

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

Walking around the school it is wonderful to see how settled and focused children are in their learning at this early stage of the year. Children are setting new goals for learning with their teachers and I know they will be eager to share these with you at the **Learning Partnership Meetings** on **29 February** and **1 March**. We look forward to meeting with all parents/whanau over these two days to support children to have a great start to learning for the 2012 school year. A notice went out at the beginning of this week for families to indicate a period of time that would suit them for these meetings. It would be helpful for the office staff if return slips could be back at school by Friday 24 February.

Tauriko School Website: www.tauriko.school.nz

We have had many positive comments recently about our school website and how useful this is. Feedback like this is great and much appreciated by Lesley Pritchard who works hard to ensure the website is useful and up to date for all its visitors.

On the website home page at the bottom of the page you will find a range of useful links:

There is a link to update your family's contact details should these change, to notify the school of your child's absence and to inform the school about any changes to travel for your child(ren) on the school bus system...

Parents are able to notify the school office of any changes to how / when their child goes home on the bus. The forms are "*Casual Bus Booking Form*" and "*Not Travelling on Bus Form*". This will make it easier for parents/caregivers trying to access the school as we are aware that with two phone lines it is difficult to get us on the phone at times.



The **Absence Notification Form** is useful if school phones are tied up. It is also a Ministry requirement that a note must be sent to the Classroom Teacher advising them of the reason for absence. If parents/caregivers fill in this absence form with the reason for absence this requirement is covered. We will print out the form and keep it with the child's records.

On the left hand side of the home page you will find a link to "Our School" which has a lot of useful information which includes...

- [Photos of the School](#)
- [School Prospectus](#)
- [School Charter](#)
- [National Standards](#)
- [School Enrolment](#)
- [Map of the School](#)
- [School Fees/Stationery 2012](#)
- [Starting School at Tauriko](#)
- [School Expectations/Rules](#)
- [Reporting to Parents](#)
- [Behaviour Management](#)
- [What to do if you have a Concern](#)
- [Homework](#)
- [Year 7 & 8 "Tall Poppies"](#)
- [School Terms / School Times](#)

"What to do if you have a concern clearly outlines a process for parents/whanau to follow if they are concerned about anything at school. We like to think that parents/caregivers feel they can pop in when they are unsure about things at school and want to clarify things - your positive approach to staff means a lot. We all want the very best for the children at Tauriko School and when your children are here they become our wee darlings too! Working together to give them the best possible educational experience at school is important.

Tauriko School Values

Our school values are intrinsically part of all learning and decision making at Tauriko School.

If you look in the “our school” area of the website at the “school expectations/rules area you will find our school rules are the bullet points under each school value. Below this are examples to share with your children of what these look like in practice. Many families find these quite helpful.

Respect

- I care about myself and my belongings.
- I care for others, property, our community and the environment.



Integrity

- I am truthful to myself.
- I treat others the way I want to be treated.
- I am committed to being the very best I can be.



Excellence

- I always strive to do my best even when things get tough.
- I know it's good to take risks and make mistakes when learning.



Innovation

- I am a curious and flexible thinker.
- I am developing my inquiring and creative mind.





Principals Awards

Stan Tucker, Abbey Tischendorf, Imogen Auldin,
Sophia Holland

Up and Coming Events

Week 3

Friday 17th February : Tall Poppies@ Swimming Greerton Pools 8.45 – 9.30am

Week 4

Monday 20th February & Tuesday 21st February: Years 3 & 4 overnight camp @ Mount Beach

Wednesday 22nd February: School Swimming Sports @ Greerton Pools

Wednesday 22nd February: "Partnership In My Child's Learning" The workshop will incorporate information about reporting to parents/whanau, NZC National Standards and answer any questions parents/whanau may have. Meeting @ 6.30pm

Thursday 23rd February: Board of Trustee Meeting @ 6.30pm

Week 5

Wednesday 29th February & Thursday 1st March: Learning Partnership Meetings

Week 6

Monday 5th March: Kia Kaha begins

Tuesday 6th March: Beach Trip for Years 1 & 2

Friday 9th March: Tall Poppies @ Swimming Greerton Pools 8.45 – 9.30am

Sunday 11th March: Top School Competition

Week 7

Monday 12th March: West Cluster Swimming Sports – Years 5 & 6

Wednesday 14th March to Friday 16th March: Year 5 & 6 camp @ Totara Springs

Friday 16th March: Tall Poppies Swimming Sports @ Greerton Pools

LEARNING PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

Earlier this week notices went home regarding Learning Partnership Meetings with parents/whanau and students. These meetings will be held on 29th February and 1st March, this is an opportunity to set learning goals for the next steps in your child(ren)'s learning. Please note that on the **1st March school will close at 1pm** for the meetings to begin at 1.30pm. If you have not received a notice regarding these meetings please contact the office.

Dance lessons....

Rhythmz Dance Co has started dance classes at Tauriko Primary!!!

These classes are designed for both boys and girls & conveniently onsite at school. Children work towards end of year performances at the Baycourt Theatre. Time is also spent having fun with dance games and exercises. These age appropriate hip hop classes start Monday 13th February and run for 8 weeks.

Enrolments are essential and places are still available Enrol online now!

Mondays 2.40-3.20pm (6-12year olds)

Cost: \$65 per child per term (8 lessons)



Kathy Campbell and Amy joined my family as the inaugural Tauriko School "Waitangi Day team" at Hopukioire (Mt Drury, Mt Maunganui). Although our start was early...6:30am... it was beautiful sitting looking out at the event and the ocean at this time of the day. The Waitangi Day celebration reminded all participants about partnership in relation to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. A variety of viewpoints were shared around our history in relation to this and what this means for us as a community and a nation in 2012 and into the future.

As I sat there I thought a lot about what our school community has asked for in relation to our students knowing their history both locally and nationally. This is in our strategic plan and I realise just how important this is. If we want our children to participate as fully informed citizens in decision making around Te Tiriti o Waitangi and partnership they need to know the facts about our history, from a range of perspectives, in order to do this.

I look forward to Waitangi Day 2013 and te wero (the challenge) is whether "the team" will be bigger to celebrate this day in New Zealand's history.

Kia ora ki a koutou katoa,

Suzanne Billington
PRINCIPAL

Milk and Cookies

***The School Council will be selling
Milk and Cookies every
Friday playtime.***

**Calci-Yum Milk \$1.50each
(Chocolate, Caramel, Strawberry, Banana)**

Smart Time Cookies \$1.00each

**These delicious separately wrapped cookies have
the
Heart Foundation tick
(Chocolate Chip or Brownie)**





TAURIKO SCHOOL



school life's professional portraits are renowned for their quality and affordable prints.

They will be visiting our school during Term 1 to take portraits of the children - while raising funds for the school.



school life's aim is to minimise any impact on normal routine and will guarantee that this is achieved by ensuring that each session will take no more than 5 minutes.



A selection of images [in colour / or black & white] will be provided either by email or contact sheet for you to view at your leisure.

They do not charge a sitting fee and there is no obligation to buy.

You view before you purchase !



If you would like your child photographed simply complete the 'Participation Form' [that will be circulated within the next few weeks] and return it back to the school office.



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What other children's guardians have said :

"You captured the kids perfectly. Hopefully we will see you back at school again next year. Not only were the pictures great but they are at an affordable price - especially the package deal" BD [Pahoia School]

"They are all so good and hard to choose !"
M&C C [Kaimai School]

"Thanks for the fantastic photos they're awesome!"
KMCH [Juni Uni Pre School]



COMMUNITY NEWS

"If anyone living in Ohauti is interested in arranging a lift scheme to & from school please contact Lorna on 579-4585"

