

Thornton School opens for 2025 on Friday 7 February. This will be another busy year at Thornton School with lots of academic, cultural, and sporting events planned.

Please remember that this is a 'wear a hat' and bring your swimming togs term.

A big warm welcome to our new students – Jordan, Lara, Ania, Ria, Penelope, Theo, Sahibjot, Lucia, and Lea.

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

2025 Staffing

Room 1:	Erin Moore
Room 2:	Meg McVerry
Room 4:	Odette Mitchley
Room 4:	Vanessa Court
Room 3:	Georgia Satherley

Sarah Marshall is our Structured Literacy Support teacher; Kirsten Mews is in the office, and Catherine Hogg, Perry Panayiotou and Tomomi Steele continue as teacher aides. Tomomi Sensei is also our Japanese teacher and Perry Panayiotou is also our caretaker and carer of our swimming pool.



Happy January Birthdays

Selena, Bailey, Ella, Luke, Brydie, Beau, Amelia, Shayne, Ivy

Happy February Birthdays

Isabel, Adam, Shavarnna, Patricia

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 your child is not swimming. Our school swimming sports are on **Friday 28 February**.

Interschool Swimming for those 8 to 12 year old swimmers who qualify is on **Thursday 13 February**.

Teacher Only Days – TOD 2025

Both the English and Mathematics refreshed curriculum areas were released to schools close to the end of 2024. Following that, the Ministry of Education approved two 'Curriculum Staff Only Days' to enable schools to become familiar with the refreshed curriculum.

We have a Teacher Only Day scheduled in **Week 4 Wednesday 26 February**. The school will not be open for students on this day.

I will ensure to give parents plenty of notice for the second TOD when we have the date confirmed.

Thank you for supporting our teaching team to engage with the new curriculum so as to continue to provide the best for our students.

Board of Trustees:

Rachel Watkins (Board Chair), Hayden Green and Perry Panayiotou (Property), Danielle Benner (Finance), and Jess Armstrong (Personnel). Health and Safety remains a whole board portfolio.

Accounts

Our school continues to be part of the Ministry of Education Donation Scheme, therefore costs each year for families is stationery, school camps and technology fees (Year 7 & 8 students) as these are a direct cost to our school. Our bank account: ASB 12-3253-0101698-01.

Stationery:

Our school negotiates a very good deal as we buy in bulk from our stationery provider. The stationery is held at school and will be given out in class to all children on the first day back at school.

Children can take their books home to cover if they would like. Pencils, glue sticks etc are kept as a class set.

Invoices will be sent out shortly and payment is required by **31 March**.

Payment is to be made into our school account – 12-3253- 0101698-01 with your child's name and Stationery as a reference.

Room 1 - \$45, Room 2 - \$46, Room 3 - \$33, Room 4 - \$44, Room 5 - \$25

Technology

The **Year 7 & 8** students in Room 3 will attend Technology at Edgecumbe College on **Mondays** this term starting **Monday 10th February**. These students will travel to Tech on the school bus and will leave school at 8.50am and return at 2.45pm. Students will need to wear covered shoes/sneakers and a hair tie if required.

Edgecumbe College have stipulated NO cell phones or mp3 players. Any student with either of these in their possession at Tech will be sent back to school. There is an expectation of good behaviour from these students while out of school.

Edgecumbe College has set the Technology fee as \$92. Our school pays this amount to the college on your behalf. Year 7 & 8 students parents will be invoiced for this amount which can be paid into our school account. Due **31 March** please using your child's name and Tech as a reference.

Room 3 Rotoma Camp

Thank you to those parents who have offered to come on camp with us.

Could parents email their completed child's camp forms to Miss S – georgias@thornton.school.nz as soon as possible to help us with planning please.

2025 - Term Start and End Dates

Term 1: Friday 7 February to Friday 11 April
Easter – Friday 29 March, Monday 1 April, Tuesday 2 April and Anzac Day 25 April all fall in the holidays
Holidays – Saturday 11 April – Sunday 27 April

Term 2: Monday 28 April – Friday 27 June
King's Birthday – Monday 3 June
Matariki – Friday 20 June
Holidays – Saturday 28 June – Sunday 13 July

Term 3: Monday 14 July – Friday 19 September
Holidays – Saturday 20 September – Sunday 5 September

Term 4: Monday 6 October – Friday 19 December
Labour Day Monday 27 October

Term 1 Dates

There are likely to be more dates added during the term.

Week 1		
Friday 7 February	Term One Starts	
Week 2		
Monday 10 February	Tech on Mondays	Room 3 students
11,12,13, 14 February	Rotoma camp	Rooms 3 students
Week 4		
Wed 26 February	Teacher only Day	No School for all
Friday 28 February	School Swimming Sports	All students
Week 5		
Friday 7 March	Interschool Swimming	Qualifying students
Week 6		
Thursday 13 March	EBOP Swimming Champs	Qualifying students
Week 7		
Thursday 20 March	Fun4U Day	Rms 1, 2, & 4 students
Sunday 23 March	Top School	Selected R 3 students
Week 10		
Thursday 10 April	Interschool Touch	Year 5 – 8 students
Friday 11 April	Term One Ends	

Enjoy the remainder of the holidays. May the sun carry on shining.

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