



Newsletter

Monday 19th October 2020

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Kia ora tātou

Our Shake Out drill went particularly well last week with our students taking the necessary actions quickly and correctly. The tsunami drill was the quickest time we have recorded so far, so well done to our students and staff. It is important for our students to know what action to take without confusion or fear to keep them as safe as possible should a real event occur.

Please note that our school will be closed on Tuesday 27th October (next week) for a teacher only day.

David Brock, Principal - Tumuaiki

Coming up:

Mon 19 Oct	BoT meeting 5.30pm
Thu 22 Oct	Touch rugby starts
Fri 23 Oct	Whakatau 1.30 pm
Tue 27 Oct	Teacher only day
Wed 28 Oct	Return calendar art orders
Wed 28 Oct	Soccer & netball interschool
Mon 2 Nov	Whanau meeting 3pm
Tue 3 Nov	Whanau meeting 5.30pm
Wed 4 Nov	Year 8 immunisations
Thu 5 Nov	Senior athletics
Fri 6 Nov	Junior zoo trip
Wed 11 Nov	Thames schools' athletics
Thu 12 Nov	NYLD in Auckland
Fri 13 Nov	Junior athletics
Wed 18 Nov	Thames Valley athletics
Thu 19 Nov	Thames drama event

School Terms for 2020

Term 4: Monday 12 October to Thurs 17 December

2021 Start Date & School Terms

Term 1: Tuesday 2 February to Friday 16 April

Term 2: Monday 3 May to Friday 9 July

Term 3: Monday 26 July to Friday 1 October

Term 4: Monday 18 October to Tuesday 14 Dec

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ANZ Thames 01 0455 0108122 01

School hours: 8.55am to 3pm Monday to Friday

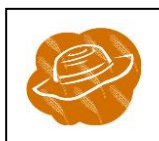
Teacher Only Day School Closed on Tuesday 27th October (next week)

Please note on your calendar that the **Tuesday after Labour weekend** is a teacher only day and school will be closed. This will mean an extra-long Labour weekend for our students.

This teacher only day has been added to the calendar by the NZEI teachers' union as part of the recent collective agreement negotiations.

Sun Hats

During Terms 1 and 4 children must wear uniform navy blue hats when outside the classroom. Children not wearing hats will play under the shade sail.



Touch Rugby

Reminder that touch rugby starts **THIS Thursday**.

Interschool Soccer & Netball: Reminder that these start on **Wednesday 28th October** next week.

Whanau Meetings

We will be holding meetings to update and korero with our local whanau on **Monday 2nd November at 3.00pm** and repeated on **Tuesday 3rd November at 5.30pm**. All are welcome to attend at either time that suits.

School Hours

School begins 8.55am *We encourage students to be here **by 8.45am***

1st break 10.50 – 11.00am (eating time) 11.00 – 11.25am (play)

2nd break 1.20 – 1.30pm (eating time) 1.30 – 1.55pm (play)

School Ends 3.00pm Monday to Friday



Please ensure that students are in class by 8.55am when the bell goes as late students disrupt the rest of the class, and can miss out on instructions for the day.

**Te rerenga korero: Kei te whakaronga koe?
Are you listening?**



Zoo Trip

Our junior zoo trip, which was planned for earlier this year, is now being held on **Friday 6th November**. The permission slips we received for the previous date will be transferred to the new date. If you do not want your child to participate, please let our office know asap.

Juicies

Juicies are available for purchase each school day from the kitchen window by 8.55am for \$1.00 each and will be delivered to classrooms at first break.



Calendar Art

Please return any orders to the school office by Wednesday 28th October, along with the payment.

Community Notices

Hey there!

Just popping in to check you have downloaded our school app?

Stay in the loop with term three events with Skool Loop.

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SPYC After School Care

Contact Ella on 027 434 6417

Saints & Angels Evening

Saturday 31st October

From 4pm to 6.30pm

At St James Church

Cnr Pollen & Pahau Streets, Thames

Come along in fancy dress for FREE fun and games, face painting, crafts and bouncy castle. Light supper after a parade of fancy dress.

Sausage sizzle \$1.

For more information contact Lynne on 868 7550.

Wintec Thames

Whanau friendly event, for all ages, is a great opportunity to speak to the team and have a look around campus.

Tuesday 27 October – 10am to 12 noon * Monday 16 November – 10am to 12 noon
Friday 4 December – 10am to 12 noon

At Thames Regional Hub, 414 Queen Street, Thames

Register your interest now to secure your place and to get reminders of the event

: <https://www.wintec.ac.nz/about-wintec/events/event/2020/10/26/default-calendar/thames-information-session>

New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Social and Community Services) (Level 4) with strands in Mental Health and Addiction Support, Social Services, Community Facilitation, Community Health Work.

This Fee Free one year, full-time programme has a February 2021 start. This programme provides students with the foundation knowledge, skills, and practical experience required to work alongside individuals, families and whānau accessing social and community services.

[https://www.wintec.ac.nz/study-at-wintec/courses/health-and-wellbeing/new-zealand-certificate-in-health-and-wellbeing-\(social-and-community-services\)-\(level-4\)](https://www.wintec.ac.nz/study-at-wintec/courses/health-and-wellbeing/new-zealand-certificate-in-health-and-wellbeing-(social-and-community-services)-(level-4))

New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (Level 5)

This 18 month full-time programme, starting in February 2021 is for those who want to work in clinical settings as an enrolled nurse and a valued member of the health team.

[https://www.wintec.ac.nz/study-at-wintec/courses/health-and-wellbeing/nursing/enrolled-nursing-\(nēhi-whakauru\)](https://www.wintec.ac.nz/study-at-wintec/courses/health-and-wellbeing/nursing/enrolled-nursing-(nēhi-whakauru))

Garden News Term 4

Hello Everyone,

We are looking forward to a busy and fun term in the garden.

Our plants are growing really well in the warm weather and the rain here and there has definitely helped. Our potatoes have all sprouted well, we have some beautiful looking cabbages on the way and the children are already enjoying the Broad beans straight from the plants. The nasturtiums are definitely making the most of it out there!

On Thursday Ali and Rod from Coromandel Pure Honey in Pauanui

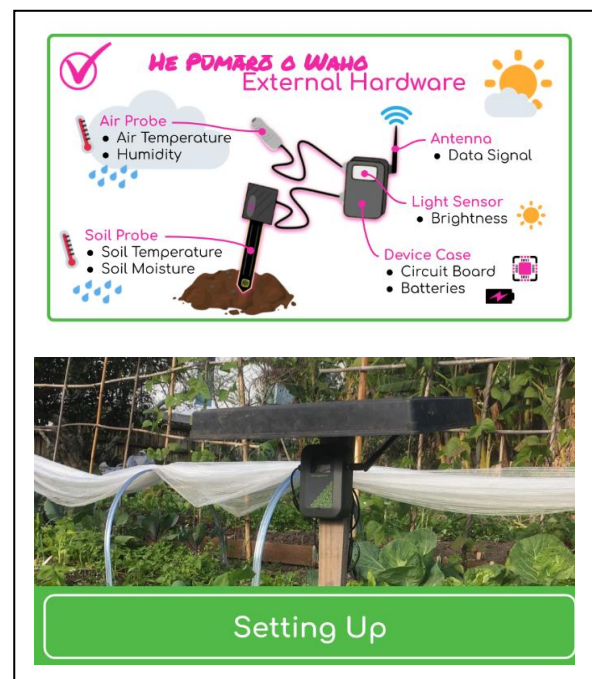
(<https://www.coropurehoney.co.nz/>) will be here at school talking to rooms 6-9 about bees. We are hoping to establish a beehive at school soon so this will be a great learning opportunity for the children.

This term we are also working on setting up our Electric Garden.

A group of students from room 6 are learning all about how to use it and set it up in the correct location. They will then share their knowledge with others so that we can all use it and look after it. The device will provide us with readings about the air and soil temperature, the soil moisture, and the sunshine in the garden. This will add scientific data and knowledge into the children's decision making about when to plant particular plants, when to water and how to care for their plants.

We have been the lucky recipients of two donations of seeds recently, one from the Organic Shop in Thames and one from the Morgan-Bevan family. Thanks so much, these are greatly appreciated. Thanks also to all the people who supported the Facebook promotion for seeds run by the Organic Shop.

Some room 8 children have already sown some of the seeds and are starting them off in their warm classroom.



Brendon, our caretaker, has replaced some of the roofing on the pool changing rooms. There is some clear roofing left over, we are hoping to build some type of plastic house for our garden with it.

If anyone has any ideas about what to build or has any wood that they could donate for the building please let us know.



Room 2 and Room 8 are learning more about the environment this month. Room 2 has scheduled a visit from Doug Ashby, our local lizard expert. Doug will share his knowledge about lizards and will give room 2 some advice about the lizard garden that they are creating.

October is Save Kiwi month and room 8 has arranged a visit from [Thames Coast Kiwi Care](#), the students will learn about making pest trackers so that they can find out what kind of animal pests are in our neighbourhood.

Last year Luke Hollis, Diego Marquez- Bernal, Luke Cryer, and Dylan Bloor ran a Bake-Off here at school. They raised some money to put towards developing our Native Garden. This spring we have purchased some beautiful native trees with these funds. Thanks, boys for your awesome efforts we look forward to watching your trees grow.

The TREEmendous Education Programme is currently running a competition for schools who wish to add to their outdoor learning areas. We will be putting together our application soon, we are thinking of asking for funds to support the set up of our beehives and perhaps the plastic house. Any ideas are welcome, applications close on 30th November. [Applying for TREEmendous – TREEmendous Education Programme](#)

As we get into this term we will harvest and cook the last of the crops we currently have in our garden. We will build up our garden beds with lots of compost and organic matter to help keep the moisture in our soil over the summer. We have been fortunate to receive some funding for an irrigation system for our garden and our wonderful garden volunteer Tony Winter will help us to install it before the end of the year. This will be a great help for keeping our plants going over summer.

The children will grow the pumpkin seeds that have been donated to us ready to plant towards the end of the term. Hopefully, over summer our gardens will be covered by pumpkin vines and we will come back to school next year with pumpkins to harvest!

This term we are also looking at increasing the number of bee-friendly plants we have in our garden. Room 4 and 5 children will be learning how to grow geraniums from cuttings. Marion Vivian has kindly offered to donate some daisy cuttings for us to grow, a great way to share plants! The children will also be growing some blue and yellow flowering plants from seed, as they have learned that bees like these colours.

Thanks for all your support and wonderful donations to our garden, helpers and visitors are always welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you all in the garden,
Claire Nankivell