

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

We trust you have enjoyed the Winter Break with your children and they are looking forward to another term with their friends here at Tauriko School.

Our School wide Theme – **Nga Taonga / Our World is our Treasure**

..... Continues with the emphasis this term on “How can we make it a better place for now and in the future?”

Please find attached to the Newsletter a list of upcoming events for this term to mark on your Calendars.

ENVIRO TEAM....

Comments from our ‘Enviro Team’ : Mackenzie Groos, Cameron Bean, Zane Petersen, Petra Moss, Briar Hudson, Emily Bowen, Grace Holland, Jessica Gibson, Charlotte Humphreys

We are busy establishing a School Vegetable Garden behind Room 12. We have introduced a weekly Environment Reward for those at Tauriko who make an extra effort with caring for our School and Community. Our playground extension is going to begin soon and we will help the junior children plan how it will look and work – exciting!

In conjunction with our Theme, Rooms 3, 4, 11, 12 13 and Tall Poppies will be involved in the Tauranga City Council and Ministry’s Zero Waste Programme this term.

MATHLETICS

Our Mathletics Competition begins this week. This is a great Mathematics basic facts intensive to boost Numeracy Skills. All children will be tested this week to determine the best level of basic facts for them to learn, they will then bring these home for learning along with a Sponsorship Sheet. This year we have had some great prizes donated : a Mountain Bike, Skateboards, NumberWorks Membership, etc. Please encourage your children to do their best.

SCHOOL CHOIR UPDATE:

“Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life”.....

The Tauriko School Choir has a very busy term ahead. The choir has been practising really hard over the past term for the up-coming Tauranga Music Festival. This festival is performed by children from various schools throughout Tauranga.

It is held at Baycourt Theatre and the Tauriko School choir is performing on the 25th August at 7.30pm.

If you want to be entertained by amazing young singers – come along!

This week there will be auditions for soloists from our choir who want to put their name / voice forward to be a soloist at Baycourt. Good luck girls! As part of the festival each school is also asked to perform an individual item. Our item this year is a very cool dance. A big thank you has to go to Maddison Black and Miss Carson for their dance expertise. Keep practising those dance moves girls – we only have 4 weeks until we are on the big stage! We have an amazingly talented and dedicated group of girls in the choir this year.

Andrea Lockett

HOT TIPS

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

* School gives children regular, dedicated assistance to master the many skills they need. Skills in all areas take a lot of practice and will happen more easily for children who get the best out of school. Most children need to repeat something new at least 5 – 6 times before they learn it properly – so missing a day makes it more difficult for them to learn.

* Help your children get to school on time – they miss crucial information when late in the mornings and an important social time!

* Set good habits and work ethics for coming to school and getting there on time from day one.

* Try to keep family holidays outside of school term time – it makes it more difficult for your child if they have missed several days in a row.

* Research shows children who are away regularly or are late to school have less friends and are unhappier at school.

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NEWS FROM OUR I.C.T. PILOT ROOMS

Room 7 –

‘There is everything to play on. I like making different pictures on the computer’ - Gabrielle

‘I like making cards on Baileys’ Book house’ – Angel

‘I like all the different games on BBC. I am learning how to problem solve on the computer’. - Caycee

Room 6 –

My name is Meesha. “I use rainforest maths to learn things. I know a lot of things. Sometimes I do reading with the bird and patterning on BBC numbertime. I use the interwrite pad to put money in order and I use the interwrite pad for maths groups. I do living books on the computer for reading and listening to stories”.

My name is Brooke, “On the computers we use Kidpiz for writing and rainforest maths and BBC numbertime for Maths. We do patterning and do shapes too. We use the interwrite pad to put our names up in the morning so Miss Tammik knows we are here. We have made patterns and looked at websites using the pad”.

My name is Lewis. “I use rainforest maths for Numbers. Every morning I put my name up with the interwrite pad. I did biggest to smallest amounts with money on the interwrite pad”.

Room 11 –

“We use our computers to play Maths and English games like chess. We do story publishing with digital pictures and fonts. I can’t wait to start emailing”. Caitlin Thomson

“We use our touch pad for looking up things on the internet and games. We use it every day”. By Lucy Street

“We play games on the touch pad and I publish work all of the time. I like going on the internet”. By Cooper Snowden

PUBLIC SPEAKING / SPEECHES – YEARS 5 – 8

This Term all Year 5 – 8 students will be involved in Speech making, culminating in presenting a speech to an audience. These are completed in partnership between home and school, however it is important the work is all the child’s. Detailed information will be coming home from your child’s teacher.

Petra Moss won the Western Bay of Plenty Inaugural Speech Competition in 2008 – here are some tips from Petra:

- ask lots of people to read your Draft Speech to help with giving you ideas – especially your friend
- practise reading it lots to yourself and to a buddy – ask your buddy to give you tips on how to make it sound interesting
- practise in front of an audience you get used to speaking in front of people at home and school
- use speech games like pulling topics out of a ‘Hat’ – this helps build your confidence



Good luck!- Petra

NEWS / COMMENTS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL:

“It was fun doing computer work” – Sara Fitzpatrick – first day at School – Room 2

“We created a tally chart about what we did in the holidays. We had to find out the most popular activity”. - Molly Ruebe-Haig – Room 4

“I liked seeing my teacher and doing maths facts ready for Mathletics”. - Sarsh Pedersen-Burberry Room 7

“I have enjoyed doing problem solving and seeing all of my friends”. Treva Reay-Martin – Room 11

“This morning we have been looking at how to save our environment. We made a mind map using our ideas about sustainability”. Casey Keenleyside – Room 13

STAFF CARPARK

Please be aware that the School Staff Car Park is solely for Staff parking only. The only other times that this car park can be used for parking, is if you are in the School on ‘School related business’ i.e. you have an appointment with a staff member, you are attending to business at the school office

Parking is available directly opposite the school on the main highway. Alternatively, the Manager of the Caltex Service Station has very kindly offered a small parking area at the rear of the Service Station. The parking space in front of the Tauriko Settlers Hall is solely for the use of the Playcentre when it is in operation - days *Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings until approximately 12.30pm.*

ABSENCES

If your child / children is going to be absent from school, please notify the office of your child's absence by leaving a message on the school phone or alternatively sending a text to 021-1326726. It is a Ministry of Education requirement that if your child is absent from school, a note must be sent in to the class teacher on your child's return to school.

SICKNESS

Please, if your child is indicating signs of being unwell, **do not send them to school**. The best place for an unwell child is at home!

MEDICATION

Please do not send medication to school with your child! We are unable to administer medication without signed permission from a parent / caregiver on the Correct Forms (which are kept in the School Office). If your child is on medication you do need to consider carefully if it is appropriate for them to be at school. We do not have a School Nurse to administer medication. If absolutely necessary, bring the medication to the Office and if in liquid form ensure there is a syringe type dispenser for ease of dispensing. Thank you.

MONEY

Requests for payment for various events/visits are made during the term. Could all money be forwarded directly to your child's teacher. The teacher records all payments made. Thank you for your assistance with this.

SPORTS REMINDERS FOR TERM 3

Winter Sports

Another busy term of Winter Sports is about to kick off and there are a few important reminders for parents.

Little League Basketball Teams: Due to venue constraints you actually have another 2 week break, so will not be playing your next game until **Friday the 7th of August**. Make the most of this time to practice and perfect your skills before your next game!

Miniball and Basketball Teams your next game is this **Friday 24th of July**.

All other winter sports teams your games will be commencing as usual unless you have been informed otherwise by your coaches. Keep training hard and being an awesome committed team member for the rest of the season! We can't wait to hear the stories about your team's highlights and achievements in term 3!

Dynamos

Our senior school **Dynamo Sports Leaders** will start taking their lunchtime sports from day one of term 3! Every class is on a rotation to work with these amazing sports leaders for lunchtime games and team building activities. Thanks Dynamos for your awesome commitment and leadership we look forward to working with you!

Kind regards

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Community News.....

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Dates for Term 3 2009

WEEK 1

23 & 24 July Matakana Island Visit & overnight in PAC for Rms 11, 12 & 13

WEEK 2.....

27 July Year 7 & 8's to Tech
30 July Boys College Open Night 6pm – 9.30pm
30 July Girls College Open Night 5.45pm – 8pm
31 July Science Roadshow

WEEK 3.....

3 August Year 7 & 8's to Technology
4 August Choir Rehearsal for Music Festival
4 August Secondary Chess Championships in PAC
5 August Intermediate Chess Championships in PAC
6 August Primary Chess Championships in PAC

WEEK 4.....

10 August Yr 7 & 8's to Technology
10 August Student Teacher begins in Rm 13 – Dan Anson
12 August E-Time Visit
12 August Marimba
12 August Tauranga Girls College Interview s in TLC 11am – 1pm
15 August PTA Wine Options Night

WEEK 5

17 August Zero Waste Programme begins this week for Rooms 3, 4, 11, 8, 12, 13 and Tall Poppies
17 August Year 7 & 8 Technology
19 August NSW Maths Competition
20 August Tall Poppies Problem Solving Competition

WEEK 6

24 August Squash Court arrives at School for 2 weeks
24 August School Speech Finals
25 August Choir Rehearsal for Music Festival
26 August Marimba
27 August KRSA Year 5 & 6 Speech Competition in PAC

WEEK 7

31 August Zero Waste this week
1 September Book fair / Book week
2 September West Cluster Year 7's Comps. (postponement 14 September)

WEEK 8

8 September West Cluster Speech Comp – Year 5 & 6
8 September CAT's at Baycourt – Evening (for those pre-booked)
9 September Marimba

WEEK 9

15 September WBOP Speech Competition at Maungatapu School
15 September WBOP West Cluster 7's
16 September Junior Dance Festival – Oropi
16 September Marimba
16 September Learning Celebration Night / Science Fairs (Sen. Syndicate) & Wearable Art (Jun. Synd)
17 September Tall Poppies Speech Competition – Omokoroa No. 1 School

WEEK 10

23 September WBOP Yr 7 & 8 Speech Competition
23 September Hip Hop End of Term Performance
23 September Marimba
25 September End of Term