



Newsletter

### Planning for 2024

We have started the process of creating classes and planning programmes – camps, tech etc for 2024. To support us to plan for next year we need to know about any children who are leaving our school at the end of this year (other than our Year 8 students) and any enrolments.

Please contact us as soon as possible so that we can accommodate that change in our planning as this determines our staffing and funding.

### Junior School Athletics:

Our 5 to 8 year old students will have their athletics day at school with races and round robin field events at school on Tuesday 7 November from 9am – 10.30am. Parents and whanau are invited to join us.

Please note the corrected date!!!!

### Senior School Athletics:

We are holding our day for our 9 to 13 year old students (at 1st October) at the Athletics Club, Rex Morpeth Park, Whakatane on **Friday 3 November** starting at **9.30am** and finish at **approximately 2.30pm**.

The programme of events and a permission/transport form will be on the app on Monday.

We require support with transport and help with the field events. If any parents who live in Whakatane and want to drop their child off at 9.30am and pick up at 2.30pm, please let us know. Parents and whanau are invited to come along to watch your child's events. Parent help is required with the field events please.

The qualifying heights for the high jump for the interschool event will be judged at school prior due to time constraints.

### Senior School Athletics Programme - 2023

At the moment the weather for Friday isn't looking good. We will make a call on Wednesday morning as to whether we will be postponing the senior athletics. The postponement date is the following Friday 10 November.  
Friday 3 November.

#### **Order of events:**

##### Track events:

800m (open)	Ages: 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13
60m	Ages 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13
100m	Ages 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13
200m	Ages: 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13
400m	Ages: 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13

##### Field events:

Rotation: these ages will rotate between these events:

Ages: 9 year 13 boys and girls, 10 year girls	shot put
Ages 10 year boys, 11 boys and girls	long jump
Ages: 12, 13 boys and girls	discus

Although they are mixed for numbers, they will only be competing against their age and gender.

The high jump and vortex events will be held at school.

And we finish the day with the Red, Blue and Green - House relays - 9 & 10 / 11, 12 & 13 years

### Calendar Orders

Orders and money are being sent off tomorrow (Tuesday 31 November) at 10am. We cannot take any late orders as the full order needs to be with the publishers by Wednesday and we can't add to it once it's been sent off. Contact Kirsten if you have any issues with your order form or payment. We expect the order to be back in approximately 4 weeks

### School Photos

Photos are being taken on **Wednesday 8 November**. Every child will be photographed individually and in their class photo. When the photos are ready for printing, students will bring home their PhotoLife unique shoot key. Photos can be viewed and paid for online.



**Sibling photos:** Forms are available from the school office now, if you want a sibling photo or email [kirsten@thornton.school.nz](mailto:kirsten@thornton.school.nz) and Kirsten will send one home.

### Swimming and Hats

Swimming has started so all children should be bringing their togs and towels every day. Please send a note for your child if they are unwell and not swimming. The pool is heated to a lovely 28 degrees!

This is the summer term so children need to wear hats. Please make sure your child wears one to school. From next week we will put the 'No Hat, No Play' rule where if a child doesn't have a hat outside they will need to sit in the shade.

### Literacy Week - Week 8 - Monday 27 November - Friday 1 December

During this week we will be having lots of exciting events and activities around literacy. There is a Book Fair that will be held in the school library during the week as a fundraiser for our school library.

### Term 4 Dates

Week 4	Friday 3 November	School Athletics
Week 5	Monday 6 November	Cricket Skills Rooms 3 & 5
Week 5	Wednesday 8 November	School Photos
<del>Week 5</del>	<del>Thursday 9 November</del>	<del>Touch Tournament - Cancelled</del>
Week 6	Monday 13 November	Cricket Skills Rooms 3 & 5
Week 6	Tuesday 14 November	Interschool Athletics 9 - 13 years who qualify from our day
Week 6	Wednesday 15 November	School Board of Trustees meeting
Week 7	22 - 24 November	Room 4 Camp
Week 7	Thursday 23 November	EBOP Athletics
Week 8	Monday 27 November - Friday 1 December	Literacy Week
Week 8-10	27 November to 13 December	Mobile Dental Caravan at school
Week 10	Monday 11 December	Surfing - Room 3 students
Week 10	Thursday 14 December	Surfing - Room 5 students
Week 10	Wednesday 13 December	School Prizegiving at 6.30pm
Week 11	Wednesday 20 December	Term 4 Ends

Ngā mihi nui  
Shelley