



Newsletter

## Cross Country – Friday 17 May

Our school cross country event is at our school this **Friday 17 May** for **all** of our students. Races will be run in age levels starting with the 5 year olds. Races start at 12pm.

**Approximate** race times:

5 years	12pm
6 years	12.15
7 years	12.30pm
8 years	12.45pm
9 years	1.10pm
10 years	1.40pm
11 & 12 years	2.10pm

## Interschool Rugby and Netball

Interschool **rugby** at Matata has been **cancelled** due to the weather forecast not looking good. At this stage the netball is still on. We will contact you if this changes. We are taking three netball teams to Te Teko. Thank you to those parents who have offered transport. We are leaving school around 9.15am

## 2024 BOPMCC Inter Schools MX INTER SCHOOLS MX – Friday 31 May 2024

Any Motocross school families who are considering entering your child in the 2024 Inter Schools Motocross event can do so online

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/290519>

Use Shelley Bremner [shelley@thornton.school.nz](mailto:shelley@thornton.school.nz) where the form asks for sports coordinator permission to attend.

Either ask for an invoice of the cost to be sent to school, or if you pay school will refund you the costs directly.

Friday 31 May is our last day for the Addams Family show, so please let me know if you are intending to enter your child and that they won't be available for the show that day.

## **The Addams Family Show – Important Information**

### **Transport:**

#### **Transport for rehearsals prior to the opening performance:**

School staff will provide transport for the Addams Family and Beineke characters into Whakatane for a rehearsal on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and then all the main characters and Room 3 and 5 students on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>. All of our children will go to the theatre for rehearsal on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. If any parents can offer support with transport on Tuesday and Wednesday, please let us know.

#### **Transport for performance days:**

School staff will transport **all** of our students by bus into the theatre on performance days – Thursday 23, Friday 24, Tuesday 28, Wednesday 29, Thursday 30, Friday 31 May.

#### **Transport permission:**

We will take parent notification of the transport in this newsletter as permission for your child to go into town with us. If you don't want your child to travel into Whakatane on these specified dates, please let us know.

#### **Help with transport:**

If any parent is able to help us with transport **OR** if you live in Whakatane and want to drop off and pick up your children from the theatre on their performance days, do let us know – email [kirsten@thornton.school.nz](mailto:kirsten@thornton.school.nz)

#### **Evening performances Drop Off:**

Parents need to get your children to the Little Theatre for the three evening performances – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>.

Rooms 3 and 5 students on all three nights and Rooms 1, 2 and 4 on their night.

**Potion cast:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

**Tango cast:** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May

**Moonlight cast:** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Length of performances:**

Matinee performances start at 12.30pm and evening performances start at 6.30pm. The show is approximately one hour and ten minutes long.

### **Drop off times:**

#### **Evening:**

Children need to be dropped at the back door to the Little Theatre (your children will know where to go from rehearsals) between 5.45pm- 6pm on each of the three evenings. Please don't drop them earlier than 5.45pm unless you have made an arrangement with a member of staff as when we are busy setting up the stage we keep that door locked.

Please don't send them with food or drink or bags.

#### **Daytime:**

If you have made an arrangement to drop off and pick up for the days rehearsals, please get your child to the theatre by 10am and pick up at 2.30pm.

### **Performance Days:**

Thursday 23 May – matinee and evening

Friday 24 May – matinee

Tuesday 28 May – matinee and evening

Wednesday 29 – matinee

Thursday 30 May – matinee and evening

Friday 31 May - matinee

### **Ticket Information:**

#### **Ticket Costs:**

Adults - \$10. Child up to 12 years - \$5.

#### **Evening performances – tickets:**

Tickets are on sale for the **evening** performances through iTicket.

#### **Matinee performance tickets:**

Available through our school office.

We block book seats for other schools to the matinee performances. That gives our children a full theatre to perform to. Please contact school if you want a ticket to a matinee that says it is sold out on iTicket.

### **Rest Day:**

We will be having a rest day at school on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May and have a visiting performing group coming to put a show on for the children.

## Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day is the day Aotearoa comes together to take a stand against bullying. The Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand (MHFNZ) has run the campaign since 2012, inspiring tangata to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

Our Pink Shirt Day is on Thursday 16th May. Please wear something **pink** (can be clothing, bracelet, ribbon etc) and ideally you can pay the donation through our Kindo shop, please get in touch with Kirsten if you need help with this set up. All donations will go towards providing workplaces and schools with resources to build positive environments and prevent bullying all-year round.

## 2024 - Term Start and End Dates

- Term 2:** Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July  
King’s Birthday – Monday 5 June  
Matariki – Friday 28 June  
Holidays – Saturday 6 July – Sunday 21 July
- Term 3:** Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September  
Holidays – Saturday 28 September – Sunday 13 October
- Term 4:** Monday 14 October – Thursday 19 December  
Labour Day Monday 28 October

## Term 2 Dates:

Thursday 16 May	Pink Shirt Day	All students
Friday 17 May	School Cross Country	All students
20 – 31 May	Little Theatre	
Monday 27 May	Strike Performance	All students
Monday 3 June	Kings Birthday Weekend	
Thursday 6 June	Int. Cross Country	Qualifying runners
Thursday 13 June	EBOP Cross Country	Qualifying runners
Friday 21 June	Movie Night	All students
Friday 28 June	Matariki Public Holiday	
Friday 5 July	Pyjama Day Fundraiser	All students
Friday 5 July	Term 2 Ends	

Ngā mihi nui  
Shelley Bremner