

Thornton School Newsletter 25 July 2022

Term 3 Week 1

Welcome back to Term 3. We have a busy term ahead of us as you can see from the attached calendar.



Board Election

What are school boards?

All of New Zealand's state and state-integrated schools have a school board which is the Crown entity responsible for the governance of the school.

A school's board consists of:

Parent elected representatives (usually five)

The principal of the school

A staff elected representative

The board:

- ensures every student can reach their highest possible standard in student achievement
- is the employer of all staff in the school
- sets the school's strategic direction in consultation with parents, whānau, staff, students and the wider school community
- is responsible for overseeing the management of personnel, curriculum, property, finance and administration

The following link takes you to a community member guide to the role:

https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/assets/05fbf6dda2/Community-member-guide-to-the-role-of-the-board-of-trustees_Sept-2020-v2.pdf

Please consider standing for our school board. Parents have been emailed information with a link to nominations. You can either find someone to nominate you or do a self nomination. Nominations close 12 noon Wednesday 3 August.

Interschool Hockey and Soccer

On **Friday 12 August** students from **Rooms 3, 4, 5 & 6** will be attending either hockey or soccer with the Plains schools. Hockey will be played at Otakiri and soccer at Awakeri.

We will be making teams for each code and practicing skills prior to the event. This Thursday, we will be putting a notice on the app asking for permission for children to attend and requesting parent support for the day. We require a large amount of parent support for this day!

Mask Wearing

Masks are to be worn from Year 4 up for the next four weeks. This will stop those winter germs going around and hopefully will reduce student absence due to ill health.

Covid

Our school has a supply of RAT tests if families require them. Please continue to let us know if your family/child has Covid.

TikTok Parent Webinar

TikTok parent/caregivers/whanau webinar Friday 29th July 2 - 2.45pm. It is free to register and attend.

This is an opportunity for whanau/caregivers/adults to learn about guiding our youth to be safe on line.

During this year's Netsafety Week, Netsafe is co-hosting a parents' webinar with TikTok for the very first time. This webinar focuses on online challenges on social media and aims to empower parents with knowledge of how young people engage with online challenges and how technology can be used to support online safety.

The session is also joined by Dr Amanda Third, from Western Sydney University's Young and Resilient Research Centre, a world-leading expert on online safety issues. TikTok's Safety Guide for Guardians will be distributed at this event.

Find more details and register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/tiktok-parent-webinar-tickets-383758019567>

Dune Planting - Wednesday 31 August



Each year we go to the beach area along the coastline near Thornton, to plant coastal plants like Spinifex and Pingoa plants on the dunes as part of our school's commitment to the environment.

This year we will be going on Wednesday 31 August and will be joined by Amy Hurren - Contractor to Coast Care. We

always need parent support on this day with transport and supporting the children planting. Please diary this date in your calendar.

The Launchpad Champions programme

The Launchpad Champions programme is a half hour programme on Tuesday lunchtimes. If you would like your child to participate, please complete the form on the app or phone or email the school office.

2022 - Term Start and End Dates

Term 3: Monday 25 July - Friday 30 September

Term 4: Monday 17 October - Monday 19 December

Labour Day Monday 24 October

Friends of our school:

Pacific Toyota

Bunnings Warehouse

Whakatane Printers

Cracked Pepper Catering

JNP Aviation

Pub Charity

Hubbard Contracting

Edgumbe Lions Club

Pullar Builders

Calendar

Term 2 Events:		
Week 1	Monday 25 July	Term 3 Starts
	Wednesday 27 July	DARE Rm 3
Week 3	Thursday 11 August	DARE Rm 3
	Friday 12 August	Int Hockey/Soccer
Week 4	Wednesday 17 August	Boosterix Vaccination Year 7
Week 5	Wednesday 24 August	DARE Rm 3
Week 6	Wednesday 31 August	Dune planting whole school
Week 7	Monday 5 September	Cricket skills whole school
	Friday 9 September	DARE celebration Rm 3
Week 8	Life Education	Whole school
Week 9	Monday 19 August	Stepping Out Police Education Prog Rms 1, 2, 4, 6
	Tuesday 20 August	Stepping Out Police Education Prog Rms 1, 2, 4, 6
Week 10	Monday 26 August	Stepping Out Police Education Prog Rms 1, 2, 4, 6
	Friday 30 August	ASB Financial Literacy Rms 3, 4, 5, 6
	Friday 30 August	Term 3 Ends
Week 1	Monday 17 October	Term 4 starts
	Wednesday 19 October	School Calf Club (Agricultural Day)
	Tuesday 25 October	Group Day at Otakiri

Looking forward to an exciting term.

Ngā mihi
Shelley Bremner
Principal