



Tauriko School

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Term 2
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Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Welcome back to Term 2 – 2010.

Greetings

As your Acting Principal and the new person at school I have enjoyed meeting a large number of parents and caregivers who have called in over the last few days.

I have been impressed by the politeness and friendly manner of the students here at Tauriko School. You are indeed lucky to have a dedicated staff who are teaching your children. During the next couple of weeks I hope to meet and greet more of you who are a part of the school family.



In early May there will be Parent Interviews so it will be an opportunity to overview your child / rens progress here at school and I am sure you will avail yourself of this opportunity. As at now it will be business as usual during the time I am with you for both the children and school staff.

Cheers – Mike Rzoska

SENIOR SYNDICATE NEWS

A busy week to start this term with Rooms 11, 12, 13, 14 and Tall Poppies heading off to McLarens Falls for their Forest Discovery Programme. This programme is a great introduction to our Technology / Science theme for the term. All classes are involved in a newly developed inquiry model which will integrate curriculum areas but will particularly focus on technology and procedural writing.

JUNIOR SYNDICATE NEWS

The Junior Syndicates will also be visiting the bush as part of their 'adapting for Survival' unit with Rooms 4, 5, 7 and 8 travelling to Otanewainuku – near Oropi to study insects and the busy and the native fauna. Rooms 1, 2 & 3 will be heading off to McLarens Falls.

EASTER EGGS

A reminder please that all unsold eggs as well as any money that is outstanding from Term 1 needs to be returned by Monday 26 April. We do have a number of bags of unsold eggs that are available – please return the blue slip from the newsletter that went home on Tuesday if you wish to purchase or on-ell these eggs at \$3.00 per bag.

PARENT / STUDENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

Student Goal Setting sheets will come home via your child on Friday 30 April. Conferences will be held on the 4th May, commencing at 1.15pm until 6pm and then again on Wednesday 5th May commencing at 2.45pm until 7pm. Please bring along your child's Goal Setting Sheet to these interviews, as well as your child. Thank you.

Please note – School will be closing at 1pm on the Tuesday 4th May for conferences to commence at 1.15m. There is no supervision for children at school after 1pm. Buses will leave school at 1.15pm

Allround Kids Afterschool Care Programme will be open on Tuesday 4th May from 1pm. Please phone Abbey on 021-494413 if you are not a regular Tuesday participant but would like to use this service.

KERRY FRIAR

We are very fortunate to have Kerry Friar, a Tauranga Reading Advisor (Resource Teacher of Literacy) who has been allocated to Tauriko School and has been working with 3 lucky individual students during Term 1 to give them an extra boost in Literacy. During Term 2, Kerry will be providing Literacy Professional Development for Staff, looking closely at Reading Progressions and the need for deeper understanding of text rather than pushing up on the levels.



SCHOOL WEBSITE

We now have a link to the **New Zealand National Standards** on our School website. Also on our School Website we are offering advertising space in the '**Community Notice Board**' area. Your advert can also be linked to your own business website. Please view the current display in the 'Community Notice Board' area and if you are interested in advertising, contact the School Office to discuss the pricing structure.

NEW LIBRARY COMPUTER SYSTEM

We have a new Library system, KOHA, up and running in our school library! We are excited about the web based- open source program where students are able to go online at home and search through our school's library catalogue for the book they want to read. We have a link to the Tauriko Library Catalogue on the school website and encourage you to check it out along side your children to help them become familiar with it. For all the library parents and helpers that are currently working with the classes, we will be doing a training session with you as required.

The website is: <http://library.tauriko.school.nz> or simply go to the link on the home page of the school website.

WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE

To assist with our class programmes we are restocking our resource shed with natural resources or items from around home.

In each newsletter, we will be asking for certain items to be sent to school. We will also notify you of items for further collection. To assist us with sorting, we ask that you only send the requested items. Collection bins will be placed outside Mr Bell's Caretakers Shed.

This fortnight we are collecting..... **ANY TYPE OF LID AND PINE CONES.**

Please make sure that items are clean and ready for use by the children.

Start collecting Driftwood and Buttons for next time please.

BUS BAY AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Thank you to the large number of parents that returned the Bus Survey. The majority of respondents showed support for an extra school bus. We have been evaluating several school bus options. A free bus to a safe pickup at The Lakes and then on to Cambridge Road is an option that was widely supported. The cost of a bus is \$8,000-\$10,000 and funding options are being investigated.

A working group has been established with participants from Tauriko School, Board of Trustees, PTA, NZ Transport Authority, NZ Police, Opus and Tauranga City Council.

The group is investigating the possibility of lowering the speed limit past the school, providing extra parking or safer waiting areas as well a bus option. There were several excellent drawings provided as part of the survey process which are being considered.

We are working hard to make access to Tauriko School safer and will continue to keep you up to date with progress.

UP-COMING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

21 - 23 April	Senior Syndicate Classes to McLaren Falls Park 9am – 2pm – Forest Discovery Programme
26 April	Tech Year 7 & 8
29 April	9.30 – 10.30 – Have a Go Squash – Tall Poppies
30 April	Student Goal Setting Sheets home
3 May	Tech Year 7 & 8
4 May	Conferences – school finishes at 1pm – Conferences start at 1.15pm

5 May	Conferences 2.45pm
6 May	Rm 4 / 5 / 7 / 8 Trip to Otanewainuku
10 May	Tech Year 7 & 8
10 – 12 May	Rooms 11 / 12 to Te Kauri Camp
12 – 14 May	Rooms 13 / 14 to Te Kauri Camp
12 May	R 1 / 2 / 3 Trip – McLarens Falls
17 May	National Young Leaders Day
21 May	Tech Year 7 & 8
26 May	School Cross Country at Waipuna Park
1 June	Junior Cross Country at Kaimai (postponement 3 June)
1 June	Young Einstein Quiz
1 June	Senior Cross Country Kaimai (postponement 3 June)
2 June	Young Einstein Quiz – Pyes Pa
8 June	Gymsports Years 3 – 4
11 June	West Cluster Cross Country – Waipuna Park
15 June	Gymsports Years 7 & 8
15 June	Firewise Starts – visit from Firefighters this week
21 – 25 June	BikeWise Week – Years 4 – 6
21 – 25 June	Waste Water Unit – Senior Syndicate
22 June	Gymsports Years 5 & 6
30 June / 1 July	Firefighters visiting R1 – 8

School Council Milk and Cookies

The School Council are going to be selling
milk and cookies as from this week.

When: Each Friday

Time: Playtime (10am)

Cost: Milk \$1.50

Cookies \$1.00

The milk is flavoured 'Calci-Yum'.

The cookies are 'Smart-time Cookies and have the Heart Foundation tick.

Regards

MIKE RZOSKA
ACTING PRINCIPAL

Tauriko Bavarian Festival 2010

Mark this date on your calendar, **19th June @.6.30pm.** Book the babysitter. No need to drive as the bus can pick you up & drop you off. Then get ready to have a fun filled entertaining evening. Tickets on sale via school office **from Monday 24th May.** Any queries or ticket sales please phone Tania Yorke 543 2466.



COMMUNITY NEWS

TAURIKO SCHOOL Term 2, GYM Club 2010

Gymnastics Classes start on **Wednesday the 28th April 2:35 pm.**

Gym Club 2010 Gymnastics badge Program prepares students for Term 3 & 4 gymnastics displays and competitions. Students learn and practice exercises and routines which improve their fitness, flexibility, strength, coordination, and focus. GYM club 2010's motivated and experienced coaches will teach students fun and rewarding Gymnastic and dance skills.

Give your children a head start for the 2010 Gymnastics shows and competitions. Enrol them in the term 2 Gymnastics badge program. Program costs \$80.00 for the term. Registration can be completed online at www.GYMdub.co.nz or registration forms can be picked up from the school office.

Feel the Freedom: Let's Zumba!

Special offer \$ 5 Introductory class only**

*** concession cards available (cash & cheque)*

**Tuesday 4 May 2010, 6.30-7.30 pm
Tauriko Hall**

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