



Tauriko School

LEARNING TODAY
LEADING TOMORROW

Term - 1

Newsletter Number - 1

Date - 5 February 2010

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

2010 is well underway and despite the heat children are participating in a wide range of activities and pleased to be mixing with their friends again.

Our Staff for 2010 remains the same as 2009:

Room 1	Ms Amelia Carson
Room 2	Mrs Lynda Palfrey
Room 3	Mrs Clare Spiers (Assoc. Principal)
Room 4	Mrs Joanne Meehan
Room 5/6	Mr Adam Turner
Room 7	Ms Clare Tammik
Room 8	Mrs Lee Eltringhan
Room 9/10	Mrs Lisa Rose (Assoc. Principal)
Room 11	Mrs Janet Arcus
Room 12	Mrs Andrea Lockett
Room 13	Ms Karla Wesselink
Room 14	Mrs Anna Mackinnon/Mrs Maree Logan

Part-time Teachers	Mrs Jill Taylor Mr Sam Opie Ms Tracey Hall
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Principal	Mrs Debbie Smith
Caretaker	Mr Jon Bell
Office Manager	Mrs Kay Taylor
Teacher Aide	Mrs Joy Bardsley
Website	Ms Lesley Pritchard

Mrs Clare Spiers is Associate Principal overseeing the welfare of children in Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5/6, 7 & 8.

Mrs Lisa Rose is Associate Principal overseeing the welfare of children in Rooms 9/10, 11, 12, 13 & 14.

If you have any concerns regarding your child please see your child's classroom teacher and / or the Associate Principal in the first instance (Mrs Spiers or Mrs Rose) of that area of the School.

REMINDERS:

All children require the following at school each day please:

- a wide brimmed hat
- a water bottle
- swimming togs and towel in a waterproof bag
- shorts for P.E. and Sports

"IF I HAD MY CHILD TO
RAISE OVER AGAIN"

I'd build self-esteem first and
the house later.

I'd finger-paint more and
point the finger less.

I would do less correcting
and more connecting.

I'd take my eyes off my
watch and watch more with
my eyes.

I would care to know less
and know to care more.

I'd take more hikes and fly
more kites.

I'd stop playing serious and
seriously play.

I would run through more
fields and gaze at more
stars.

I'd do more hugging and less
tugging.

I'd see oak trees in the
acorns more often.

I'd talk less about the love of
power, and more about the
power of love

PARENT ASSISTANCE

Teachers will be looking for parents to assist in the following areas, if you are able to help please let them know :-

Class Parent Rep:

- a parent who is willing to assist the Teacher in contacting other parents from time to time and willing to be an emergency contact person if the school experiences a situation deemed as an emergency

Cooking Groups:

- All children enjoy cooking in our School Kitchen. If you are happy to facilitate a small group of children cooking, let your child's teacher know

Library Assistance:

- Assisting with the issuing and returning of books during class library times

Many thanks in anticipation!

SCHOOL HOURS

School begins promptly for all children at 8.30am, (we hope before then, as learning experiences are available for the children to start on earlier!). Please ensure your child is at school by 8.30am. It is often distressing for the child to arrive once everyone else has started and not know what is happening for the 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.

School finishes for the day at 2.30pm.

Please see attached information pertaining to our Drop Off Bay and Car-parking. Thanks.

SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

We would be grateful if you would discuss and reinforce these expectations with your child / children to assist us in ensuring all students know what is expected at school:

****To ensure your child is safe and happy and to achieve and maintain high standards we are giving children the message that:**

- Shoes for school should be of a type that children can play and run in, i.e. 'platforms', 'heels' are not suitable for school. Shoes or sandals must have a back strap or closed heel
- Children are expected to wear shorts and T-shirts for PE and sports and also get changed for PE and sports from Year 4 up, therefore, they need to have shorts in their bag on a daily basis
- The only jewellery children are permitted to wear to school are stud earrings and a watch; any other jewellery is a hazard during play and sports
- Appropriate clothing for the season and play is encouraged – 'skimpy' tops offer no sun protection and we encourage T-shirts instead. Children are active and are expected to dress accordingly. During Terms 1 & 4, it is advisable that parents sunblock their children before school
- Togs for swimming, (*this may include rash suits*) are a necessity – children will not be given permission to swim in clothing or long baggy pants, (*named swimming bags are important*)
- Hats are important – wide brimmed hats are essential. No hats, no playing in the sun – Term 1 & 4 compulsory, T2 & 3 optional.
- All clothing needs to be named including underpants
- No children are allowed in the School Drop-Off Bay or Staff car park without an adult. All children are walked to the Drop-Off Bay at the end of the School day and are required to wait for a parent / caregiver. No child is to leave the school grounds without an adult. The school works with the Police Education Officers to ensure our Drop-off Bay is as safe as possible
- Swearing and other put downs will not be accepted
- When leaving the school for any activity students must wear their Tauriko uniform
- Shoulder length or longer hair must be tied back to help prevent head lice
- All medication must be handed in at the Office and a Medical Disclaimer form signed. No medication is to be left in a child's school bag

Thank you for your support.

MEET THE TEACHER / CLASSROOM RAMBLES/ INITIAL SCHOOL REPORTS

On **16 February 5pm – 6pm**, all classrooms will be open for an informal 'Meet the Teacher' opportunity.

This is a chance for you to meet Teachers by visiting classrooms and making yourself known.

Your child will bring home a 'Report' written in partnership with themselves and their teacher on how well they have started the year, where they are headed, and any concerns, during the last week of this term.

This will also form the basis of our '3 way' Conferences early in Term 2.

STATIONERY

Today, all children will come home with a newsletter detailing their "Learning Resource Pack" (Stationery) requirements for 2010, along with relevant fees and a request for a School Donation – please note all donations received go towards children's resources and are tax deductible. Stationery will be sold in the side room of the Performing Arts Centre Monday & Tuesday of next week. Please send your child/s stationery list and money to school as soon as possible. Classes will be called over to the Performing Arts Centre where the children will be issued their packs.

ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent from school please phone the School Office 5430430 or text to 021-1326726, 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 is a Ministry requirement.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our Board of Trustees generally meet once a month. Our Members are:

Mrs Jo Tisch	Chairperson
Mr Stephen Tetley-Jones	Parent Trustee
Mr Phil Holland	Parent Trustee
Mrs Robyn Mangos	Parent Trustee
Mrs Rochelle Jensen	Parent Trustee
Mrs Lynda Palfrey	Staff Trustee
Mrs Debbie Smith	Principal
Mrs Kay Taylor	Secretary

The meetings are held 'in public', - people are most welcome to attend in an 'observing role'. Our first meeting this year is to be held on 15th February 2010 in our Teachers' Learning Centre at the back of the Kelvin Gibson Library.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Tauriko School is very fortunate to have a very successful PTA who work hard to encourage a community feeling at our school and also fundraise to give our children those extras they wouldn't have otherwise. At the end of 2009 our PTA opened a new adventure playground for the children through their fundraising efforts.

Their first meeting for 2010 will be held on the 10th March at 7.00pm – All Welcome. Joining the PTA is a great way to meet new people.

Please find below our up-coming events for your Calendar – Term One:

8 th Feb	Technology begins for Years 7 & 8
12 th Feb	Yr 7 & 8 (Tall Poppies) to Greerton Pools for swimming (and every Friday after)
16 th Feb	Meet the Teacher / Classroom Ramble 5 – 6pm

1 – 3rd March ERO Visit
10th March KRSA Yrs 4 – 6 Swimming Sports - Greerton Pools
11th March Tall Poppies (Yr 7 & 8's) Swimming Sports – Greerton Pools
22nd March Life Education Programme begins
22nd March Art & Life Skills Camp begins for Year 8's
30th March Yr's 1 – 3 Tabloids Programme – Pyes Pa School

We welcome community / parental input – please do remember that Teachers are extremely busy and if you wish to discuss anything with your child's teacher it is best to make a time to speak with them when they can give you their undivided attention. This can be done through calling the School Office. Thank you.

Please remember when coming and going from the School to go via the School Office and sign the Visitors Book. It is important for the safety of all children that we know who is in the School grounds.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

Our School newsletters are available on our School Website www.tauriko.school, and this year will be sent home via email to those who request it. On the night of 'Meet the Teacher', (16th Feb), you can sign up to receive the Newsletters via email in your child's classroom. The Newsletter will be sent home as usual if you do not sign up. The next newsletter is due home Thursday 18th February and every second Thursday hence.

*The Staff look forward to working with you
to ensure all our children receive the very best education possible.*

Kind regards

DEBBIE SMITH
PRINCIPAL

COMMUNITY NOTICES.....

Wanted to loan or hire an Egg Hatching Incubator, contact Jo on 543 4535.

FOR RENT - Two Bedroom Cottage, semi furnished, Omanawa location. \$210 a week Contact Doug 0274 755 045 or 543 4535.

KIND PARENT WANTED Hi, My name is Haylee and I'm a year 8 student at Tauriko School this year. My Mum works full-time so is not able to pick me up after school at 2.30pm Monday - Friday. Are you able to pick me up after school? I live right next to Miles Lane in Cambridge Road. Can you ring me or my Mum (Julie) if you can help. Phone at home is 571 4231 or ring my Mum at work on 577 7770 ext: 59145

Drum Lessons with Ignite Music - group and private drum tuition from the mobile teaching caravan starting from only \$14 per lesson. If interested you can enrol at www.ignitemusic.co.nz or phone Lynden Cook on 0800 86 37 86 for further information. Our unique mobile classroom has three electronic drums kits connected through a headphone system, which enables us to teach students in groups of up to three. Students often enjoy this 'learning together' environment which uses a prepared progression of songs and activities to build rhythmical awareness and drumming technique. Our drum courses have also been designed to focus on rhythm and drumming as part of music as a whole - as opposed to just having a bash on the drums or playing some beats! Learning gained from the course adds to and sets a foundation for other musical study such as piano, singing, guitar, and band work.



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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.

Lets work together in keeping all of our children safe!