



Tauriko School

LEARNING TODAY
LEADING TOMORROW

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Kia Ora and greetings to parents, whanau and friends of Tauriko School

A warm welcome back to students and families/whanau who are returning to Tauriko School after the summer holiday break. A huge warm Tauriko welcome also to those new students, families and staff who join us for the first time this year.

The 2012 school year promises to be a busy and exciting one. Strategically the school will continue its journey in developing a curriculum that delivers the New Zealand Curriculum (NZC) and reflects the aspirations of its community. Often during the year parents/whanau will be invited to share their thoughts and opinions around various aspects of learning at Tauriko School which will be invaluable in supporting the school to develop its curriculum further.

Different workshops will also be offered for parents/whanau throughout the year to support you to grow your understanding of what learning looks like at school and how you might grow your roles as partners in your child's learning and development. The first of these will be "**Partnership In My Child's Learning**". This workshop will outline how Tauriko School works in partnership with families around their child(ren)'s learning. It will incorporate information about reporting to parents/whanau, NZC National Standards and answer any questions parents/whanau may have. The date for this meeting is Wednesday 22 February at 6:30pm. Please book to attend this workshop at the school office or on our website by Monday 20 February: [see our website](#)

At the end of last year the new etap data base in our school allowed us to collate and analyse student progress and achievement data. Reports utilising this 2011 data will be shared with the Board and school community shortly that enable us to plan for improvement in student learning, progress and achievement across the school. Teachers are already able to use this data to inform their teaching practice and plan for learning for their new classes.

Indeed, all teaching staff have been in school for three days of professional development prior to school starting for children this year. Staff have also spent time setting up exciting learning environments for their new classes and I want to thank them for their passion and commitment in their work and I know that your children will start of the year with real enthusiasm.

After getting to know your children at the beginning of this year, staff look forward to **Learning Partnership Meetings** with parents/whanau and students on the **29 February & 1 March**. These meetings are an opportunity to set learning goals for the next steps in your child(ren)'s learning. Notices will be sent home shortly for parents/whanau to book a time with their child(ren)'s teacher.

WAITANGI DAY

Monday February 6 is Waitangi Day. A special dawn service at Hopukiore (Mount Drury) commemorating the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi starts at 6:30am. As a school we would like to be part of Tauranga's celebrations. I will be attending this service with my family. Any children and their families who would like to join me could do so. It would be great if children could represent the school and attend in their school uniforms. See you there!

The Tauranga City Library also has a day of celebration on this day "The Spirit of Waitangi". The staff invite you to discover which Tauranga chiefs signed teTiriti o Waitangi, to listen to guest speakers, to enter the "Spirit of Waitangi" competition, to enjoy special performances by kapahaka groups and exhibits by local artists.

Let's celebrate the coming together of different cultures.

A big thank you to **Eagle Transport** (849 SH29, Tauriko) who support our school often during the year by taking waste of all sorts. It is great to be part of a community that looks after its school and we do appreciate their kind support.

STAFF - 2012

Principal	-	Suzanne Billington	
Associate Principals	-	Clare Spiers	Lisa Rose
Team Leader	-	Rochelle Jensen	Anna Mackinnon
Room 2	-	Anna Mackinnon	New Entrants – Yr 1-4 Team Leader
Room 3	-	Clare Spiers / Lou Alexander	Year 1 / 2
Room 4	-	Clare Tammik	Year 1 / 2
Room 5	-	Andrea Lockett	Year 3 / 4
Room 6	-	Jo Te Whaiti	Year 3 / 4
Room 7	-	Lynda Palfrey	Year 3 / 4
Room 9/10	-	Lisa Rose / Jill Taylor	Year 7 / 8
Room 11	-	Rochelle Jensen	Year 5 / 6 – Yr 5-6 Team Leader
Room 12	-	Maree Logan / Natalie van Dijk	Year 5 / 6
Room 13	-	Joanne Meehan	Year 5 / 6
Teacher Aides	-	Joy Bardsley, Karin Finn, Kathy Ball	
Website	-	Lesley Pritchard	
Office Manager	-	Kay Taylor	
Office Assistant	-	Leana Ellis	
Caretaker	-	Jon Bell	

SCHOOL HOURS

School begins promptly for all children at 8.30am. Children are encouraged to be at school 10 – 15minutes earlier to have time to get ready for the school day. At the end of the day, all classes have **learning reflection time** between 2.20pm – 2.30pm. For the first few weeks could parents please refrain from entering classes during this time whilst routines are established for this very important time of the day. Thank you.

Morning Tea – 10am – 10.20am

Lunch 11.45am – 12.30pm

School finishes for the day at 2.30pm

CLASS NEWSLETTERS

Each class teacher sent home a class newsletter at the beginning of this week outlining for parents important information at the beginning of the school year. Many teachers are looking for parents to assist in a variety of different ways this year, if you are able to help please let them know. If you can help this would be much appreciated

REMINDERS

All children require the following at school each day:

- *a hat*
- *a water bottle*
- *swimming togs and towel in a waterproof bag*
- *shorts for PE and Sports*

ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent from school please phone the School Office 5430430 or alternatively submit an absence report via our website to report his / her absence before 8.15am. If your child is absent without notification you will receive a call from the school to ensure your child is safely with you or a Caregiver. When your child returns to school please ensure they bring a note from home explaining their absence – this allows us to enter information correctly on our electronic attendance system.

BUSES

All children who are required to travel home on a school bus must have a permission slip signed by their parent. This form was sent home on Tuesday 31 January, please return it at your earliest convenience if your child will be travelling home by bus.

LAKES BUS – for those children who wish to travel home on this bus, there is a cost **\$15 per child per term** – the fee for Term 1 is due by **10th February**. Please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter if you wish your child to travel home on the Lakes Bus.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

School lunches are available every day of the week –

Subway -Monday / Tuesday lunch orders can be placed in the lunch bucket in your child/s classroom \$5 - \$7.00 – list available from the school office.

Duck In Bakery - Wednesday / Thursday / Friday \$3.00

If you require a Lunch Order list for either Subway or Duck-inn – please call into the school office to collect one.

Both of these forms are also available for downloading on the school website www.tauriko.school.nz

We look forward to a wonderful year together.

Kind regards



Suzanne Billington
PRINCIPAL

HELEN O'GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY

CONFIDENCE, GOOD COMMUNICATION SKILLS, SELF-EXPRESSION, PUBLIC SPEAKING AND SOCIAL SKILLS can be developed in ALL children, through a comprehensive SPEECH AND DRAMA programme.

The **HELEN O'GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY** will again be offering after- school classes at **Tauriko School** for children from 5-12 years starting **Thursday 9 February** from 2:30 till 3:15pm in the PAC.

Lessons will include speech, music and movement and creative drama in an atmosphere that emphasises cooperation and fun. In Term 4, all children will be involved in a scripted production.

If you would like to enrol your child for Term 1 or discuss any aspects of the programme please phone **Camilla May** (Academy Principal) on **576 4400** or email hogradybop@yahoo.co.nz by Wednesday 8 February. The cost for 9 weeks of lessons 9th Feb – 5th April is \$108.00 – payable to Helen O'Grady Drama Academy.

ONE DAY SCHOOL

Last year the 'One Day School' held a class on site at Tauriko School one day a week. This year they will be continuing with this in Room 14.

LEARN GUITAR / KEYBOARD / UKELELE in 2012!

Contact Alex Price now!

Phone: 0275609908

Email: alex@schoolofguitar.co.nz

I'm a full time musician in a current successful originals Pop/Rock band, I have a degree in Media Arts and Commercial Music from the Waikato Institute of Technology and I'm keen to share skills and experience! For more information head to - www.schoolofguitar.co.nz

SPANISH LESSONS

If you would like your child to have Spanish Lessons this term (after school) –please contact the school office by Tuesday 7th February. Lessons will be held after school. We will need to establish how much interest there is before the class will go ahead or not.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons will be available after school this term (depending on numbers). Can you please phone the office if you would like your child to attend these lessons or contact Tessa on atwell@xtra.co.nz. Classes will start at 2.45pm and 3.15pm for more advanced swimmers.

Traffic Management Update



Welcome to the 2012 school year.

All the school buses are running and we encourage all children to catch the school bus where possible to prevent dangerous afternoon congestion at the school gate. The Lakes/Cambridge Road bus, combined with high usage on the Belk Road and Omanawa Road buses last year reduced congestion significantly. However everyone needs to play their part in keeping the drop off/pick up bay free for occasional pick-ups rather than everyday use. It will keep access to the school safer for everyone.

In particular, the Lakes/Cambridge Road bus is a subsidised "use it or lose it" bus. If the bus is not well used it will be lost and everyone will be faced with afternoon queues that stretch back towards the Cambridge Road intersection and long waits in the middle of the SH29.

Please use one of the Lakes/Cambridge Road bus stops rather than driving past them – they all have good parking areas. It is also a good opportunity to meet other parents. The stops are:

1. Lakes Boulevard bus stop
2. Lakeview Quay bus stop
3. Landing Drive / Pumice Glade bus stop
4. #514 Cambridge Road (The Manor Café)
5. Cnr. Cambridge Road / Miles Lane
6. Cnr. Cambridge Road / Echo Valley Way
7. Cambridge Road / opposite Westridge Drive
8. Cambridge Road / St Andrews Drive
9. Cambridge Road / just before Sterling Gate Drive
10. Tauranga Boys' College (13th Avenue)

The Lakes/Cambridge Road bus is \$15 per term per child (approximately 30c per trip) or \$12 per term per child for three or more children in a family. If you have young children then it is a good idea to work with other parents at the bus stop to make sure that children are never left alone if a parent is late.

If you do need to come into the pick-up/drop off bay in the afternoon please try to arrive after 2:30pm to leave good access for the school bus. If you are waiting in the line of traffic that is turning into the drop-off bay, try to keep your wheels straight so that you are not pushed into oncoming traffic if someone accidentally clips your car from behind. It is also a good idea to keep your brake lights on for extra visibility.

Please fill in the Bus Booking form in the school office or on the website www.tauriko.school.nz

Names of children catching the 'Lakes' bus:

Amount included \$15.00 per child per term:

SCHOOL PARKING AND DROP-OFF BAY

Coming and going from the School continues to be of concern. To ensure everyone's safety, please note the following:

- *Transit NZ governs the number of car park spaces the school can have being on a State Highway. Please be considerate and leave the parking spaces in the car park for those with New Entrant children, and those new to our school and those on school business*
- *There is designated parking across the road from school*
- *The parking in front of the Tauriko Settlers Hall is owned by the Tauranga City Council and is leased by the Playcentre when open, this area is not in the schools jurisdiction and you park there at your own risk*
- *During the school day, between the hours of 8.30am – 2pm it is usually safe to park in the Drop-Off Bay, however after 2pm we need to allow access for buses and pick-ups*
- *Use the Drop-Off / Pick up Bay at the front of the School before and after school. All children are taken out there and supervised by teachers.*
- *Try to come a little later at the end of the day – e.g. 2.40pm – 2.45pm. Please do not come before 2.30pm*

Thank you.

Let's work together in keeping all of our children safe!

COMMUNITY NEWS

TECT ARENA JNR FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Starting Sun 19 Feb – Grading Year 3-6 teams Games between 2 & 4pm 6 weeks - \$150 per team. For more information ; call 0800baypark(229727) ex 6000www.baypark.co.nz under community page



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