



SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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Actively Involved Students

(Links from items in this newsletter can be found on the school website at **Suzanne's blog**)

Kia ora koutou katoa, Talofa Lava, Malo e lelei, Ni Hao, Anyoung haseyo, Konichi wa, Gruetzi, Guten tag, Bonjour, Ola, hello

2016 has started off with a hiss and a roar! We are in our fifth week of school and students have all settled into class beautifully. They are focused on their learning, taking advantage of the range of extra-curricula activities available to them during the school day, and involved in learning that takes them beyond the school site.

Leadership

Recently eight of our students took part in a Principal's cluster Leadership camp for two days out at Aongatete Lodge. Students were chosen by teachers at the end of last year. Head students for this year went with three Year 6 students and three Year 7 students who showed leadership potential. These eight students had opportunities to explore their leadership with students from a range of other rural schools, planning for how they might utilize their leadership back in their schools over 2016. I will meet with Head Students shortly to plan how we will utilize the planning made with this group of students.

Tauriko School student leaders introduce Head students from Boys and Girls colleges in 2014



With a focus on leadership across the school and this enshrined in our motto "Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow" there are many opportunities for students across the school to develop leadership potential. Currently students who are interested in sports leadership as Dynamos are applying to be chosen for this opportunity. Students are also applying to become library monitors and members of Planet Pals. Shortly House Captains will be selected and students and teachers will be involved in selecting class representatives for the School Council. Throughout the year a range of opportunities will arise for all students to explore their leadership potential and we look forward to annual leadership events in our school such as our Year 7 & 8 students attending National Young Leaders Day in Rotorua and our whole school Leadership week.



Gifted and Talented Education

As part of a rural schools initiative to provide experiences for Year 4 – 6 students who are gifted and talented in certain areas, this Thursday four Year 4 – 6 students have been chosen to explore their sporting expertise by travelling to Karapiro to spend time at the National Rowing complex and to meet with Eric Murray - a New Zealand rower. Eric will discuss with students the focus and goal setting needed by elite athletes to succeed and students will spend time looking around the complex and trying out the rowing machines. Students from Pyes Pa, Oropi, Kaimai and Tauriko Schools are taking part.

As part of the school's provision for Gifted and Talented Education (GATE), all students are extended within classroom programmes in their area of strength. This is part of effective teaching around teaching to student need. There are also other opportunities for students to be selected for learning beyond the classroom. Tauriko School also utilizes online learning opportunities for students as part of the Virtual Learning Network (VLN). Students extend themselves by taking part in a virtual classroom with students from other schools across New Zealand and learning with a teacher in another city in New Zealand.

Parent Information Evenings

Throughout the school year there will be many opportunities for parents to be informed about different aspects of life at Tauriko School. Last week parents of current and prospective New Entrant students were invited to attend a meeting in the New Entrant classroom where teachers outlined how they support our Wee Sprouts in their transition to school and shared information about learning and classroom programmes at this level. Parents had the opportunity to also ask all those questions they had about life as a Wee Sprout at Tauriko School.

This opportunity will happen once a term and information about this is on our school website. We encourage parents to let anyone they know who is thinking of enrolling a New Entrant this year to come along to one of these sessions and learn more about what being a Wee Sprout at Tauriko School is all about.

Home Learning review

This term staff are reviewing Home Learning across the school and there will be an opportunity for parents to come along to an evening informing them about how "Homework" happens at different year levels throughout the school. So keep an eye out for this.

To support us to carry out this review we would like to hear from you about your thoughts on Home Learning as a parent/caregiver who supports your child(ren) with this. Please contribute to the survey, which will be on our website shortly, as your input will be useful as we review this. To help you in your thinking you may like to listen to this radio broadcast by a world recognized educational researcher (who is also a New Zealander!).

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0252t4j>

"Head Start" Learning Partnership meetings

This week our "Head Start" Learning Partnership Meetings take place. These happen early each year to enable parents to sit down with their child's teacher and their child and discuss how their child has settled in to the new school year and what initial goals for the child's learning look like. As this is a partnership; the teacher, parent and child will discuss how these learning goals can be supported at home or what might happen at home and beyond school to further support your child to grow and develop as a well rounded, confident young person.

We encourage all parents/caregivers to attend and bookings for these fifteen minute discussions can be made online through our website. Remember to give yourselves a gap between your appointments to have time to get from one classroom to the next. Teachers are asked to stick to timeframes to ensure parents can meet other obligations they may have.

Student Attendance

We have a number of students who at this stage of the year are developing a pattern of lateness to school each morning. This impacts on their learning and their social interaction over time. We know that traffic is busy at this time of the morning as families head off to work and school right across Tauranga and we encourage all families to ensure they leave in plenty of time to have their children at school at 8:15am. This enables students time to settle in to school calmly each morning and organize themselves for learning which starts at 8:30am.

After school arrangements and organization

We ask that all families organize after school arrangements with their children in the morning before school and that should occasionally changes need to be made to these re buses that this information is relayed using the form on our website by **12 NOON** each day. The staff member responsible for these changes finishes work at 12pm each day and we

cannot guarantee with the business of the school office that notifications after this time will be picked up.

Late phone calls, for whatever reason, are not always able to be actioned. Bus lists have gone to the teaching staff member who is in charge of buses, classes can be out of the room and unavailable by phone or office staff are dealing with administration tasks, the sick bay, phone calls, visitors, students and parents at the front desk. Please do not be upset if last minute arrangements cannot be supported by the school.

Suzanne Billington

(Principal)

Internet Payments

Thank you to those families who have paid fees to date. If you are making an "Internet Payment" we are requesting that the payment is no less than \$15.00 an Internet Payment. When making an Internet Payment please send an email to: office@tauriko.school.nz advising what the payment is for. Once again thank you for your support.

Key Dates – Term 1, 2016

Week:	Date:	What's Happening:
Week 5	Monday 29 th Feb	Tall Poppies @ Tech
	Monday 29 th Feb	Learning Partnership Meetings (3pm – 6pm)
	Wednesday 2 nd March	Learning Partnership Meetings (1.30pm – 7pm)
	Thursday 3 rd March	School Swimming Sports @ Greerton Pools
	Thursday 3 rd March	Enrolment Zone review @ 1pm
Week 6	Monday 7 th March	Tall Poppies @ Tech
	Monday 7 th – Friday 11 th March	'Choices' programme with Constable Ros
	Monday 7 th March – Wednesday 9 th March	PAT Reading Comprehension for Years 4 – 8 students
	Wednesday 9 th March	School Photos
	Thursday 10 th March	Home Learning @ Tauriko School - Parent Meeting
	Friday 11 th March	School Assembly @ 1.45 in the Tauriko Hall
Week 7 Week 7 continued...	Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th March	'Choices' programme with Constable Ros
	Wednesday 16 th March	Marimba with Robyn Denize
	Friday 18 th March	West Cluster Swimming Sports (Yrs 5 and 6 selected students)
Week 8	Wednesday 23 rd March	Marimba with Robyn Denize
	Wednesday 23 rd March	Tall Poppies Swimming Sports

	Thursday 24 th March	Teacher Only Day
	Friday 25 th March	Good Friday
Week 9	Monday 28 th March	Easter Monday
	Tuesday 29 th March	Easter Tuesday
	Wednesday 30 th March	Marimba with Robyn Denize
Week 10	Tuesday 5 th April	Staff meeting @ 3pm
	Wednesday 6 th April	Marimba with Robyn Denize
	Thursday 7 th April	BOT meeting @ 5.30pm
	Friday 8 th April	School assembly @ 1.45pm in the Tauriko Hall
	Wednesday 13 th – Friday 15 th April	Yr 5/ 6 camp @ Totara Springs
	Wednesday 13 th – Friday 15 th April	Tall Poppies Art & Leadership Camp @ Aongatete Lodge
	Friday 15 th April	No school assembly
	Friday 15 th April	Last day of Term 1

Message from Tauriko School PTA:

The PTA are well underway with some exciting events for the coming year. If you haven't already, mark down Sunday 20th March on your calendar for the Tauriko School Duathlon. This is the 2nd year we have held this event and again we have the generous sponsorship of The Lakes and Smiths Sports Shoes. The emphasis of the run/bike/run event is on participation so please do encourage your children to enter. All children that enter the race will receive a certificate of participation, however for those with a more competitive side there are medals up for grabs for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each year for both boys and girls. Further information on the duathlon, additional to what was sent home in school bags last week, is available on the school website.

All new families will hopefully by now have received an email invitation to attend a new families evening get together on the 7th March. This is an opportunity for new families to Tauriko School to meet and talk and make a few extra contacts. If you are new to the school, and haven't yet received your invite, please let us know on pta@tauriko.school.nz.

And finally, keep an eye out in school bags for an order notice for one of the much loved Ice Cream Sundae Days– to be held on Friday 18th March.

Jolene Nelson
PTA Chairperson

Winter Sports- Kaye Barnett

I know we have only just started summer sports but some winter sports are calling for registrations shortly.

At Tauriko School the winter sports we offer are the following.

Hockey - year 1 to 8

Netball - Year 1 to 8

Basketball - Year 1 to 8

A blue booklet will come out later on in Term One to sign up.

If you want to play Football or Rugby this is organised by clubs. Below is information on the local clubs and registration information.

Football: Blue Rovers Junior Football Club.

Visit their website www.bluerovers.co.nz for registration links or In person, on Tuesday 1st of March at Morland Fox Park from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

Greerton Marist

Junior Registrations 2016

1st March 5.30pm – 6.30pm or 3rd March 5.30pm -6.30pm

NB: All new players must provide copy of Birth Certificate or Passport as well as passport sized photo at registration.

\$45st Child, \$75 for 2 Sibling + \$25 for each sibling after that.

All grades require boots for this season. Socks will be on sale via the club.

If you are keen to play rugby this year we are keen to have you at our awesome club – please contact: Andrew Rout phone: 021 985 783

Greerton Marist Junior's Coordinator: www.greertonmaristnz.org.nz

Guitar/Ukulele Lessons

In school on a Thursday morning

Small Group Lessons, A fun MusiqHub Curriculum

- \$18 Guitar Yr 4 – 8
- \$16 Ukulele Yr 2- 6

Spaces are limited, please contact **Wayne:** bop@musiqhub.co.nz or wayne.mortensen@musiqhub.co.nz

Please place your school in the subject line.

Piano Lessons

Piano lessons are private, half-hourly, and weekly on Tuesday mornings. Start your musical journey today! Contact Fi at: fi@quist.ca or 021 051 1891 or visit: www.fiskeys.co.nz for more information

Firewood For Sale

\$50 per low side single axle trailer, \$50 per cube high side single axle trailer

Wood is Cypress and is split

Please contact Carey Willis (Caretaker): cwillis@taurikoschool.nz

Healthy Choices

As part of our Health and Physical Education curriculum all students are going to be involved in the learning programme 'Healthy Choices'.

'Healthy Choices' is an educational programme that empowers students to make sound decisions when faced with everyday situations. The programmes are different for all the year levels.

Constable Ros Frost from the NZ Police will be working with staff and classes over a two week period beginning Monday the 7th of March. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to make connections and ask questions. As parents and caregivers, please talk to your child each day about what they have

been learning in class as part of the 'Healthy Choices' programme. Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your class teacher.

The key learning concepts for the "Healthy Choices' programme are:

Year Level	Key Concept & Focus Areas
Years 1 and 2	KC: Belonging, Hauora <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awesome Me • Medicine • Trust
Years 3 and 4	KC: Belonging, Hauora, Innovation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awesome Me • Medicines • Making Everyday Choices
Years 5 and 6	KC: Belonging, Challenge, Hauora, Innovation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awesome Me • Medicines • Energy Drinks • Cigarettes (Cannabis – if the subject is raised) • Alcohol
Years 7 and 8	KC: Belonging, Challenge, Change, Hauora, Innovation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awesome Me • Drugs and Alcohol • Choices and Consequences

Constable Ros is more than happy to hold a parent meeting and talk about the educational modules and why they are taught. This is a great opportunity for parents to ask questions about the programme.

We would like to gauge interest for a parent meeting which would be held at 2pm on Monday the 7th March in the staffroom.

If you are interested in attending this meeting with Constable Ros, please RSVP to Lisa Rose by Wednesday the 3rd of March – lrose@tauriko.school.nz