



Term - 1

# Tauriko School

LEARNING TODAY  
LEADING TOMORROW

Newsletter Number - 5

Date - 29th March 2012

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

Term 1, 2012 is drawing to a close and as it does we would like to thank everyone associated with the school for all their support in making such a busy term so wonderful for our learners. The children have had the opportunity to learn in a variety of different environments and with the e-learning focus in the school taking off this year we have noticed how excited the children are about the extra computers in classrooms and the opportunities they have to learn using a 21<sup>st</sup> Century approach. A big thank you must go to Rochelle Jensen in leading this work in our school, to Lesley Pritchard who works hard to ensure the IT infrastructure in school supports learning, and also to the staff for embracing new learning and inspiring children to explore learning with the support of information and communication technologies.

Many thanks also to all those people who have taken part in the **survey** on our website on school camps. There is still time to take part should you wish to have your say.

During this term all classes have switched to an electronic school register. This means that procedures put in place around attendance last year are even easier for the school to monitor. This term the attendance procedures that the school has in place to support children to be engaged in learning have produced a few queries from parents. It is timely then to remind parents/caregivers of these procedures and we have attached another copy of these for your information.

The Ministry of Education requires all school to have procedures in place to support children to attend school regularly, which is a child's lawful right under the Education Act 1989 and is part of the UN Convention on the Rights of The Child (Article 28). Attendance procedures were shared with the school community last year and are on our website.

It is important that when children are absent from school contact is made with the school on the first day. After 9am, Leana Ellis in our school office is responsible for ringing parents/whanau of children we have no notification for. This also ensures that we are aware that all children are safe and accounted for. The school can be notified by a dated note to the teacher, a phone call to the office, or through our website. It is useful to tell the school what the medical issue is, if there is one, as we then know if we have to alert other parents to illness within the school, or if parents think their children might be sick but they are not sure we are able to let them know if there is some illness doing the rounds! (eg impetigo, conjunctivitis, chicken pox, nits, flu). It's just another way as a community we can support each other.

Medical certificates are required for children who have had three days off school, or for children who have regular absence and are of concern to the school around their attendance. Parents of children who are of concern to the school are informed of the need to have a medical certificate on the first day of their absence.

We encourage all families to take their family holidays during school holiday breaks so attendance is not of concern. We know that at times this is necessary and we ask that the school is informed of the holiday and the duration of this, before you go on holiday. If this was a regular occurrence there would be a need to look at this with the family.

The Ministry of Education and ERO see student regular attendance at school as part of the solution around student engagement in learning. Students who attend school regularly make greater progress and achieve success in their learning.

## LAST DAY OF TERM ONE

School finishes for the term at 2:30pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April and resumes at 8:30am Monday 23 April. Thank you to all the staff for their wonderful work this term and to the Board of Trustees for their guidance and support.

Kind regards



*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)

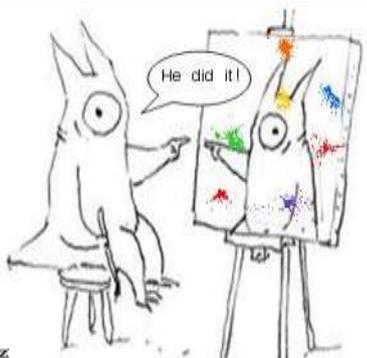
Smart Time Cookies \$1.00each  
These delicious separately wrapped  
cookies have the  
Heart Foundation tick  
(Chocolate Chip or Brownie)

**Kids Art  
Tauriko**  
Masterpieces  
are created!

Afternoon Classes

3.30- 5.00pm  
4.00-5.30pm

email Simone  
frogmonsta@ihug.co.nz





## Attendance Procedures

Attendance procedures at Tauriko School ensure that children's rights to an education both under New Zealand law and the Human Rights Commission are met.

### **In New Zealand all children have a right to an education.**

Children are considered to have unsatisfactory attendance at school over the course of the year if they miss 16 days of school or 8% of their time at school. This means that if a child has had 4 days off school in a term the school is concerned.

10% of a child's time at our school (Year 1 – Year 8) is 32 weeks (3 terms), and 20% is 64 weeks (6 terms) Children who are not at school do not learn as easily or with the same rate of progress as other children. Staff, parents, children and the community have responsibilities in this area.

- ✧ Parents are expected to write a note, ring or come into school, or fill in a form via the school website [www.tauriko.school.nz](http://www.tauriko.school.nz) to inform the school their child is away **on their first day of absence**. If this does not happen, office staff will ring families to find out why children are away from school.
- ✧ A medical certificate should be brought to school by parents if a child has three days off school covering the dates of the child's absence. If your child is of attendance concern to the school the school may require you to provide a medical certificate for each day of absence. You would be advised of this.
- ✧ Families who cannot be contacted or who have children who have a history of non-attendance at school are referred to the Truancy Officer, Graeme Leigh – Mackenzie. He will visit families and report back to the school. Sometimes, if there are on-going health problems, the children will be referred to the Public Health Nurse. Further support will be provided as appropriate.

If children are away for an unsatisfactory period of time parents are informed in writing and asked to meet with the Principal to discuss these concerns.

A second letter is then sent if necessary informing parents of the school's on-going concerns. The second letters invites parents/caregivers to come in to discuss the absences with the Principal.

If the child's attendance continues to be a problem a third letter is sent informing the parents that under a Truancy Protocol the child will be referred to Child Youth and Family Services (CYFs). CYFs will then make contact with the family.

If the situation is not resolved, in discussion with support agencies wrapping around the child to support their attendance at school, court action will be taken. There is a \$150 - \$450 fine that can be imposed if the parents/caregivers are found guilty in court.

Suzanne Billington  
(Principal)

# Sport@Tauriko

## SPORTS PHOTO GALLERY

### PAHOIA SCHOOL TRIATHLON

Adam Manners and Darcy Gilbert had a great time taking part in the recent Pahoia School triathlon. It was a fun family morning out, real lovely environment at Omokoroa and some awesome spot prizes were given out. I wonder if we are up to a Tauriko School team for 2013?



### Website

Please check out our new home page for Sport@Tauriko to get regular updates on upcoming events, sports results, out of school sports, photos and much more. Visit the school website [www.tauriko.school.nz](http://www.tauriko.school.nz) and click on school sports. There will be regular updates about any sporting news that might be of interest to families. It could be a school event or local and wider community events that families might be interested in. Getting children active and encouraging them to develop sporting interests that they may then go on to participate in competitively, or for their own recreation, supports children's well-being. Participation in sport for competition or recreation develops children socially, physically and emotionally. Children can feel proud of being involved in a fun event, or of setting a sporting goal and improving or achieving in relation to this.

Any feedback about the sport area on the website would be great!

### WBOP Swimming Champs

Last week saw 3 of our Year 5 and 6 students and 2 of our Year 7 and 8 students compete at the WBOP swimming champs. It was a tough field of competitive swimmers and they did our school proud. Congratulations to:

Jasmine Baggaley (6 events)

Hannah Rose (3 events)

Adam Galdeman (2 events)

Issac Taka (8 events)

Jerushah Keightley (3 events)

### Sport Holiday Programmes

Some options to get kids ACTIVE in the school holidays!!!! For more details check out the sports page on the school website or there are flyers available in the school office.

- ★ Rugby
- ★ Netball
- ★ Basketball
- ★ Soccer Clinic
- ★ Kids Holiday Sports Day
- ★ Cricket Holiday Camp
- ★ Rhythz Dance Co.
- ★ Tennis Camps

Regards

Natalie van Dijk

Sports co-ordinator