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Thornton School Welcome to your first year at school

This booklet is to help you get settled
in our learning environment

So.....here we go on the pathway to success

Getting Ready

Pre enrolment visits

To help your child become familiar with the school environment, their classroom and their teacher, please contact Kirsten at our school office to organise times admin@thornton.school.nz



Enrolment

There is no right or wrong time to enrol your child at school but the school does appreciate early enrolment so planning and organisation can occur to ensure we can best meet the needs of your child. Early enrolment ensures a smooth and easy transition into school for your child.

You can visit our office with your child's birth certificate and immunisation record and any other important information about your child that you think we may need to know about, such as any allergies your child may have. This can also be completed online at our school website.

Helpful hints about school

Correspondence

We use @school as our school app. You will receive a link to log into your child's account.

Lunches

Lunch eating is supervised each day for fifteen minutes.

Supervision

Each break is supervised by a 'duty teacher' who circulates around school. Please encourage your child to seek help from the duty teacher if they have any problems during breaks, not just the Room 1 teacher.

Lost Property

Lost property is situated at the back door of our school office or in Room 1.

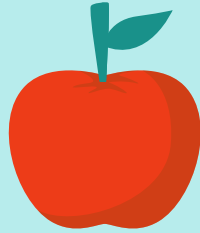
Allergies/Medicine

Please let the office know of any allergies that your child has. If you send medicine to school please go to the office to make arrangements with the office staff.

Assemblies

Full school assemblies are held on Friday afternoons, we celebrate our students with worker and citizen of the week in each classroom. These are currently holding in our Room 6 classroom.

Room 1 Teacher



Tena Koe,
Ko makeo te maunga,
Ko waiaua te awa,
Ko mataatua te waka,
Ko Te Whakatohea, Ngai Tuhoe me, Ngaiti Porou oku iwi,
Ko Erin Moore toku ingoa.

I have the privilege of transitioning New Entrants and whanau into Te Kura o Okorero, Thornton School. I teach in Room 1, our foundation class and we establish our 'I Care' Philosophy.

Our learning environment is welcoming, nurturing and fun.

Our mornings involve our core curriculum subjects interspersed with music, physical education and creativity throughout the day. Our learning is inside and outside the classroom.

Nau mai haere mai
Nga mihi

Erin Moore



School Visits

Once enrolment is completed we recommend three visits prior to your child starting school

We are flexible with these visits as every child and situation is different

These visits are a time for your child to....

Meet other children

- Get to know routines
- To see where their bag will go
- To meet their teacher and get to know them
- Ask any questions you may have

Our school day

9.00am	Morning bell to start first learning session
11.00am	Morning Tea
11.30am	Second learning session
1.00pm	Lunchtime
1.45pm	Afternoon learning
3.00pm	End of school bell



School Uniform

Our school uniform is stocked by NZ Uniforms in Whakatane. The school manages the sale of a small selection of second-hand uniform items at school. Please see the office for contact details.

The Big Day!

Welcome

Bring your child to Room 1 by 9am on their first day.

Hang up their bag and stay for a brief time, even if your child seems upset (they often settle quickly!). We do have extra support in the morning for this transition time.

The school will provide all stationery needs and you will be invoiced later in the term for these.

Your child will be tired during the first few weeks of school. Plan for 'low key' after school activities for after school

What to bring each day

- Please ensure your child has a school bag large enough to hold the following items:
- Food - snack, lunch, drink bottle
- Sunhat - during the spring/summer months (named)
- Spare clothes in case of a mishap - underwear, pants or skort, t-shirt (please name)
- Book bag - supplied by school
- Togs during swimming season

How you can help

There are several ways you can help to prepare your child for school. We find they start with increased confidence if they can:

- Use the toilet independently and wash/dry hands
- Put on or take off clothing if they are too hot/cold
- Dress themselves into togs/clothes quickly during swimming season
- Follow simple instructions
- Use a tissue correctly
- Tell an adult if they are troubled about something/someone
- Recognise their own name, especially on their uniform
- Turn the pages of a book carefully
- Sit and stay focused for a short time (listening to a story)
- Try and do all they can for themselves (eg. open food packets with their hands or use scissors)

All children are individuals and learn things at different stages and rates. Don't be overly anxious if your child cannot do things their peers can do. Remember that development is on-going