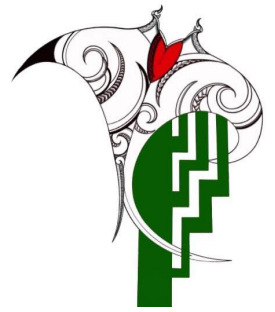


# Te Kura o Te Kauaeranga

## Thames South School



### PĀNUI - NEWSLETTER

**Rāmere 27 o Whiringa-ā-nuku 2023**

Tēnā tātou e te whānau,

He mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa. Our term is moving along swiftly and we have heaps on the go. Last week we took an active part in the Get Spotted – Melanoma Awareness mahi. This is vital as we move into a summer that is expected to be long and scorching! Ngā mihi ki a tātou katoa mo te tautoko.

We have continued our mahi with The Basket Hauraki and Matua Shaked and the whānau have helped us prepare and plant out the māra kai up at the Hauraki Terrace papa tākaro. The kumara tipu and cucumber seedlings will need kaitiaki, so feel free to help with watering this kai destined to feed our community. We are also inching closer to planting our māra kai here at the front of kura too with kumara and watermelon. Ngā mihi maioha ki a koutou – The Basket Hauraki.

Ngā Kaitiaki o ngā Pī have now grown our 2 bee whare to 3 storeys, and are in the process of creating another bee whare. The kura will be working on making a range of safe water stations for our bees to have an inu safely. We have been gifted a beautiful bird bath by the late Whaea Penny, this will be our first water station for our bees.

We have fundraising initiatives on the go from next week on. These funds will be going towards our Year 8s leaver's taonga. \$1 iceblocks and \$2 juicies will be available at lunchtimes.

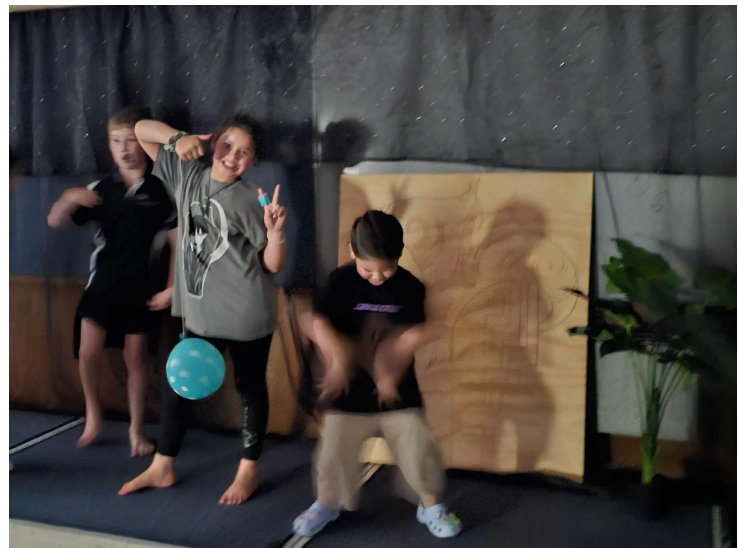
Next Friday we will be taking part in Gumboot Friday. Our tamariki are encouraged to bling their gumboots out on the day and bring a koha for the official Gumboot Friday kaupapa. The iceblocks and juicies sold on the day will go towards our contribution as a kura.

Mauri ora e te whānau!

Whaea Barbara Hetaraka

## Melanoma Awareness Week

What a fantastic week - thank you to everyone who participated in this week - fingers crossed we have done enough to get ourselves in the draw for that \$20,000 Lidgard Shades Spot Prize!! We raised \$278.00 selling cupcakes and \$303.00 from the disco and selling UV wristbands. We still have wristbands available at the office - \$3 each



# ADMIN UPDATE

## Important Dates:

1 November - Inter-school Athletics Day at Moanataiari  
3 November - Gumboot Friday  
7 - 9 November - Whole School Noho - Tapu School  
20 November - ToD  
22 November - BoT Hui  
27 - 30 November Water Safety Lessons  
9 December - Santa Parade & Whānau Day  
11th December - Year 8 Leavers Dinner  
12th December - Prize-Giving  
13 December - Last day for tamariki  
14 December - Last day for kaiako  
30 January 2024 - Kura opens for 2024!

Whole School Camp Fee is due - \$15 per person, please pay at the office or into the school account with camp as reference along with your tamaiti's name:  
*(Account details below)*  
**Thames South School**  
**06-0457-0147387-00**

## Celebrations:

- Thank you to TCDC Creative Communities NZ for your generous donation toward our project 'Sense of Identity' - we will be engaging a carver to create pou in our kura - watch this space!
- Thank you to Glenice & John Gallagher Foundation for their donation toward our 2024 Surf Life Saving venture - this will fund both the learning pathway and transport.

## Short 'n Sweet Fun Meet - Sat 28th October

Thames Swim Club's annual Short 'n Sweet Meet is just around the corner, and we would love to see children from your school come along and have a go at racing in a fun, relaxed atmosphere.

This event is a carnival-style meet which would suit anyone who can swim 25m+ and especially those who enjoy school swimming sports.

Anybody can enter (you do not even need to belong to a swim club), and there are treats for all participants, plus ribbons and medals up for grabs!

And the other great thing is that it is usually over by lunchtime!

Head to our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ThamesAmateurSwimmingClub> for the google.doc entry form and more information.

We hope to see lots of new faces there!

Kind Regards  
TASC Committee



*The Skool Loop App is completely free for whānau - get the app to connect with kura. This is a great way to communicate when your tamaiti is away. There are no costs associated with any of the features used within the app.*

*The app is funded by local advertisers who use the platform to advertise their businesses.*

# Kura Updates

## Te Hāpai Ō & Te Haeata

On Thursday, Te Hāpai Ō and Te Haeata walked up to the Hauraki Terrace Māra to help Matua Shaked, The Basket Whānau and Te Kōhanga Reo o Matai Whetū to weed and prepare the māra.

Planted in the Māra are kūmara and kūkama for the hāpori to enjoy shortly.

Kia pai tō mahi tamariki mā!



# Kura Updates

## Te Amorangi



Over the last couple of weeks, Te Amorangi have been extending themselves as leaders and readying themselves for the future. We ran a really successful voting day, where all our tamariki were able to vote for their preferred lunchtime activity. The options to choose from were an obstacle course, mini-games, a movie and karaoke. The movie won, followed closely by karaoke. Tamariki were also able to see what voting looked like when voting for our government and political parties.

Our year 8s spent an afternoon, at Thames High School, meeting some students who already attend, and got to find out what it might be like next year. We were also treated to a “Royal” tour of Thames High School (thanks Royal!).



Mouthguards are compulsory  
Supply your own refs  
Refs will be allocated for finals

Entries to:  
[susanhindstvb@gmail.com](mailto:susanhindstvb@gmail.com)

Years 5 / 6 - 3 x 3 -  
Saturday 18th  
November  
Years 7 / 8 - 5 x 5 -  
Saturday 25th  
November



### SANTA PARADE HUI

Kia Ora e te whānau,  
If you can help with the santa parade float please come to our hui on Wednesday 1st November at 3:15 pm.  
Ngā mihi!

Do you know of anyone with a mobile shearing stand that would be willing to donate their time to come and shear our four lambs at Kura?

We would like to try and get them shorn by 3/11/2023 so that the tamariki can use their fleece to make poi while we are at camp.

Contact Whaea Mel if you can assist us!

