



SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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

### **ERO Report**

At the end of 2015 the Education Review Office (ERO) visited our school to review school operations and teaching and learning. The final report has been received by the school and in another week this will be on the ERO website. As members of our school community I thought you might like to see this first.

You can be very proud of the report produced which acknowledges the excellent education your children are receiving and the fact that the school is fully supported by a great community. The recommendations in the report were developed with ERO staff. These acknowledge the need to continue to work on enhancing our bicultural work and for students to increase their ability to have ownership of their learning and to articulate this. There is a link to this report on our website for you to read.





## Competition in sport at Primary School level

Recently we had a few queries around how our swimming sports are organized and also about the age old issue of competition in sport for our young people. The number of times I have heard conversations like this on talk back radio and wanted to respond from a Primary School's perspective! So I thought, why not use my blog to discuss this from this Primary School's perspective. The conversations we have had as staff over the years have been passionate and we have looked at a range of research and views as well as taking into account our rich progressive NZ curriculum and the collective professional experience we have together here.

Tauriko School has a progressive curriculum that scaffolds student learning according to student's age and stage of maturity in a Primary school. For the first four years of school we work to encourage students to take part in PE & Health Learning (which also incorporates sporting events). We endeavour to help students to build their confidence to have a go at a range of different sporting skills. We do this by encouraging participation, providing a feeling of success with early skills and supporting students to take a risk in their learning in these early years. In the case of swimming we have very many students who lack confidence and at this age we provide a range of ways in which they can achieve success.

From years 5 - 8 we have both competitive and non-competitive events that students can choose to participate in. They make choices with the support of their teachers and parents who through school notice response slips have input into these decisions.

In my twenty five years of experience in teaching young people in all year levels at Primary School I have learned that experiencing success (in small ways sometimes at first) is crucial to keeping students engaged and switched on to learning in any learning area. Their developing confidence then supports them to challenge themselves progressively throughout school and in many cases students choose, or are encouraged to choose, competition in a range of areas.

We have a history in this country of large numbers of students dropping out of any form of physical activity (particularly girls) as they get older in part due to feeling that they are not "good enough" for competition, they don't always win and so they give this away altogether. In our school children are supported progressively to feel success and have plenty of opportunity for competition as they grow and develop over their years with us. But we are not into turning them off 'too early too soon' by making winning the be all and end all at the earlier age levels. We encourage and celebrate competitive success with a vengeance and are very proud of our students who take part in competitive events. But we are equally proud of those students who give physical activity a go. We hope they will love physical activity and be active adults.

At the school swimming sports parents support teachers to run events and so too do our House Captains from Years 1 - 8. As you can appreciate there is a huge amount of organisation both at the event and behind the scenes and our parents work in partnership with teachers to support student learning at these events. Without their support events such as these could not take place. House Leaders grow their



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leadership skills through their involvement in supporting a range of different activities throughout the year and through role modelling participation and competition for all students.

In the case of the recent whole school swimming sports event, children in these Year 1 - 4 groups were given super star points for their houses based on participation and effort. Judgments were made by parents and House Leaders based on what they saw at the time and to the best of their ability. We are grateful for their support.

Year 4 - 8 students were given House Points for the events they entered (participation) and for placings of 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Races were timed at the end of the pool by parents. Times were recorded and will be used to select students to go onto the next stage of the competition.

A huge thank you must go to all parents and our House Captains for their support in making the swimming sports such a great event this year.

The Health and PE Team review the different events they run every year and keep their thinking to enhance the event the following year. They invite feedback from all the staff and if you wish to share your thinking around the swimming sports with them through comments on my blog, they will look at these comments also.

With swimming being such an important issue for all NZers, I'm sure we all agree that in the early years encouraging students to get in the water, challenge themselves in a variety of ways with support and to grow in confidence is vital. As children get older, and have developed the skills to participate with confidence, we encourage them to take part competitively. We do realise not all students feel confident in every sport and so we provide a range of options for students. Not all children will enjoy competition in every area but we want all children to develop a love of activity for recreation and health both now and in the future.

The argument both for and against competition in sport for children is an on-going one and there are many and varied perceptions around this. As a school we have looked at the curriculum, thought about our Primary children's age and stage of development and taken a stance around encouraging children to develop confidence and feel success at an early age as their skill set develops and then to build competition in with encouragement and support. As well as in school opportunities, we have a sports co-ordinator who organises out of school sports teams and we link children with sports clubs. We also send students onto school cluster and regional sporting events that are organised by Sport BOP at the age levels they recognise this is relevant. Our swimming sports winning competitive swimmers will now go on to school cluster events from Years 5 - 8. Those that are successful there will go to a regional swimming event.

I know that any decision around participation and competition in sport we make will not suit everyone, but our bottom line is always to look at **what is best for the needs of our students** at their age and



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stage of learning and development. With this as a foundation we trust the decisions we make are good ones.

Congratulations to all those Year 5 – 8 students who took part in competitive events and have been selected to go on to West Cluster and Tall Poppy swimming competitions. Those who qualified will be on our sports blog. We wish you all the very best for those competitions.

### Traffic Update

Recently members of the Tauriko School Board of Trustees, representatives of the Hopping whanau (farming family next door) and I met with Simon Bridges our local MP to discuss the continuing traffic issue we have at drop off and pick up times at Tauriko School.

We shared with Simon the on-going proactive strategies we have used over the last 12 – 18 months to try to address this issue and our continued frustrations. Simon is happy to look at this issue for us and investigate what else might be done to provide some solution to an issue which will continue to grow as Tauranga grows and the Port develops further.

If you would like to support the school in its discussions further there are a range of people you can contact to share your concerns:

Adam Francis (NZTA) [adam.francis@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:adam.francis@nzta.govt.nz)

Richard Standing (MOE) [Richard.Standing@education.govt.nz](mailto:Richard.Standing@education.govt.nz) (property)

Sale Fiola (MOE) [Sale.Fiola@education.govt.nz](mailto:Sale.Fiola@education.govt.nz) (school's senior adviser)

Martin Parkes (TCC) [Martin.Parkes@tauranga.govt.nz](mailto:Martin.Parkes@tauranga.govt.nz)

Simon Bridges [s.bridges@ministers.govt.nz](mailto:s.bridges@ministers.govt.nz)

Todd Muller [Todd.MullerMP@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Todd.MullerMP@parliament.govt.nz)

As you are aware we are lucky to have The Lakes Bus in the afternoons at a cost of \$25 per term. This is possible due to the Tauranga Transport Network Group (TTNG) using a college bus before a college run for our students. Once our run has finished it continues on to college.

I would like to discuss the use of a bus in the mornings with the TTNG but they would need information on how many students would use this service and our families need to be aware that to link to a college bus in the mornings might mean an early pick up time and if the TTNG couldn't link to another run the cost of the bus might be considerably more in the mornings.



## Review of our Enrolment Scheme (Zone)

As part of the process of putting in a new enrolment scheme the Ministry of Education (MOE) give us and our neighbouring schools a chance to meet together to review the enrolment zone now it has been in place for just over six months. Both Kaimai School and Pyes Pa School Principals and Board Chairs met with members of our BOT, myself and MOE staff last week to review our school enrolment scheme. All schools had a chance to share their views and the MOE will now make a decision on what the final zone will be.

If there are any changes to this the school community will be informed as soon as possible. We hope to know the outcome by the end of next week.



## International Students

We are really enjoying having our three International students in the school with us. They have made great friends with members of their classroom and are enjoying their NZ experience. Our students too are learning information about Korea and how to support their International classmates to have a positive NZ experience. The wonderful opportunity that all these students have to learn from each other and to appreciate each other's similarities and differences is invaluable and will support our students to learn about global citizenship in a practical way.

Suzanne Billington

Tauriko School Principal



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## Board Update Autumn 2016



On behalf of the Tauriko School Board of Trustees welcome to what is now week six of Term One.

The Board met late February for our first formal meeting of 2016. We are delighted to formally review the student achieving above National Standards in Reading, Writing and Maths, and all areas showing improvements over the previous year. It is a testament to the excellent leadership and decision making around curriculum and resourcing and the whole staff is to be commended for their part in this result. Staff have programs underway for 2016 to ensure all students continue to make shifts in their learning, and where necessary there is accelerated learning in those areas where extra progress is required.

The final ERO report has been received and Suzanne will be sharing this with you. There are always a few nerves when the Education Review Office are due to come into the school and pick over the work, the systems, the achievement and the relationships. The process went extremely well and the ERO team were great to have in the school, and the final report is a real endorsement of the fabulous work being done in Tauriko School and the quality of the relationships within the school and between home and school. Congratulations to Suzanne, Lisa and the whole team on an excellent result.

Meetings have been held over the last couple of weeks to try and speed along the arrival of our new classrooms & look at ways of better ensuring the safety of our community in relation to the State Highway. Minister Simon Bridges was invited along to school and after listening to our concerns has offered to look into some of these issues for us – we are hopeful his support may help speed things along! I would like to take the opportunity to thank our neighbours, the Hopping family for their positive support and their patience as our traffic situation impacts on them and their business also.



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Members of the board also met with representatives from the Ministry of Education and neighbouring schools to discuss the impact and effectiveness of the zone on all parties. Ministry will be considering the information gathered at the meeting and advising us before the end of the month on whether there will be any adjustment of the boundaries of our enrolment zone.

Last but no means least – Board of trustee elections are on the horizon. At our last meeting we approved the timeline for nominations and voting as follows

- Nominations for candidates open on the 6th May and close on 20th May
- Voting papers go out on 25th May and voting closes at noon on 3rd June
- Successful candidates notified by 6th June
- First meeting 9th June

We will be looking for five elected representatives to sit alongside Suzanne and the teacher representative. Board responsibilities include finance, student achievement, property management, employer role, leadership and relationships. The Board role does not suit everyone, it is about setting up processes and ensuring they are rigorously followed, maintained and reviewing. It is also about everyone working together to achieve the best possible outcomes for our children. For more information, check out the following link:

<http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee>

There will be further updates coming home as they are made available, we have a small number of information pamphlets available in the office for those who can't access the above link.

Next meeting is 7th April, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Enjoy the rest of your autumn!

Fay Burke

Tauriko Board of Trustees Chairperson

## 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](mailto:office@tauriko.school.nz) advising what the payment is for. Once again thank you for your support.



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**PTA**

**Message from the Tauriko School PTA**

Ice Cream Sundae Day is to be held at lunchtime on Friday 18th March– keep an eye out for the order forms coming home in school bags and remember to send back your forms if your children would like a sundae or an ice block so we can have enough made up and ready to go on the day.

Sunday 20th March is fast approaching for the Tauriko School duathlon to be held down at The Lakes. We have had a great response with the initial entries, so keep them coming in. 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, and for those with a more competitive side there are medals up for grabs for 1st, 2nd and 3rd for each age for both boys and girls. Further information on the duathlon, is available under 'School Sports' on the school website homepage. We have also had a number of parents volunteer to help on the day which is fantastic. It's so great to see so many hands up to help out. However we are in need of a few more to help man the course so if you are able to help out it really would be appreciated. Give Liz a call on 027 868 3355 or flick an email with your details to [pta@tauriko.school.nz](mailto:pta@tauriko.school.nz) if your volunteer form has disappeared.

And finally, Tauriko School has been lucky enough to be one of the first schools to have the opportunity to sell the 'Entertainment Books' in Tauranga for the 2016/17 year. This is a great fundraiser where a good portion from the sale of the books goes to the school. The launch will take place early April, so again keep an eye out in school bags for more information.

Jolene Nelson

PTA Chairperson

**Key Dates – Term One, 2016**

Week:	Date:	What's Happening:
Week 6	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	School Assembly @ 1.40pm in the Tauriko Hall
Week 7	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Marimba with Robyn Denize
	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	West Cluster Swimming Sports (Yrs 5 and 6 selected students)



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Week 8	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Marimba with Robyn Denize
	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Tall Poppies Swimming Sports
	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Teacher Only Day
	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday
Week 9	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Tuesday
	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Marimba with Robyn Denize
Week 10	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Marimba with Robyn Denize
	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	BOT meeting @ 5.30pm
	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	School assembly @ 1.40pm in the Tauriko Hall
Week 11	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Yr 5/ 6 camp @ Totara Springs
	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Tall Poppies Art & Leadership Camp @ Aongatete Lodge
	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	No school assembly
	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Term 1

## Ukulele/Guitar Lessons Trial 'Give it a go!'

Term 2 - 5 week trial Ukulele & Guitar Lessons available

- Give it a go, no obligation to continue
- Thursday mornings at school
- A fun and progressive curriculum
- Guitar: Year 4 – 8 Ukulele: Year 2 - 6
- Materials provided, Instruments are not provided
- \$65.00



Contact Wayne to book or for questions: [wayne@musiqhub-bop.co.nz](mailto:wayne@musiqhub-bop.co.nz)

MB 027 2717685 Prefer email as starting details will be emailed



# Cake Stalls

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

## **Morning tea time**

- Cakes
- Slices
- Biscuits

**\$1 - \$2 each**

Funds raised are for our  
Year 5 & 6 Camp at  
Totara Springs.

