

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

All children who participated in our School Speech Competition deserve 'a pat on the back', - it is not easy to get up and speak in front of a large audience.

Congratulations to the following students who will go on to compete in our School Speech Finals to be held next Monday 24 August in the Performing Arts Centre

Years 4 – 6 8.45am and Tall Poppies 10.35am

Room 8 – Keeley Grantham, Zane Petersen, Chase McNeilly, Emily Bowen, Matt Crosby.

Room 11 – Gabrielle Lindsay, Stacey Sissons, Jessica Gibson, Haylee Robins-Hudson, Patrick Adams, Stella Simpson.

Room 11 – Damien Torwick, Caitlin Thomson, Ruby Evans, Chloe Smith

Room 12 – Rosie Curry, Robyn Howe, Jamie McDonald

Room 13 – Lucy Houghton, Shannon Kinzett, Brooke Maddison, Erin Steed, Casey Keenleyside

All parents are most welcome to attend.

Congratulations also to Mere Waiari, (a former pupil of Tauriko School) who was placed 2nd overall at the Lions Club Young Speechmaker Finals held in Christchurch recently. Mere won the Tall Poppies Speech Competition at Tauriko School in Year 8.

ZERO WASTE

Some classes have been working with Bridgette O'Connor this week on reducing and recycling whilst other classes have followed environmental inquiries of their own:



Room 7 – We are learning how to care for our environment and have been creating new machines that can help clean up the rubbish. This machine can gather up the rubbish and crush it down. *Sonny and Josh.*

My machine can dig and pick up rubbish for dropping it into the right bins. *Amy*

My machine recycles paint and can sort it into new pots ready for some one else to buy. *Arohaina*



HOT TIPS.....

Children learn through play.

Ensure your children have time for free play by themselves and with others, - and time to play with you!

When children play they –

- develop hand – eye co-ordination
- learn social skills like taking turns and how to join in
- learn that good things come from making friends
- can test out different actions and experiences
- learn about trial and error and perseverance
- learn to ask questions, observe and find out more

Play:

- assists in brain development
- develops creativity, imagination and innovation
- develops thinking skills
- develops reflections about learning and much more!

Our School Enviro Team have been busy planting a Herb and Vegetable Garden behind Room 12, creating a worm farm and compost bin.



ROOM 8's Fantastic Enviro Learning

In Room 8 we have been doing a lot of eco friendly things to help save Our Taonga : The Earth because we want to make our world last longer.

Some of the things we have been doing are making eco friendly villages and we are doing eco friendly challenges using the sand pit, lego, kenex and blocks. We have made our own inquiry questions about how to make our community a better place. We will report back to you with our findings using glogsters later this term.

Some other things we have been doing are designing our own eco friendly 3D houses using Isometric paper. We also did some sustainability challenges from the Bay of Plenty Times.

Mig McMillan came and talked to us about saving the earth by not buying foods in plastic and if we do to reuse and recycle and not throw it away. We have had Bridget teaching us about Zero Waste and sustainability around New Zealand and some other cool places.

Written by Lauren Curtis and Madison Edwards



The following children have received awards for making an extra effort in caring for our School Environment:

Sophie Finn, Jake Morse, Angel Hart, Brie Dawson, Manny Reay-Marttin, Jake Abbot.

Also **congratulations** to **Room 4 and Room 6** for winning **Environmental Awards** for their efforts in making our school more environmentally friendly!

Room 5's REFLECTIONS

I have been helping to look after our school garden by taking my food scraps down to the compost behind Room 7 and 8. When they rot away they get recycled into the soil for fertiliser to help our school plants grow better.

By Sophie Finn.

I have been picking up rubbish in the lunch area—It helps keep our world clean.

By Caleb Campbell.

I have been learning about how important it is to keep our waterways clean. When rubbish gets dumped into it, it turns into toxins that poison the water and it kills our water creatures. We can get sick too if we drink it or swim in it. I'm going to make a poster and Mum's going to make photocopies of it so I can put them up around the place to tell people to be more careful!

By Zoe Curtis.

At home and at school we have been helping to save our world by reusing rubbish to make something new. I made a snake out of old clean toilet rolls and we've made plant pots out of recycled bottles, paper, and other junk—they look amazing. I can't wait to plant the baby plants in mine.

By Lexie Fairweather.

I have been investigating endangered species. I didn't realise there were so many that we need to help save. Even Pukeko's (Takahē's) are on New Zealand's endangered species list. I am trying to find a scientist to email to ask them how I can help.

By Alex Rendell.

LEARNING REFLECTIONS

Thank you for your support in keeping the school a 'quieter place' **between 2,20pm – 2.30pm every afternoon**. All classes are involved in reflecting on the days learning at this time and preparing for their next steps in learning – an important time! Once this is well established we will let you know times that you can come in and observe reflection time in your child's class.

LEARNING CELEBRATION EVENING

An open evening and a warm welcome is extended to all on **Wednesday 16 September** between –
Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 will be sharing their Wearable Art Creations and
Rooms 8, 11, 12, 13 & Tall Poppies

Will be presenting examples of their Learning Inquiries centred around this terms big question:

Our World is our Treasure. How can we make it a better place for now and in the future?

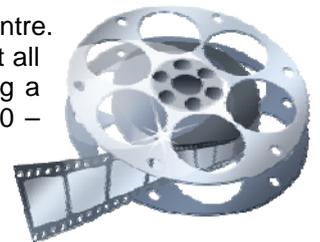
All classrooms will be open this evening – please mark this date on your calendar.

YEAR 7 & 8 OPEN DAY

Our Year 7 & 8 students, (Tall Poppies) will also be holding an Open Day on Wednesday 9 September to celebrate and proudly display different aspects of their work they have been involved in during the first 3 terms of this year. Wednesdays is also the day Robyn Denize facilitates Marimba, Recorder and Percussion Music in our Performing Arts Centre so this is an ideal time to pop in and observe this if you haven't already.

MOVIE NIGHTS

Our School Council plan on holding some Movie Nights in our Performing Arts Centre. Great babysitting on a Friday night for a couple of hours! There will be Staff present at all times. No children will be permitted outside or allowed to leave without Staff sighting a parent or caregiver. The first movie night will be held on Friday 11th September 6.30 – 8.30pm (approx.) Tickets will be on sale that week - Wednesday and Thursday lunch times from the School Council, - \$4 a ticket. Sorry, only Tauriko Students are permitted to attend.



AGRICULTURE DAY

Before we know it our **annual Agriculture Day** will be upon us! **Saturday 17th October** is a School Day and all children are expected to participate on this day.

The children will be completing tasks at school in lead up to the day. A separate newsletter detailing what your child will be involved in was sent home on Monday. **Please read carefully and keep!** If you are unsure about any aspects of preparation or the day, please ask.



BUS PASSES

As many of you will be aware the Ministry introduced a compulsory requirement that all children eligible for bus transport hold **Bus Passes**.

We have been reluctant to enforce these as we have in the past been fairly relaxed regarding who travels on the buses. Unfortunately we are obliged to introduce bus passes and will do so on the 1st September. If your child is eligible to travel on a School Bus, they will be required to obtain a Bus Pass from our School Office **before 1st September, after this date, only those with Bus Passes will be permitted to ride on the Buses.** The cost of a bus pass is \$4.00, - this is for the remainder of 2009.

If your child is not eligible to take the bus and they have been travelling by bus, then I will contact you within the next week to let you know your options. To be eligible, children must: -

- *live more than 3.2km from their nearest school if aged under 10 years*
- *live more than 4.8km from their nearest school if aged 10 or over. This distance is measured to their nearest school even if they are attending a school that is further away.*

If your child is not eligible to take the bus, however would like to travel on the bus to a relatives or a friends place they may purchase a temporary bus pass from the School Office for one trip, of course this is dependent on whether there is space on the bus. It would pay to check in advance. A temporary bus pass for 1 trip is \$1.00

Thank you. There is a Bus Routes and Policy Folder kept in the School Foyer, this may answer any further questions you may have.

TAURANGA BOYS & GIRLS AGRICULTURE DAY – GROUP DAY

This event is held on the 24th October at the Tauranga Racecourse (the week after our School Agriculture Day). Children who have exhibited animals / chickens / hanging baskets at the Tauriko School Agriculture Day are able to enter.

The Annual General Meeting for the Tauranga Boys & Girls Agriculture Day - Group Day will be held tomorrow evening Friday 21 August, in the Teachers Learning Centre at 7pm.

Please, we desperately need a parent / parents of our school to become involved with the Group Day event. If it is not supported, there is the possibility that Group Day will be discontinued due to lack of support.

If you have any queries about Group Day, contact Colin Dyer on 5431001 to discuss this further. Thanks.



DATES FOR YOU TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW

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| * Open Day in the Tall Poppies Room | - 9 September |
| * Learning Celebrations Evening | - 16 September |
| * End of Year Learning Celebrations Evening & Prize-giving | - 9 th December |
| * Tall Poppies (Yr 7 & 8) Graduation Dinner & Social Dance | - 11 th December |

SCHOOL CHOIR

Our School Choir performs at the Tauranga Primary Schools Music Festival at Baycourt next Tuesday evening – 25th August. We wish them all the best.

HOCKEY TOURNAMENT....

On Friday 7 August the following children took part in the 11-aside hockey tournament at Blake Park. Luke Tisch, Briar Hudson, Keeley Grantham, Lucy Houghton, Mackenzie Groos, Charlotte Mangos, Lucy Cameron, Matt Crosby, Georgia Henstock, Shannon Kinzett, Jerushah Keightley, Petra Moss, Catlin Moore, and Sean Weenick. Tauriko played 5 games throughout the day and took first place for their grade. Thank you also to the parents who helped with transport.



HOCKEY REPS –

Well done to the following pupils who have been selected for Representative Hockey - Keeley Granthan (Pandettes) and Luke Tisch (Pandas)

TAURANGA COMMUNITY FOODBANK ANNUAL APPEAL

The Tauranga Community Foodbank Trust is once again requesting support of this annual appeal. In recent years the support of schools and colleges of the area has been a major factor in maintaining the stocks required to enable the Foodbank to provide 5000 – 6000 food parcels per year to needy families. During the week of 24th – 28th August, donations of non-perishable items i.e. canned foods, cereals, pastas, flours, sugar etc for the Foodbank can be brought to school. Many thanks.



PARKING FOR NEW ENTRANT PARENTS

A reminder please, the car parks in the Staff Car park area that are allocated to “New Entrant Parents Parking Only” are specifically for that purpose. If your child has been attending school for more than 2 weeks, please use the Drop-Off Bay to drop off / collect your child. Many thanks for your assistance with this.

RECENT ASSEMBLY AWARDS7TH August 2009



.....Friday 14th August 2009





MEASLES OUTBREAKS

The school has been informed that there has been a rapid rise of Measles cases around the country – already this year the number of notified cases is seven times higher than the total number of cases last year.

Please check that your child's immunisations are up-to-date. The Ministry of Health requires students who have no proven immunity to measles to be sent home if there is a measles outbreak in their class.

You can get more information on measles and controlling infectious diseases from:

<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/nz/regulation/public/1966/0087/latest/DLM24238.html>

UPDATED CONTACT DETAILS

We are in the process of up-dating all students' records. A separate newsletter went home on Tuesday requesting this information i.e. Parent / Caregiver Phone Numbers, Address, Emergency Contact Phone Numbers and Immunisation Details.

Could you please return your completed slip by Friday 28 August. Many thanks.

Milk and Cookies

***The School Council
will be selling Milk and Cookies very Friday playtime.***

Calci-Yum Milk \$1.50each

(Chocolate, Caramel, Strawberry, Banana)

Smart Time Cookies \$1.00each

These delicious separately wrapped cookies have the

Heart Foundation tick

(Chocolate Chip or Brownie)

***Kind regards
DEBBIE SMITH
PRINCIPAL***

P.T.A NEWS

MILO & MARSHMALLOW NIGHT – 'STORY TIME'

On the evening of 4th September - Book Fair Week, the PTA will be holding a "Milo & Marshmallow" Evening in the Performing Arts Centre between 6.30pm – 7.30pm. All Tauriko School children and their siblings are invited to enjoy an hour of story reading and a Milo & Marshmallow.

This evening is 'Free of Charge' and is a thank you to the school community for their continued support of the PTA.



CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO WEAR THEIR PJ'S

Please note all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Litter-less Lunchbox and Tupperware Afternoon

Reduce, Re-use and Recycle is the catch phrase for this term. Many of our children have come home keen to reduce waste, particularly lunchbox wraps and leftover food.

As part of this theme we are inviting parents and friends of the school (and children with caregivers after 2.30pm) to a

**Tupperware Afternoon on Wednesday 9th September
between 1.30pm – 3.30pm
in the Performing Arts Centre.**

There will be :

- Product demonstrations
- Spot prizes
- "Coffee" and "muffin" for \$2.00
- Recycling information and ideas
- The chance to meet with other parents
- A percentage of sales donated to our school

HK Kitchens (07 – 5786361) have generously contributed to Tupperware Prizes for both the Tupperware Afternoon and Agriculture Day.

Invitations will be sent out soon and order forms will be available for parents who wish to purchase items but are unable to attend the Tupperware Afternoon.

Tupperware products have been reducing food waste for many years, providing long-lasting storage options for fresh food and frozen leftovers. In addition to this, Tupperware offers a good quality 'litter-less' lunchbox that holds food securely without the need to paper or plastic wrap. The lunchbox, along with other useful items will be on display and are able to be ordered.

We hope you take the opportunity to get involved with the 'Reduce, Re-use and Recycle' project. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 9th September 2009.

Kind regards – Vanessa Charman-Moore

TAURIKO SCHOOL PTA

Community News.....

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL INC. 53 Bethlehem Road, 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.

BEAUTY & NAILS AT SNIPZ

Fully qualified Beauty Therapist and Nail Technician. Eyelash Tinting / Eyebrow Tinting / Eyebrow Shaping. \$10 each.

GO-30 Nails \$50.00 (No Natural Nail Damage or Toxic Fumes). Nail Art and Gems available. For all other Beauty and Nail Services – Please call into Snipz for a brochure. For all appointments Phone 5780058. We are located at Snipz Organics, Greerton.

GUITAR TUTORING

Pamphlets were given out at a recent assembly for those interested in learning to play the guitar. Visit the website www.schoolofguitar.in-host.net if you require further information.

September Holiday Camps! Come & Join Us On One Of Our Two Camps!

Tui Glen Horse Riding Camp Includes:

Lessons, Trekking, Vaulting & Jumping - In small controlled groups to suit your ability. Catering for Beginners to Advanced Riders

Kiwi Farm Experience Camp - Includes the above, along with other farm activities & dirt karts!

September Holiday Camp Dates

Camp A from Sunday 27th September **Camp B** from Sunday 4th October

Camps run from between 3 & 7 days / Camps are suitable for 8 to 17 years old

We are now OSCAR Approved!!! (WINZ Subsidy) Pickup is available from Intercity Bus Stop, Kawerau

Minivan pickup also available (minimum numbers required). We also run Mother/Daughter Weekend Camps outside of school holidays, please enquire at the below contacts.

Registrations now open for September Holidays

Book via phone, email or via our website

Ph 07 323 6457 or 027 232 5367

Email tui.glencorporate@xtra.co.nz

www.tuiglen.net.nz

The Kids Grinder: Presented by the Bay of Plenty Polytechnic

2km Fun Run / Walk

Saturday 7th November

2pm Start at Greerton Marist Rugby Fields

Spongebob and Scooby Doo have already entered!

Run over HUGE Swing bridge plus run through mega bouncy castle!

To enter check out www.boppoly.ac.nz/go/grinder or email tracey.clissold@boppoly.ac.nz

'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

