



Newsletter



Happy April Birthday to:

Oliver E, Elena, Ayla, Isla, Luisa, Georgia, Caio, and Liam K

Touch Tournament

Due to insufficient transport we are now only taking three teams to the Touch Tournament in Awakeri this Thursday. The children who are keen to go have been put in to these teams and these parents have been notified by email. Thank you to those parents who are taking transport and support.

The Addams Family

Our show is getting scarily close (very appropriate as we are putting on the Addams Family).

The children have been learning lines, dances, and where to be onstage.

We have loved having Sam McLeod at school helping the children with their dances.

We take over the Little Theatre on Monday 20 May and will be taking some of the main cast in on those first two days.

All students will be going in to the theatre between 23rd & 31st May.

We will be taking a bus into Whakatane and will be asking for permission (and possibly some help with transport) closer to the time.

Potion cast:

Matinee and evening performance Thursday 23rd May

Matinee performance Friday 24th May

Tango cast:

Matinee and evening performance Tuesday 28th May

Matinee performance Wednesday 29th May

Moonlight cast:

Matinee and evening performance Thursday 30th May

Matinee performance Friday 31st May

Touch Tournament

Due to insufficient transport we are only taking three teams to the Touch Tournament in Awakeri this Thursday. The children who were keen to go have been put in to these teams and these parents have been notified by email. The weather forecast doesn't look good for this event. We will notify those parents who are providing transport as soon as we hear tomorrow morning.



Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

Hubbard Contracting Limited has generously donated sausages for a school fundraiser. So, we are selling sausages in bread this Friday 12 April for \$2. Orders can be made online through the Kindo app from tomorrow afternoon or by bringing

in coins on the day.

Hubbards are a small family owned and operated business in Whakatane who support our school. They can deliver any transportation, earthworks, grading of roads, material carting, fence building, sealing needs.

Contact Jason or Becks

Health Education Consultation

Our school consults with our school community and produces a written statement about how our school will implement health education every two years.

This is a requirement under the Education and Training Act 2020.

This document will be available on our school app and website from tomorrow afternoon.

If you have any ideas as to how we might strengthen the health and physical education programmes, or have suggestions for other opportunities for our school to provide to enhance student learning in health and physical education, please send me an email shelley@thornton.school.nz

Consultation will close on Friday 3 May – the first Friday after the school holidays.

Once we consider any feedback, we will adopt our health statement for the next two years. The statement is aligned with our school strategic plan and outlines what and how health will be taught in our school

Cellphones at School

As you may be aware the Government has introduced regulations that require all state schools to put in place school rules regarding the use of cell phones. At school we have needed to do very little to implement the government's policy on cell phones, as we already had a no phones policy.

These rules are designed to ensure that the learning of all children is maximised, while minimising any potential for distraction and cyber-bullying. We strongly recommend students do not bring devices to school with them. If a student does bring a cellphone, these must be handed to the teacher to be locked for the day.

It is important to note that if students do make the decision to bring a cellphone on to school grounds, they do so at their own risk. The school is not responsible for any loss or damage caused to any cellphone.

We understand that some parents like their children to have a phone to communicate with them after school, therefore phones will be returned to children prior to after school pick up.

If a parent or caregiver needs to contact their child urgently during the day, they should call the school office.

A Ministry of Education flyer about the government's new phone regulations is available on our school app and our school cellphone policy is available on SchoolDocs.

Swimming

The classes are still swimming with the weather being so mild for this time of the year and the water temperature is a pleasant 28 degrees.

The swimming pool will be closing at the end of the holidays so there won't be any swimming next term.



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 23 October

Term 2 Dates:

18 th – 22 nd March	Zero Waste programme	All students
Thursday 21 March	Fun4U Day	Rms 1, 2, & 4 students
Sunday 24 March	Top School	Team & Cheerleaders
Monday 25 March	Fire Station Trip	Rooms 1 & 2
Monday 12 April	Term 2 starts	All students
Wednesday 1 May	BSLA Hui	Room 1 & 2 parents
Wednesday 15 May	Int. Rugby & Netball	Year 4 -8
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
Friday 28 June	Matariki Public Holiday	
Friday 6 July	Pyjama Day Fundraiser	All students
Friday 6 July	Term 2 Ends	

The school term is over at the end of this week. It has been a busy term with lots happening. Term 2 looks to be just as exciting, especially with our show onstage in Week 4.

Have an enjoyable and relaxing holiday.

Nga mihi nui
Shelley Bremner
Principal

Community Notices:

Plains Junior Football Club

For players aged 4-13.

Registration forms can be downloaded from the Plains Football Club website www.sporty.co.nz/PJFC.

Any queries contact:

Scott Holmes - 0272245470 or email plainsjfc@gmail.com

Edgecumbe Junior Hockey

Players from 4 years plus.

Phone: Ma Fry 3049572 or Diane Harvey, 021262 3558

Tai Mitchell Muster

Calling all Rugby Players aged 11-13 attending a school in the Rangitaiki area.

We have TAI MITCHELL MUSTER for girls and boys at 4.30pm this Friday 12th April at the Edgecumbe RUGBY CLUB. ALL welcome.

The Rangitaiki Tai Mitchell Coaches and Managers

Whakatane Sports Fishing Club

Extend an invitation to all schools of Eastern Bay of Plenty to participate in the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council, Youth Nationals. This event aims to engage children in an Exciting experience centred around the sport of fishing. This event takes place from the 13th of April to the 27th of April. The registration fee is \$5 per person.



Please visit <https://www.nzsportfishing.co.nz/nzsfc-youth-nationals-2024/> for more information regarding the rules of the tournament.