 9 April

Term 2: Tuesday 28 April - Friday 3 July

Term 3: Monday 30 July - Friday 25 September

Term 4: Monday 12 October - Tuesday 15 December

Other holidays in term time:

Waitangi Day - Wednesday 6 February, Queen's Birthday - Monday 1 June. Labour Day - Monday 26 October.

Anzac Day is Mondayised so the first day of Term 2, Monday 27 April is a public holiday.

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

Friday 7 February	HPV Vaccination talk	Year 8 students
11 - 14 February	Room 2 Lake Rotoma Camp	Room 2 students
Tuesday 18 February	Councillor speeches	Year 8 students
Thursday 20 February	Councillor voting	Year 8 students
Friday 21 February-2.15pm	Councillor announcement	
Friday 28 February	School Swimming Sports	Whole School
Friday 13 March	1 st HPV Vaccination	Year 8 students
Tuesday 17 March	Interschool Swimming	Qualifying swimmers
Wednesday 18 March	EBOP Swimming	Qualifying swimmers
Sunday 22 March	Top School	Selected Y7&8 students
Monday 23-25 March	Room 6 Camp	Room 6 students
Wednesday 8 April	Interschool Touch	Year 5 - 8 students
Thursday 9 April	Term One Ends	

Kind Regards

Shelley Bremner

Principal