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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK / WHAKATAUKI

"A crank is a man with a new idea, until it catches on." Mark Twain 1835-1910 American Writer

TERM ONE DATES TO NOTE

15 Feb	BoT workshop
16 Feb	Golf starts Music lessons start
19 Feb	Yr 3-8 swimming trip
20 Feb	Garden competition
22 Feb	Technology
23 Feb	Swimming sports- whole school outdoor pool
27 Feb	Yr 3 – 8 swimming trip
5 Mar	Swimming sports- yr4-8 indoor pool
8 Mar	Technology
9 Mar	Ki-o-rahi competition
20 Mar	St John student ed. day
22 Mar	Technology
29 Mar	Bikewise day
30 Mar	Good Friday
2-3 April	Easter Monday & Tuesday
5 April	Technology
6 April	Interschool softball tournament
10 April	Rugby & netball tournament
12 April	School assembly
13 April	End of term

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

First week done.

It is nice to see the classes settled and establishing good routines; there is a nice, positive buzz around the school. Although I am not a fan of using air conditioning in the classroom, I had to relent on Monday afternoon! Our thoughts go out to Toni Thatcher, our cleaner and Rose & Cody's mum, who fell on Friday while in the pool area, badly breaking her arm and dislocation her elbow. She

has had surgery and may be off work for three months.

Thanks to Kirsty Lacy who helped out with cleaning on Monday and the children who have cleaned since. Although this is not a long term solution, it doesn't hurt them to learn to clean. One thing I love about this school is how everyone chips in in times of need.
Ewan Starkey

TEMPORARY CLEANER REQUIRED

Can everyone put the word out that we require a cleaner for up to three months? The hours are 3pm-5pm five days a week. Contact the office if you are interested or can suggest someone we can approach.

CLASSROOM NEWS- JUNIOR CLASS

With the weather being a dominant feature at the moment, the junior class have been investigating temperature as their maths and writing topic when working with Matua Ewan.



They have become quite adept at ordering liquids from hottest to coldest and using thermometers to measure the temperature. They have also asked some great inquiry questions such as "How hot is lightning, lava, the pool, the sun and my mouth."

SAM GETS PUBLISHED

Congratulations to Sam Fincham for getting a piece of art work published in the latest edition of Toitoti: A Journal for Young Writers and Artists. Sam was given a poem, Black Shadows, to illustrate. See later in the panui for the poem and Sam's illustration as they appear in the book.



Sam and her painting

SCHOLASTIC ORDERS

ISSUE 1 is attached. Please have your orders returned to the office by Thursday 22 February. Or you can order online at www.bookclub.scholastic.co.nz

DUFFY BOOKS IN SCHOOLS

We are participating in this programme this year. Each child will receive at least 4 free books during the year. Attached is the order form to order a choice of two books per child this offer 1. Please read instructions carefully, and return order form to school office **by Thursday 15th February**.

ANNUAL FORMS TO COMPLETE:

Please complete each attached form, and return to the office as soon as possible, so that we have your most up to date information.

+INTERNET SAFETY AGREEMENT

+GENERAL PERMISSION SLIP

+CONFIRMATION OF STUDENT DETAILS FORM

MUSIC LESSONS

Music lessons start on Friday. There is the option for the children to buy the instrument they are learning to play. Recorders are \$15.50 each. And three quarter size guitars are approximately \$125.00.

DEEP WATER PRACTISE

On the **Monday 19th & Wednesday 27th Feb** the **year 3-8 children** will be travelling by bus to the High School pool for swimming lessons. This trip is essential for the children to learn to swim in deep water as our school pool does not do this. It will also be a chance for the teachers to assess the children's abilities to swim lengths so that they can enter the correct events in our upcoming swimming sports. We will be departing Owhangō at 12noon. **Please complete the permission slip to cover both days and return to the office by this Friday 16th February.**

RURAL SCHOOLS SWIMMING SPORTS

On **Friday 23rd February** the **whole school** will be travelling to Taumarunui outdoor pool, Turaki Street, to participate in the Rural Schools Swimming Sports which includes Kaitieke and Manunui schools. The juniors will be participating in some fun activities in the peanut pool and those able to do width races can enter in these too. After the width races the length races commence. This is a fun day with participation rather than competition being the focus.

We are travelling to this event by cars and are requesting transport from parents or caregivers. We will be leaving not long after 9 am from Owhangō School and returning at 2pm. Please fill out the form below, and return by Friday 16th.

DONATED MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

A big thank you to the Fincham family for donating a guitar and two recorders, and to Louise Starkey (my sister) who has also donated a guitar.

SWEET CORN FOR SALE

Corn for sale at .50c per cob. Order from Rachel 027 434 1391 or she will be at the School gate on Friday 3.00pm.

ANSWER PHONE

We now have an answer phone at school. It will be cleared at 8:30am and 3:00pm. If the answer phone clicks in straight away that means someone is already on the phone, so you can either leave a message or call again later. Please note our school phone number is 07 895 4823 (the 895 4853 is for the fax number only)

FACEBOOK PAGE

Thanks to all of the families that have returned the Facebook permission slips. We are waiting for a few families to return their permission slips before going live with the page. I am attaching another permission slip to your newsletter if you have not returned one yet. Therefore if there is another permission slip attached then can you please return it tomorrow so we can get this going?

HOMEWORK OPTIONAL

It is my belief that when children go home from school they need to be playing, helping around the home, seeing friends, getting muddy, making things and not doing more school work. If the children are not learning something at school then we will look at how we are teaching it rather than give the child more to do at home. There is little evidence that homework is beneficial to their learning. Therefore I am making homework optional. Teachers are still giving work to take home and this will continue to be marked by the teachers, but there will be no pressure on families that spend their family time on other activities.

GARDEN COMPETITION

Entry forms need to be returned **tomorrow 15 February** for planning to continue.

DESIGN CHALLENGE 1- SPORTS SHED DOOR

On the back of this newsletter is an optional homework exercise for the children. It is to design what should be painted on the new sports shed door.

SURPLUS TO REQUIREMENT

I have had a big clean out over the school holidays and we have a couple of items that are surplus to requirement.

- 1 single divan bed base with storage space underneath in good condition but no mattress.
- 1 soft wooden framed chair also in good condition but needing recovering.

Although they are listed as 'free to a good home' a donation to the PTA would also be much appreciated.

2018 TERM DATES

Term 1 7 February – 13 April
Term 2 30 April – 6 July
Term 3 23 July – 28 September
Term 4 15 October – 20 December

PAYING BY INTERNET BANKING

Stationery & sports fees to Westpac 030 426 0141783 00

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PTA Westpac 030 426 0156205 00

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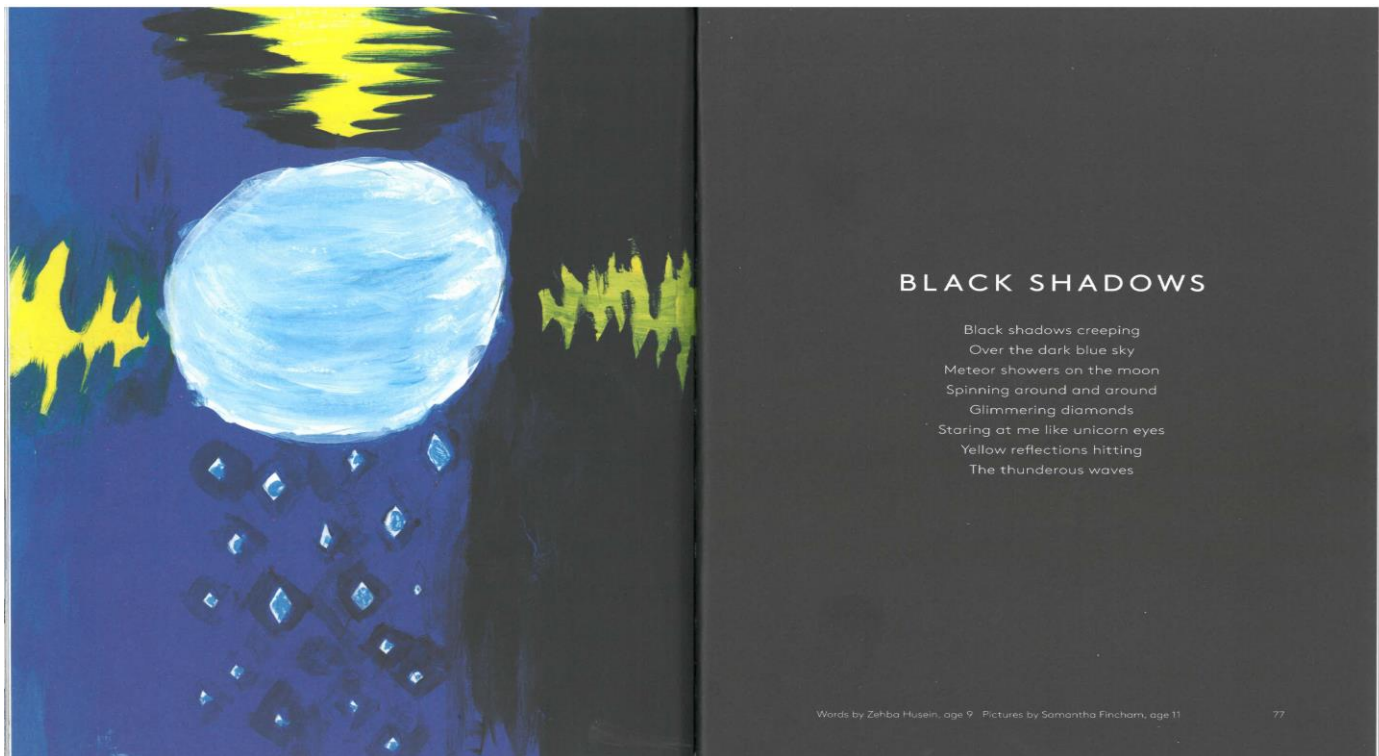
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Sam Fincham's painting as it appears in Toitoti: A Journal for Young Writers and Artists edition 10

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DEEP WATER PRACTISE SWIMMING - HIGH SCHOOL POOL

Date Monday 19th February & Wednesday 27th February

Family Name _____

My child / ren _____ **have permission to go on these two swimming trips.**

I enclose \$ _____ **Signed** _____

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Rural Schools Swimming Sports - Town pool Turaki Street

Friday 23rd February, 2018.

Family Name _____

My child / ren _____ **have permission to go on this trip.**

TRANSPORT

Please tick your choice

I am able to provide smokefree, seatbelted transport for _____ children, in a registered and warranted vehicle that will be driven by a fully licensed driver who adheres to all traffic regulations.

OR

I am unable to assist with transport and **enclose \$2 per pupil for transport cost.**

I will be sending a booster seat for my child YES / NO

If you are assisting with transport:

Name of driver _____

Car Registration Number _____

Cell phone number if taking one _____

I enclose \$ _____ **Signed** _____