



Newsletter

TERM TWO, NUMBER 6

8TH MAY 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS

Whole School
Assembly -
9th May @ 11am



Tauranga
Primary School
Music Festival
Choir Practice -
14th May



Blue Light
Tauranga PCT
Competition -
15th May



Amazing Race
Inter-School
Challenges -
15th May



Creative
Community
Curriculum -
16th May



Whole School
Assembly -
23rd May @ 11am



Board of Trustees
Meeting -
22nd May
@ 5.30pm

Welcome to Term 2

Kia ora ki a koutou katoa - ki nga akonga, nga kiako ma me te whanau nui o te kura o Tauriko

Hello to you all - students, teachers and the large Tauriko School family. Welcome back to life and learning at Tauriko School for Term 2.

As usual the first newsletter of the term is available both on our website and in paper form. As part of this newsletter you will find attached the Team newsletter that goes out at the beginning of each term. Looking at these it is clear that our students have a wonderful term jam packed with learning and a wide range of opportunities are being made available for each and every one of them to challenge themselves across all learning areas.

To keep up with all the various information that will come out over the term please visit the [newsletters and notices](#) area of our website. In the notices area you will find that there are sections provided for whole school notices, those that pertain to teams and even those that are for individual classes only. This means if a notice gets lost in the "great bag abyss", floats off the fridge ... or the dog eats it, you can always go to the website and read or print off the one you are missing.



Empty film containers wanted

We are looking for empty containers to use for Maths and Science activities.

If you have any you can spare, please send them to
Room 6.

Thank you,
Mrs Te Whaiti



**School Council
Canteen**

***Open every Friday
morning at 10am***

This week a notice went out from our Planet Pals for support with a huge variety of things. The team is working towards being part of [The Garden Arts festival](#) at the end of the year and really wants the school to be rocking for this. This is a huge opportunity for the school to showcase itself as to its strengths in environmental education and the arts. Already we have had responses from the community around donating fruit trees for our orchard. A big thank you to all those people who are getting involved, this is really supporting the students to realise their vision. I also need two or three people to finish off the chook house. It needs to be laid on an even piece of ground on cobbles we have to reuse within the coop area, a gate built to the enclosure and we need students to work with adults to paint the chook house itself. Thank you to Steve Morgan who has helped Jon to put up the fence around the area so far. Please let me know through the office if you can help.

Part of what the students are doing this year is to create a remembrance garden at the student entrance to the school from the office car park. This will have a flagpole in it and be a rocky outcrop with hardy plants in it. The plaque that remembers Tauriko's fallen soldiers has been taken from the old pool fence and will be repositioned here. We will look to establishing red poppies in the crevices of the garden. When this garden is finished we will invite the community to join with us in a ceremony that celebrates the establishment of this space. In years to come this space will be used by the whole school to celebrate important national days and events.

Over the next week I am updating the Planet Pals area of the website, so bear with me while this happens. Our school facebook page also has links to different events in our school and the Planet Pals team often put information on here also. The traffic on the [Facebook page](#) shows a community involved in its school! Don't forget to "like" us and this shares what's happening at Tauriko School with all your friends and family.

Our Creative Community Curriculum (CCC) gets underway for 2014 next Friday afternoon. A huge thank you to those parents and community members who have volunteered their time to share their talents with students, who will in turn develop further talents of their own. The students really love the opportunity to be involved in these learning opportunities and this is becoming a very popular part of our students' year. I will take photos of the students this week as they begin their sessions and pop them into this blog for your interest.

This term [assemblies](#) will be at different times to work around our CCC in the afternoon. Dates and times of these are listed in the notices area of the website. We encourage you to attend these assemblies as they are a real celebration of student learning and success. It's always great to hear good news!

A huge thank you also must go to all those parents who supported Athalae and Sarah at the end of last term to swap their classroom spaces over two days. Both classrooms have been set up beautifully and are bright and inviting and the students have settled in no problem at all. Your support was much appreciated in making such a big job so much easier.

We would like to say a very big thank you to Accident and Healthcare for their kind donation of ICT hardware, the big screen is much appreciated.

Kind regards

Suzanne Billington
PRINCIPAL