



# Newsletter

TERM ONE NUMBER 1

7TH FEBRUARY 2013

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 5/6 Morning  
Tea Cake Stall  
21 February 2013



Board of  
Trustees Meeting  
21 February  
2013, 6.30pm



Swim It  
25 & 27 February  
2013



Learning  
Partnership  
Meetings  
26 & 28 February  
2013



Swim It  
1, 4 & 6 March  
2013



Whole School  
Swimming Sports  
Greerton Pools  
7 March 2013



Swim It  
8 to 13 March  
2013

## 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 2013 school year promises to be a busy and exciting one. Our vision as a school around 21st Century Learning will continue. Over the holiday period we were informed that we had been successful with a TECT application, getting funding for \$19,264 to support this. We are grateful to our wonderful PTA for providing us with \$5,000 to enable us to use the first part of the TECT funding at the beginning of the school year to provide more tablets in classrooms, six in the library for loan for Years 5—8 students and extra wireless ports to ensure our infra structure continues to cope with the number of devices we use. Technology will be used to support learning, when appropriate, across the curriculum.

We look forward to our enviro-schools team establishing the school vegetable and herb gardens due to funding they gained last year. They also intend to make the native area at the front of the school user friendly for kids and to review our waste system at school to support their vision around composting and worm farms. Simone Anderson, will also work with some of these students to create the mural, she and the children have planned, in the school. The plan for this mural can be seen in the foyer of the school office.

This year the curriculum focus will be around Physical Education and Te Reo across the school. The school is funding the GO4it fundamental skills programme in the school for students and staff. Staff will be supported to extend their expertise in teaching physical education while children develop fundamental movement skills further. Our first learning focus with GO4IT, is a "Swimit" module. Te Reo progressions will be developed as a school in order to integrate Te Reo across the school and staff and children will grow in their understanding in this area. Both of these strategies support the continued review and enhancement of the school's curriculum as required by the Education Act 1989 and reflect community consultation.

All teaching staff have been in school for two 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.

Students have settled into school beautifully and are focussed on learning. They are establishing learning goals for the beginning of the year and excited about their new challenges for 2013.

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 **26th February and 28th February**. These meetings are an opportunity for parents to talk to teachers about who their children are and what they are passionate about. During this time learning goals are also developed 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.

## **STAFF - 2013**

Principal	-	Suzanne Billington	
Associate Principals	-	Clare Spiers	Lisa Rose
Team Leaders	-	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	-	Athalaie Elliott	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	-	Mandy O'Reilly	Year 5 / 6
Teacher Aides	-	Karin Finn, Kathy Ball, Nika Rikiriki	
Website	-	Lesley Pritchard	
Office Manager	-	Kay Taylor	
Office Assistant	-	Leana Ellis	
Caretaker	-	Jon Bell	

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS**

Fay Burke (Chairperson)	Nicola Clayden	Donna Opie
Gavin Dyer	Dave Galdeman	Rochelle Jensen (Staff Rep)
Suzanne Billington (Principal)	Kay Taylor (Secretary)	

**SCHOOL HOURS**—School begins promptly for all children at 8.30am. Children are encouraged to be at school 10 – 15 minutes 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 11.40am – 12.30pm

School finishes for the day at 2.30pm

**CLASS NEWSLETTERS**—Each class teacher sent home a class newsletter on Tuesday 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*

*a healthy morning tea and lunch*

*swimming togs and towel in a waterproof bag*

*shorts for PE and Sports*

### **School Hours**

#### **Learning Block 1**

**8.30am–10.00am**

#### **Morning Tea**

**10.00am–10.20am**

#### **Learning Block 2**

**10.20am-11.40am**

#### **Lunch Time**

**11.40am-12.30pm**

#### **Learning Block 3**

**12.30pm-2.30pm**

## WAITANGI DAY

Wednesday February 6 was Waitangi Day celebrating the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in 1840.

A special dawn service was held at Hopukioire (Mount Drury) commemorating the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

It was a beautiful morning with greater numbers in the audience than last year with some thought provoking speakers. A great deal of respect and dignity was accorded to all parties. Tauranga can be very proud of it's celebration.



### **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 earlier this week, 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 **\$110 per child per year ( \$27.50 per term)** – the fee for Term 1 is due no later than Week 2 of each term ( 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013). If payment is not received your child will not be able to travel 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 or on the website [www.tauriko.school.nz](http://www.tauriko.school.nz)

**La Brioche Bakery - Wednesday / Thursday / Friday** \$3.00

If you require a Lunch Order list for either Subway or La Brioche Bakery – 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](http://www.tauriko.school.nz)

## **BUSES**



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 (13<sup>th</sup> Avenue)

The Lakes/Cambridge Road bus is \$110 per year per child. 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.

## **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 office car park for those with New Entrant children, and those new to our school and those on school business*

*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*

*At the end of the school day all children are taken out to the Drop-off bay and supervised by teachers. Drivers are asked to remain in their vehicles when they pick up children so traffic can be kept moving forward by staff supervising this area at such a busy time*

*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.

For working together to keep all of our children safe!

### **CAMP FEES for 2013**

All students from Year 3 to Year 8 will attend a School Camp/s this year. Due to Financial Constraints and having to chase up outstanding camp fees in the past, all camp fees will be required to be paid '**IN FULL**' **TWO WEEKS** prior to the students going on camp. If the payment is not received by this time, your child will not be able to attend camp. Thank you for your assistance.

### **ENVIROSCHOOLS**

Waste Education New Zealand (WENZ) and Tauranga City Council are running a household composting workshop where you can learn the basics of worm composting. You will receive a worm kit (worms, compost and bin) to take home and get straight away!

This is a great opportunity to learn how to do your part and live more sustainably.

Registrations are now open for our March workshop (limited to 80 households).

When: Saturday 9 March 2013 at 12.30pm Cost: \$30

Contact: Kimberley Cleland at Tauranga City Council on 577 7000 to register your household.

### **NEWSLETTERS**

Please note that this 'Thursday' newsletter (i.e. today's newsletter) will be the only one coming home via 'hard copy' with the eldest / only child in the family. The next 'Thursday' newsletter due out 28th February will be emailed out to those families who have provided an email address to the school. Any families who we have not got an email address for at this point in time will receive a hard copy until we receive notification of an email address. If you do have any email

address but are not sure if we do have it, could you please email the school office so it can be updated in our data base — [office@tauriko.school.nz](mailto:office@tauriko.school.nz)

### **GYMNASTICS**

This year as part of the selection for the ARGOS gymsports competitions, I will be running gymnastics trials. These will take place during lunchtimes in week 1 and 2 of Term 1. Any interested student is welcome to trial. If selected they need to understand that they will attend one training session a week during a lunchtime for all of Term 1 and half of Term 2. This is a big commitment. Payment for the gymsports competition and travel will need to be made when selections have

taken place. There will be a team selected to represent years 3/4, 5/6 and 7/8 as a result of the trial, so numbers will be limited. ....Maree Logan

***We look forward to another wonderful year  
together supporting student learning.***

Kind regards



Suzanne Billington

PRINCIPAL



## **Milk & Cookies**

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

**Calci-Yum Milk  
\$1.50 each**

**Smart-time  
Cookies \$1 each**

# STEPS PERFORMING ARTS



## Musical Theatre Classes 2013

Thursday 2.45pm – 3.45pm

At Tauriko School

\$138 per term

The course will be centred on a wide variety of Musical Theatre skills:

Dance, Singing, Drama

**Musical Theatre** is a fusion of singing, vocal training, drama and theatre performance. It is fun, work as a team or individual and it will take you to inspirational heights.

**Theatre Craft** is a dance form for theatrical performance, preparing the body physically through exercise, and stimulating artistic ability through dance movement, improvisation and interpretation of the music.

For more information and to enrol contact:

**Paula Harrison**

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Telephone: 0212 744 116

[www.stepsperformingts.co.nz](http://www.stepsperformingts.co.nz)

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### ***Rural based hosts required***

Lets Homestay has a group of young Japanese students coming to our area on 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> May this year for 2 nights and they desperately needing more host families to accommodate the students. Hosts families must be living on a hobby farm size or larger property and have animals to eligible to host. Please contact the Lets Homestay office if you can help. You will receive a hosting allowance. For more details please call Sachiko or Stuart on 07 543 3220 or Email to [stuart@letshomestay.com](mailto:stuart@letshomestay.com)