

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

The Term has kicked off with strong messages in regards to recycling and reducing our waste.

Our Enviro Team assisted Mrs Meehan in collecting rubbish from all lunch boxes in one day – this is what they discovered:

- there was enough gladwrap stapled together to go right around our Tennis Court
- there were so many packets from Chips and Muesli Bars etc. that we covered 5 large sheets of cardboard with them
- we collected paper bags that laid in a line measured 5 metres!

**This is all in one day!**

**Our Enviro Team .....**

Briar Hudson, Petra Moss, Mackenzie Groos, Cameron Ball, Grace Holland, Charlotte Humphreys, Jessica Gibson, Zane Petersen, Emily Bowen.



Mig McMillan, well known Environmental Advocate spoke to classes last week on simple ways children can reduce waste and Room 11 students Mathematics problems evolved around the problem.

**Room 11**

The children asked the question, ***how much waste do we produce as a class, per day?*** After completing their mathematical investigation they discovered as a class, they produced over 1000 pieces of rubbish a week. We then collected it and displayed it visually so that they could see how much rubbish they make. This really got them concerned so they have all now developed a bigger question for this terms inquiry seeing that there is a place where they can make a difference and it starts with us.

“One day of Room 11’s Rubbish” .....

“We collected – 203 pieces of rubbish from our lunchboxes in one day! That is 1015 pieces a week, 4060 pieces a month, 48720 pieces a year, 633,360 pieces in a school year”. Imagine how much that would be in the time you have been at school?”

**HOT TIPS ....**

**Learning at Home (or ‘Homework;)**

Many parents request extra homework or remedial work. However this may not be in the best interests of your child. This type of work is generally ‘busy work’ which looks like learning, but is actually just activity pages that are not developing any skills other than filling out worksheets.

There are many things you can do to kick start their learning:

1. Make sure your child is getting lots of free play time. Creativity and imaginative problem solving are amongst the highest in sought after skills. Free play develops this. Visit a park close by.
2. Read aloud to your child every day
3. Make the Library your first port of call
4. Take a visit to the \$2 shop or \$1 discount and invest in a pile of crazy art and craft supplies
5. Search Google for simple science experiments with equipment you already have at home
6. Visit McLarens Falls and other nearby Parks and name the trees, fauna and birds
7. Spend time in the kitchen creating simple afternoon teas
8. Teach sewing and knitting and other crafts that can be passed down to next generations.

## TECHNOLOGY FOR YEAR 7 & 8'S

Technology began again for our Year 7 & 8's last week. The topic for the term at the Technology Centre is "**Extreme Sports**".

Activities range from designing protective gear and clothing through to healthy muesli slice.

"I love going to Tech because I learn how to use tools and it teaches you about things in real life". – **Stacey Sissons**

"It's a great experience because it offers you opportunities to learn new skills . We use different equipment like scroll saws and hardware tools. It's great fun". - **Nathan Bowen**

"Tech is about learning and having opportunities to practise skills for the future. I really enjoy new challenges and briefs because it gets your brain going". – **Charlotte Humphreys**

## SCIENCE ROADSHOW

Last Friday Rooms 8, 11, 12, 13 and Tall Poppies were involved in a Science Roadshow. These hands on exhibits are excellent for promoting Science and encouraging children to consider Science Subjects in their Secondary years of schooling. Thank you to the parents who assisted.

## ROOMS 3, 4 & 5'S VISIT TO TE PUNA QUARRY

Room 3, 4 & 5 went to Te Puna Quarry on Tuesday - we had a wonderful day - full of adventure. It was amazing to see what could be recycled out of a range of different materials and it was exciting exploring what was on the sides of the track that we walked.



## EXTENSION TO OUR ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

With thanks to our Community, PTA and Board of Trustees, we now have funds to begin the extension to our Adventure Playground. This area is planned to be more suitable for the younger members of our school and community, - 5 – 8 years. There are some tentative plans drawn up on the display boards in the Library for viewing, suggestions are welcome.

## CHESS COMPETITIONS

This week the Primary, Intermediate and Secondary Chess Competitions are being held at Tauriko School.

### Our Intermediate Teams involved:

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Tauriko Little Dudes:

Patrick Adams, Alana Moss, Nico Mausch, Stella Simpson

Tauriko Destroyers:

Conlan Begley, James Opie, Cherry Hayward, Sage Rouse-Bollee

### Our Primary Teams involved:

Tauriko Kings and Queens:

Sean Weenink, Chase McNeilly, Ashiannah Jones, Cameron Bean

Tauriko Bishops:

Cameron Ball, Ethan Wookey, Manaaki Worthen, Matt Crosby

Results will be published in our next School Newsletter. Well done to all those who took up the challenge.

**SCHOOL SPEECHES**

All children in Years 5 – 8 are involved in School Speeches. Our School Speech finals are being held on Monday Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August. If your child is involved give them every opportunity to practise their speech.

**ASSESSMENT IN CHILDREN’S WRITING**

The Teachers have collected a sample of writing from each child throughout the school and compared this sample with the National Exemplars and levelled children accordingly. All children would have brought home a sample of their writing and how they are progressing in writing in the Celebrations Folders. If you would like to know more please ask your child’s teacher or view the summarised data in our School Office. Thank you.

**VISITORS TO TAURIKO SCHOOL**

On Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August we again have a large group of Teachers, Principals and Board of Trustee Members observing the school for the day. The visitors will have identifying Name Tags on.

Please ensure if you wish to visit the school for the day you come through the Office and sign the ‘**Visitors Book**’.  
Thanks.

Kind regards

*Debbie Smith*  
**PRINCIPAL**

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**PTA NEWS**

**Fun Evening Out**

The Wine Evening is coming up on the 15<sup>th</sup> August; there are limited tables, so get your tickets in quick. We have a fab line up of artists, some very acclaimed in the community, who have donated their work. It’s a must see if you are an art lover. Any further information contact Jo Perry 027 629 7245.

**Litter-less Lunch Boxes**

This terms theme is: Reduce, Reuse & Recycle.

To compliment this, Vanessa Charman-Moore has got a wonderful opportunity coming up *Early September*. Kalena from Tupperware is coming to display her wares, which is a great opportunity for us all to purchase Tupperware items.

“Especially the litter-less lunch box, which I’ve been told you don’t need to use gladwrap! Very nifty indeed”. As well you will be supporting the PTA fundraising for the new playground.

More details will be explained as they come to hand.



## Community News.....

**LAMBS AVAILABLE** – We have a farmer who has 2 orphaned lambs (from the same family) available for rearing for Agriculture Day. He is happy for these to be reared until Agriculture Day and then returned to the farmer – please phone the school if you are interested in rearing these lambs. It would be preferable if they were to go to the same family.

### **TAURANGA BOYS & GIRL AGRICULTURE DAY - GROUP DAY MEETING**

The Tauranga Boys & Girls Group Day AGM will be held in the Teachers Learning Centre 7pm Friday 21 August.

### **BEAUTY & NAILS AT SNIPZ**

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### **BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL**

53 Bethlehem Road [bcpreschool@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bcpreschool@xtra.co.nz) now has vacancies for 4 year olds at our morning sessions. Free 20 hours are on offer without any Optional Charges. Please contact us on 5793500 for further inquiries.

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## 'Samson'

14.2 hands Pinto Stallion standing at Stud at Tauriko.

*This Seasons Stud Fee \$475.*

Any booking via this newsletter a \$50 donation will be made to the Tauriko School upon receipt of fee.

For information and viewing Samson and offspring.

Contact: Phil Yorke 5430694 - 0274417951

