



# Newsletter

TERM ONE NUMBER 2

28H FEBRUARY 2013

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Learning  
Partnership  
Meetings  
28 February 2012



Swim It  
1/4 & 6 March  
2013



Bluelight PCT/  
Fear Factor  
Challenge  
Yr 7/8 Team  
5 March 2013



Tall Poppies  
Intensive  
Swimming  
6, 8 & 13 March  
2013



Whole School  
Swimming Sports  
Greerton Pools  
7 March 2013



Swim It  
8 to 13 March  
2013



Good Friday  
29 March 2013



Easter Monday  
1 April 2013

## **21st Century Learning for the Principal**

Strategic vision has been everything over the last four weeks! We talk about 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning as a strategic goal for the school and research says that good leaders model learning and are involved in the learning of others <http://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/publications/series/2515/60169/60170>

Well here I am trying a new 21<sup>st</sup> Century means of communication – the "blog". Look out for this on our website. Even its name suggests that I might get bogged down in the deep dark mire of "geeksville" or worse still look silly to others! However, with my teacher Lesley Pritchard providing instruction, encouragement and just the right kind of feedback for my next step in learning, I'm brave, take the risk and have a go! Whether I'm brave enough to then open the blog to comment remains to be seen! But how can you hold your head up encouraging young people and staff to stretch themselves daily if you don't model this yourself? <http://www.tauriko.school.nz/22/blogs/41-blog-from-the-principal>

The Bring Your Own Devices (BYOD) trial commenced last week after much consultation with our community last year. Feedback during this process has coloured how we have implemented this, and supported us to think of a range of considerations when implementing this. Parents/whanau have taken on board their right to choose around being involved with this and have made good decisions that suit their families and their children. Further devices are currently on order to be lent out through the school library to Senior School students to go some way to address the community's concern around equity. Also feedback around the fee for this for Year 5 – 8 students has been taken into consideration by the Board and is no longer part of the process. Information around BYOD is available on our website <http://www.tauriko.school.nz/23/pages/394-bring-your-own-device>

During the last few years we have had to prioritise our foci as a school, which has been clear in each year's Charter. This year, as is usual, a copy of the front end of the Charter is available on the school's website. The full version is also available in the school office <http://www.tauriko.school.nz/files/1e239a520ecf2c9a/folders/4/Charter%202013%20final.pdf>

This year Health and PE is a major focus and earlier this week a newsletter went home informing families of the "GO4it" programme in our school. This programme allows not only specialist sporting instructors to work with children

practice in the teaching of Health and PE across the school. Later this year the community will be consulted about our PE and Health curriculum. Student sporting leaders "Dynamos" are out on the back field three days a week leading a range of lunchtime sessions for students across the school <http://sportattauriko.blogspot.co.nz/> Nika Rikiriki has also been employed to be out on the field each lunchtime to support our Dynamos and students across the school to make good choices around the way they use their free time at lunchtime.



Dynamo Leaders



Swim It

Rona Philpot has also been employed by the school to organise out-of-school sports teams. She is doing an amazing job and managing the last minute nature of information sent from different sporting clubs and organisations as best she can. We thank all those families who have been so understanding around the last minute nature of some of this organisation, beyond Rona's control. Any sporting information can be found on our website at <http://sportattauriko.blogspot.co.nz/>

The school has a progressive approach to EOTC experiences and school camps. Information around school camps for this year has been made available since near the end of 2012. During the last week, forms have gone home to families to send back in with dates for their return and camp fees to be paid. Any notices can also be found on the school website. Huge planning and organisation has gone into ensuring these learning experiences are optimum for children and specialist facilitators have been contracted for various activities to ensure children's safety and access to high quality learning. I would like to thank the staff involved for their enthusiasm and commitment to ensuring children's learning in different environments reflects the philosophy and intent of the New Zealand Curriculum and the school's curriculum. I know all the students are excited about attending.

Our wonderful PTA met with the Board at their recent BOT meeting and have discussed a variety of exciting fund raising ventures to support the school to continue to be a high quality place of learning.

### **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**

I encourage families to support their ventures as they happen through the year. Getting involved in their activities is often a great way to get to know other parents/whanau who are often parents of your children's friends. These events engender a great feeling of community, something we are continually striving to enhance. "It takes a village (community) to raise a child" as its too huge a task alone.

**Naku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi**

*With your basket and my basket the people will live!*

**School Notices**

With all school notices—if these are on blue paper, this indicates that they are required to be returned to school, with relevant information completed, ( often with a due by date).

**Lunch Orders**

Please can you print your child's name, class, what they are ordering on the outside of an envelope as this makes it much easier to process.

**Bus Notices**

Thank you to everyone who has returned their bus notices. We are only waiting on a small number to come in. If you have not yet received or returned a bus notice please ask your child to come and get a copy from the office.

It is VERY important that if there are ANY alterations to your child's normal bus routine that the office is rung before 12o'clock mid-day and informed! This includes sports practices, parents picking up from school, children going to a friends house etc. Our bus lists are a contract between you and the school and WE WILL stop the bus leaving to search the school for your child if we have not been informed why they are not on the bus! If you have written on your bus notice that your child is only to travel on certain days we will not put your child on the bus on other days unless the office has heard from a parent!

We have very high expectations of children's behaviour on the bus. Please take the time to reinforce at home what your expectations are of your child/ren on the bus.

Any issues please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Athalae Elliott - Teacher in Charge of Buses





## PTA NEWS

**Chicks at the  
Flicks Ladies Nite  
" Give it a Year"  
Rialto Cinema  
20 March 2013  
7.30pm  
Fun Raffles  
&  
Spot Prizes**



## **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**

## **PRINCIPALS AWARDS**



William Te Whaiti, Bailey Denize,  
Jed Gouldson and James Hollard

## **Out of Zone Enrolments**

Out of Zone Enrolments for Term Two will close on 7 March 2013, so please check out the school website for more details, at the link below:

<http://www.tauriko.school.nz/23/pages/391-enrolment-2013>

## **Keep New Zealand Beautiful**

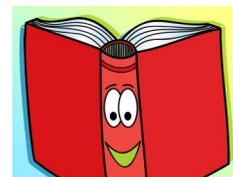
Tauriko School has become a member of "Keep New Zealand Beautiful", and will actively contribute to the organisations continuing campaign.

As a non-profit organisation Keep New Zealand Beautiful operates as a charitable trust to promote litter abatement, waste minimisation as well as town and city beautification across New Zealand. We're about inspiring, educating and providing resources for volunteers who share our passion. We are famous for our annual "Clean up Week", Best Towns and Cities Awards, "Do the Right Thing" and "Be a Tidy Kiwi" campaigns, but we don't stop there.

KNZB member and volunteers include schools, councils, businesses and community groups who work together in their own patch and across New Zealand to make their environments a better place.

## **Scholastic Book Club**

We are in need of a parent/caregiver/Grandparent to help with the Scholastic Book Club. This involves sorting the pamphlets into class lots and then processing the orders, when payment comes in. If you think you have some time to help with this fundraiser for the school we would love to hear from you. Please call in and see Kay or Leana in the school office.



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## **Newsletter**

We will trial a new look newsletter for our next instalment. The Principals blog will enable feedback about this when this happens. Look out for this!

Kind regards



Suzanne Billington—Principal

## **Community News**

### **Rebounder**

If anyone has a rebounder that you no longer need, Room Two would kindly love to have one for the children, please contact Anna MacKinnon.

### **Glass Baby Jars**

If anyone has any empty glass baby jars with lid, could you please drop them off to Mrs Andrea Lockett.

### **Guinea Pigs Free to a good home**

Two female guinea pigs, prefer to keep them together if possible.

Healthy and lots of fun. Love being picked up and patted.

Contact: Charyse 543 0103 or 021 158 1821.



### **OTUMOETAI EELS RUGBY LEAGUE**

Registration Day

All grades

Sun 3rd March

10am-1pm

50 Seymour Pl-Brookfield

(Clubrooms)

Bring Birth Certificate

Enquiries Stan 07-5766099

### **Greerton Marist Rugby**

Rugby time again. Our Weigh in is Wednesday night on the 6<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm and Sunday morning on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March starting at 10am.

