



Tauriko School

LEARNING TODAY
LEADING TOMORROW

Term - 1

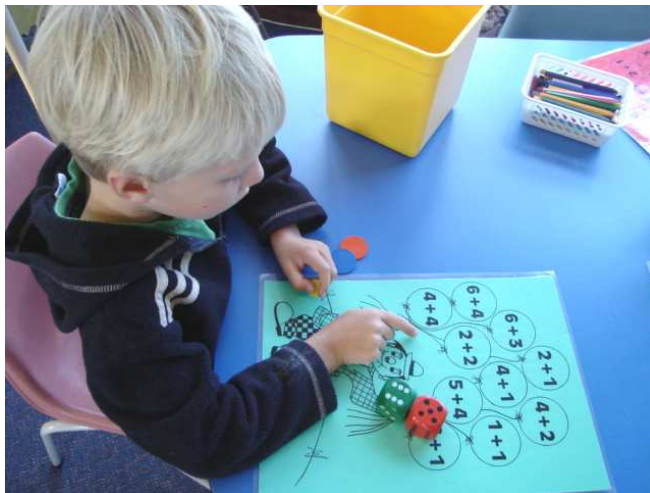
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Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Thank you to our hard working **PTA for the donation of \$1000.00** towards Mathematics equipment. This will certainly boost our resources. We are fortunate to be a very well resourced school.

Our PTA is holding their first meeting for the year on Wednesday 10 March at 7pm. This is a great way to meet new people. All welcome.



TOP TIPS

Teaching Resilience

A gradual process of 'handing over the reins' will encourage children to feel capable, promoting resilience.

- Let children make choices
- A child's struggle can be an invaluable process
- Don't ask too many questions
- Don't rush to answer questions
- Teach problem-solving skills, rather than solving problems for them
- Encourage children to use sources outside the home to problem solve
- Be verbally and physically supportive, (without necessarily 'doing' anything)

NATIONAL STANDARDS

Well, this has certainly become somewhat of a political football!

Here at Tauriko School the Staff are looking at ways we can implement the Standards within our reporting schedule in the most efficient way we can for parents and students. We will still be reporting twice a year with Celebration Folders sent home as we have done previously, with 3 way conferences early in Term 2.

A reminder that a copy of the National Standards is available in the Office for viewing.

WATER SAFETY / SWIMMING

The children are all swimming 4 out of 5 days a week. This is an extremely important part of our curriculum, please ensure your child has their togs every day. Thanks.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL.....

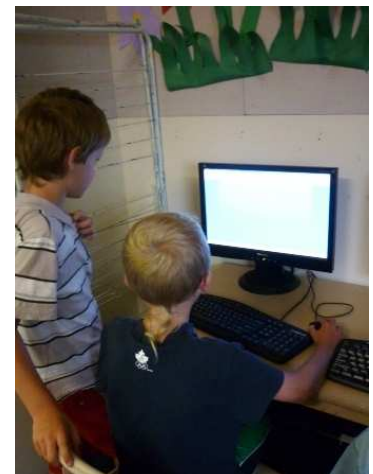
In Room 4 we are graphing information in Maths. We have mostly blue-eyed children in our class, we've compared our heights and know that there are more pet cats than fish. Today we wrote to a friend to tell them about our new class. We are loving swimming at the end of a hot day too. The two most popular development activities are making big creations with the construction gear, and measuring and mixing in the water tray. Our class pets are two frogs, Fred and Freda, and we like catching flies for their dinner.



ROOM 8 - Welcome back ! In Room 8 we are off to a wonderful and exciting new start to the year. We have been busy as bees learning about ourselves and how we are unique. Being a self-managed learner is important to us and we are all learning to be experts. We have been doing a lot of exciting writing and have decided our favourite writing is about our holiday experiences. Statistics has been our main focus so far in maths. We have been having fun making up graphs to investigate all sorts of observable facts such as finding out who is the tallest to shortest class member, looking at what the most dominant and least dominant eye colour is (which by the way is blue), our favourite pets and let's not forget which month has the most birthdays to celebrate. But most of all we are just loving swimming and are very proud of ourselves as we are learning new skills that will help us have fun and stay safe in the water.



In Room 11 this term we are celebrating 'Team Spirit!' We are looking at all the different groups that we belong to, and discussing what it means to be part of a team. We have been loving our mid morning swims in the school pool on these hot days, and we are all working hard on our swimming style. Come in and check out the exciting things we have going on!



BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

**Our Board of Trustee Elections are rapidly approaching –
11 May!**

Do start to give some thought into standing as a Parent Trustee on our Board.

What do trustees do?

School trustees have a very important role in making sure every child achieves their potential at school.

Here are some of the things they do:

- *Work with the Principal and consult with Staff, Students and the Community*
- *Set the educational goals and strategic direction of the school*
- *Monitor progress and let parents know how the school is progressing against its annual targets and how well students are achieving*
- *Decide how the school's funding will be spent*
- *Select the school's Principal and support the development of all Staff*

The membership of the school board includes elected parent representatives, an elected staff representative and the principal.

A message from Stephen Tetley-Jones – Parent Trustee

*Many people are hesitant about serving on a school board yet the Board of Trustees performs an essential role in ensuring that their local school embodies the values important to the community and provides the best possible education to their children. School boards are not just about managing finances and making sure the plumbing works. In fact, much of what people think boards do is not actually their role. It comes down to an understanding of **GOVERNANCE and MANAGEMENT**.*

*The Principal and management team are responsible for the day to day **MANAGEMENT** of the school. The Board takes a longer view. It decides what the learning priorities are for the school and does its best to make sure the school has the resources to meet its obligations. It sets strategic objectives and reviews them to ensure they are achieved. It is the Board which is accountable to the school community and to the government. This is **GOVERNANCE**.*

What do you need to be a Trustee?

- # *Energy and enthusiasm*
- # *A desire to see your school do well for the students*
- # *Generosity with your time and energy*
- # *The ability to attend board meetings and other meetings which crop up from time to time*
- # *A willingness to work with other people - no Lone Rangers should apply!*
- # *Imagination and a desire to learn.*

You'll be asked to contribute in an area that you understand or have passion for but decisions made by the Board are always collective decisions, that is board members don't act individually but work as a team.

**Sound like you? Why not put your name forward for the upcoming elections.
Go on.
You can make a difference.**

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Hello my name is Heather Oliver-Fuller and I am the Public Health nurse for the school. I visit the school monthly or more if needed. My role is to work alongside families that have identified any health related issues with their children and it is also a free service. Please feel free to contact me on 5773383 Tues-Fri or else talk to the staff at school and they will contact me direct.

DRAINAGE ISSUES

Unfortunately we have had some drainage and effluent issues over the past few months. You would have noticed some 'earthworks' going on in various areas of the school. We are remedying these issues as quickly as we can.

UP-COMING EVENTS

1 – 3 March	Education Review Office visit
3 March	Tauranga Primary Sports Leaders, (Dynamos) here at Tauriko for the day
10 March	Kaimai Rural Schools Swimming Sports (KRSA) at Greerton Pools (Yrs 4 – 6)
12 March	Tall Poppies Swimming Sports at Greerton Pools (Yrs 7 / 8)
22 – 29 March	Life Education Programme (Years 1 – 7)
22 – 26 March	Year 8 Art & Life Skills Camp at the Lazy Trumper (Old Kaimai Road)
30 March	Tabloids Day for Years 1 – 3 at Pyes Pa School (postponement 31 March)

There is now a link on our School Website, www.tauriko.school.nz to indicate if you wish to receive the School Newsletter via email.

Please note that the Mobile Dental Unit will be at Tauriko School at the beginning of Term 2 (exact date yet to be confirmed).

Have a good week!

DEBBIE SMITH
PRINCIPAL

COMMUNITY NEWS

ALLROUND KIDS AFTER SCHOOL / HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

We are seeking a dynamic and committed team member to work at our award winning programme, based at Tauriko School. Hours are Monday – Friday 1.30pm – 5.30pm during term time and also school holiday work (hours to be discussed). Please call Abbey on 5441370 if you are interested.

Tauriko Playcentre

Current session days are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am -12pm.
All children aged 0 -6 welcome along with their Mum, Dad, Grandparent or caregiver!!
Please phone the Centre 543 1070 or A/Hours Terri 543 1317 for further information

Omanawa Raft Race & Picnic - new postponement date Sun 28 February

Briefing /Registration at 9.30am. Race starts 10am

Wairoa River - entry and exit points will be signposted on SH29.

10 years and over, parental consent for under 14yrs \$10 per raft - fundraising for Omanawa Hall costs - 5 members max per raft.

Trophies for winners - new trophy for winning Junior raft.

Sausage sizzle \$1.50 & kids drinks for sale or BYO lunch. Games and lollys scramble.

Check your Omanawa Newsletter for Rules / Entry form. Or phone/email Paul Gautron for more info: 07 579 9667 / gautronfamily@xtra.co.nz or phone Steve Moore on 07 543 3898

For Sale: Modern four bedroom brick and tile home on three acres. Low maintenance, sunny and private. Great family home. 6km up Omanawa Road. Phone owner on 578 8022 or 027 242 7646

To rent – 4 bedroom home, 2 bathrooms, rural, Gargan Road area. Spa Pool. Contact Simone 5432282

Lost – brand new Roman Sandals – Size 12 /13. Named with ‘Olive’, these may have been taken home by mistake, if so, could they please be returned to Room 8. Many thanks.



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