Newsletter

Thornton School Newsletter 20 September 2023 Week 10 Term 3

Well done to our award winners at today's assembly.

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 4	Room 5	Room 3
Citizen	Ella S	Savannah	Leah	Kensy	Zandre
Worker	Kian	Liam W	Addi	Holly	Eli
Japanese	Wynter	Ella D	Katie	Eva	Zandre
Principal's Award: Hyency Councillor's Award: Lilly W					lly W



School Pool

The school pool will be ready for swimming the first day back in Term 4 so students are to bring their togs each day. The temperature is set for at 26 degrees, so perfect for our students.

For those wanting keys for the season we'll have these organised next term too.

Agricultural Days

Calf Club/Agricultural Day is on Wednesday 11 October first week back at school after the holidays.

Group Day for those children who qualify is the following week on Monday 16 October.

School Raffle

Thank you to those who have already returned these to the school office. Tickets can still be returned next term2.

Stihl Shop - Grand Opening

This is being held on King Street Kope on Saturday 30th September. The Redward family holding a fundraising BBQ for Thornton School and we have spaces left if people wanted to come lend a hand. Big thanks to those who have already volunteered their time.

Credit Union School Sustainability Fund

Terri from Credit Union visited Room 3 today to present them with our new school weather station. Valued at over \$1000 it will enable our students to explore a wide range of topics related to meteorology, climate science, and environmental studies. Mrs Bremner has had the Room 3 students making their own weather measuring tools in the lead up to this, so this presentation was fantastic way to finish off their studies.



International Student

Lenny is our Taiwanese student who is living with the Bloms while attending our school for ten weeks. Lenny is ten years old, is in Room 5, and speaks very good English. If any school family is doing anything in the weekends or during the September holidays that you might think would be interesting for Lenny, please contact Carolyn on 0226200646.

It would be great for Lenny to have as many experiences as possible during his time in New Zealand.

Whakatāne Kiwi Trust - Kiwi Talks and Walks

The Room 4 field trip was postponed, and the children had their talk in the classroom. Their trip was rescheduled to Tuesday 19 September and they had a beautiful day for it. Thanks to all our parents who helped with transport and enjoyed the bush with the students.

Stories by our children from Room 2

The kiwi left trace evidence poo! People track kiwi because they need to know where the kiwis go. Bravely, I went past a cliff.

Ella D

I saw a mouse, little kiwi, mum kiwi, dad kiwi, hedgehogs, stoats, possums, and pukekos.

Shayne

I went tracking for kiwis.

Agamjot

On Friday, Room 2 went on a kiwi walk. We had to find wooden kiwis and we saw a weta in a weta hotel. It was fun. When we got back, we had lunch then we played. I played with William.

Reeve

Helen brought a 1 year old kiwi in but it was dead. Interestingly, when a Mother kiwi is pregnant it can't eat for a day. The egg is so big. It is bigger than a normal egg.

Briar

On Friday, some of Room 2 went for our kiwi walk. When we got higher and higher, it got muddier and slippery. I was scared but it was fun! Suddenly, my earring was hurting.

Tealah

On Friday, Room 2 went for a kiwi walk. We went in someone else's car. Nervously, we walked close to a cliff. I also saw a kiwi poop! There was lots of stairs. After the trip, I felt happy because I got a stamp.

Ella W

When I went to Room 1, I saw a fat kiwi. I got to touch it. Softly, I stroked its feathers.

Liam K

We saw a baby kiwi, dad kiwi and a mum kiwi. Then, I found a trailer in room one. We read about kiwi.

Heath

Excitedly, when it was September, a school day, the bell went. We got in cars. I only had 1 person, her name was Ella W. Everyone arrived in cars. We got out of the cars and we listened to Helen talk about kiwi then we played games like Jenga, leaf rubbing and moulding animals. My favourite was leaf rubbing, then we went for the kiwi walk. One group saw kiwi poo! Ohhh yuk.

Savannah

One hot day, on Friday, 14 people in Room 2 went on the kiwi walk. I went in Everly's mum's car. Finally, we were at Ohope Beach. We looked at the Mother kiwi, Father kiwi, and a big kiwi egg. We saw some dangerous animals for kiwi, stoats, ferrets, dogs, rats, and hedgehogs. Then, we went to play some games. Our first game was leaf rubbing, jenga, throw a bean bag and playdough. Then we went on a walk. It was very muddy.

Esmee

On Monday, Helen was teaching us about kiwis. Interestingly, she showed us a one year old kiwi but it was with no blood. Kiwis have wings but the wings are too small for them. They sleep at day time and wake up at night time. They hunt for food on the forest floor.

Brayahna

On Friday, we were at Ohope for the kiwi walk. I was so excited and we had games. Excitedly, we went to Ohope. There was jenga, playdough, leaf rubbing, and beanbag throwing but I did not play with the playdough because Ella W is allergic to gluten.

Isabella

Term 4 Dates

Week 10	Friday 22 September	Term 3 Ends	
Week 1	Monday 9 October	Term 4 starts	
Week 1	Wednesday 11 October	School Calf Club (Agricultural Club)	
Week 2	Monday 16 October	Group Day (Agricultural Club)	
Week 2	Thursday 19 October	Shake Out Day	
Week 3	Monday 23 October	Labour Day	
Week 3	Tuesday 24 October	Bikes in Schools	
Week 3	25 - 27 October	Room 5 Camp	
Week 4	Friday 3 November	School Athletics	
Week 5	Wednesday 8 November	School Photos	
Week 5	Thursday 9 November	Touch Tournament	
Week 6	Tuesday 14 November	Interschool Athletics	
Week 7	22 - 24 November	Room 4 Camp	
Week 11	Wednesday 20 December	Term 4 Ends	

Enjoy your holidays and see you back for a great term 4

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