



Tauriko School

LEARNING TODAY
LEADING TOMORROW

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Dear Parents and Friends of the School

I welcome Suzanne Billington to the school. There will be an opportunity for all of you to meet with her and talk on the evening of Wednesday 16th February during the Classroom Rumble.

John Carlyon – Commissioner

At the end of school in 2010, many copies of an anonymous letter were circulated to a range of members of our community. This letter had an illegible signature and had no return address. The letter contained malevolent and unsubstantiated claims. The allegations in it are not worthy of further comment.

I am confident that the school is facing a positive and productive 2011. Student achievement, safety, happiness and growth for the whole school community are our priorities.

John Carlyon – Commissioner

Welcome back to the students who are returning after the end of year holiday break and also a very big welcome to all students and also their families who are new to Tauriko School.

A warm hello to you all. It is wonderful to be working with you all as the Principal of Tauriko School. Thank you to those of you I have spoken to or met so far, for your warm welcome and support as I get to know Tauriko School. I'm going to count on this support over the next wee while as I find my feet.

Staff have been at school over the last few weeks preparing and planning for the wonderful learning opportunities students will have at school over the next few months. Classrooms are warm and inviting and I'm sure that all children will enjoy a successful year, with the staff and parents working in partnership with them to support their learning. Student achievement and progress is the first priority of Tauriko School and we look set to have a successful and exciting year together.

STAFF - 2011

Principal	-	Suzanne Billington	
Associate Principals	-	Clare Spiers	Lisa Rose
Lead Teachers	-	Clare Tammik	Anna Mackinnon
Room 2	-	Lynda Palfrey	New Entrants
Room 3	-	Clare Spiers	Year 1 / 2
Room 4	-	Tania Yorke	Year 2 / 3
Room 6	-	Karla Wesselink	Year 5 / 6
Room 7	-	Clare Tammik	Year 2 / 3
Room 8	-	Lee Eltringham	Year 1 / 2
Room 9/10	-	Lisa Rose	Year 7 / 8
Room 11	-	Anna Mackinnon	Year 4 / 5
Room 12	-	Andrea Lockett	Year 4 / 5
Room 13	-	Joanne Meehan	Year 4 / 5
Room 14	-	Maree Logan / Rochelle Jensen	Year 5 / 6
Part-time	-	Jill Taylor	
	-	Sam Opie	
	-	Lou Alexander	
	-	Tracey Hall	
Teacher Aide	-	Joy Bardsley	
Website	-	Lesley Pritchard (Wednesdays)	
Office Manager	-	Kay Taylor	
Caretaker	-	Jon Bell	

SCHOOL HOURS

School begins promptly for all children at 8.30am. At the end of the day, all classes have **learning reflection time** between 2.20pm – 2.30pm. For the first few weeks could parents please refrain from entering classes during this time whilst routines are established for this very important time of the day. Thank you.

Morning Tea – 10am – 10.30am
Lunch 11.40am – 12.30pm
School finishes for the day at 2.30pm

PARENT ASSISTANCE

Teachers will be looking for parents to assist in the following areas, if you are able to help please let them know :-

Class Parent Rep:

- a parent who is willing to assist the Teacher in contacting other parents from time to time and willing to be an emergency contact person if the school experiences a situation deemed as an emergency

Cooking Groups:

- All children enjoy cooking in our School Kitchen. If you are happy to facilitate a small group of children cooking, let your child's teacher know

Library Assistance:

- Assisting with the issuing and returning of books during class library times

Many thanks in anticipation!

STATIONERY

Today, all children will come home with a newsletter detailing their "Learning Resource Pack" (Stationery) requirements for 2011, along with relevant fees / donations. Stationery will be sold in the side room of the Performing Arts Centre on **Friday 4th February and Monday 7th February**. Please send your child/s stationery list and money to school as soon as possible. Classes will be called over to the Performing Arts Centre where the children will be issued their packs.

REMINDERS

All children require the following at school each day:

- a wide brimmed hat
- a water bottle
- swimming togs and towel in a waterproof bag
- shorts for PE and Sports

ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent from school please phone the School Office 5430430 or alternatively submit an absence report via our website to report his / her absence before 8.15am. If your child is absent without notification you will receive a call from the school to ensure your child is safely with you or a Caregiver. When your child returns to school please ensure they bring a note from home explaining their absence - this is a Ministry requirement.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

School lunches are available every day of the week –

Subway -Monday / Tuesday lunch orders can be placed in the lunch bucket in your child/s classroom \$5 - \$7.00

Duck In Bakery - Wednesday / Thursday / Friday \$3.00

If you require a Lunch Order list for either Subway or Duck-inn – please call into the school office to collect one.

MEET THE TEACHER RAMBLE

Parents/families are invited to school on **Wednesday 16 March** to meet their children's teachers and look around their classrooms **between 5pm and 6pm**. So pop this on the calendar and we look forward to seeing you there!

PILATES POSSIBILITIES!

Sheryl Nelmes of *Pilates 4 Life* has approached the school to ask if there is a group of parents who would be interested in taking part in a Pilates class once a week, on a Wednesday at 7pm. The first lesson would start

17th February in the PAC Centre. The sessions are 45mins and cost \$12 casually, or \$10 per lesson for the nine week block in the first Term. If you would like to know more about *Pilates 4 Life* you can access information at www.pilates4life.net Anyone who is interested can let Kay know at the school office. We need a minimum of five people to start

BUS PASSES

All children who travel home via the Omanawa Road / Belk Road Bus are required to purchase a bus pass – **these are \$5.00.** Please forward this money to school at your earliest convenience.

LAKES BUS

In Terms 3 and 4 of last year, the Lakes / Cambridge Road bus began operating (only in the afternoons) – this was a great success and effectively meant 35 – 40 vehicles were not coming into the drop off bay at the end of the day. We hope to be able to continue the Lakes Bus this term (**See attached Newsletter**). All children will be required to purchase a bus pass to enable them to use this service.

DROP OFF BAY & CAR-PARKING

Please see following information pertaining to our Drop Off Bay and Car-parking.

MONEY

Please ensure that any money brought to school is taken directly to the class teacher - please do not bring it into the school office.. The classroom teacher records all payments for trips / sports fees etc in their Class Notebook and these records are then forwarded to the school office for receipting purposes. It is much easier for the teacher to keep track of payments made if they are made directly to the classroom teacher. Many thanks for your assistance with this.

TALL POPPIES – RM 9

The Tall Poppies are booked to go to Greerton Pools for 3 swimming sessions. This is an awesome way to prepare for Tall Poppies Swimming events and gives students the opportunity to swim in a long, deep pool! (Also great for fitness!) **The dates for these visits are: Fridays - 11th, 18th and the 25th of February.** We are booked to swim from 12.30 - 1pm. Parent helpers are needed to assist with transport to and from the Greerton Pools. If you are able to assist with transport, please indicate on the newsletter return slip that your child brings home today. Thanks in advance for your support. The cost for the 3 swims is \$3.60. Please send the money to school (to the Class Teacher) with the signed permission slip by **Tuesday the 8th of February.**

Kind regards

SUZANNE BILLINGTON
PRINCIPAL



SPORTS 2011

Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to another exciting year at Tauriko School! We have some very exciting activities planned in Term 1 for Health and Physical Education here at school and inter-school sports are about to kick off in Week 3!

There will be Sports Assembly at school on Friday 4th of February to distribute notices for School Sports Teams for term 1 in: **FlippaBall** (yrs 3-8), **KiwiTag** (yrs 3-8), **5 A-Side Soccer** (yrs 1-6) and **KiwiVolleyball** (yrs 3-8). These notices will also be available at the school office if your child is absent or does not collect one from the assembly.

We have a very quick turn around to get these teams entered please be sure to have all notices returned to Miss Wesselink in Room 6 by THURSDAY 10TH OF FEBRUARY 2011!

All Entry Fees for Sports must be taken directly to the Classroom Teacher.

As always it is imperative to have the support of parents to be able to run these school sports teams, your support with coaching and managing teams is essential in order to make these opportunities available for our students. Your time and support is greatly appreciated!

We are also VERY KEEN to set up a '**Parents Committee**' to keep Physical Education supported with our school, if you are willing to provide your enthusiasm and support to join this committee (I promise it will be fun!!) please email me: kwesselink@tauriko.school.nz or send a letter of interest to me in Room 6 and I will co-ordinate a time for us to get together and discuss how we can support our Tauriko children with their sports.

Other amazing sporting opportunities coming up in term one at Tauriko School are:

Top School Team Challenge, Dynamos Leaders Training, Aquatics Units, After School Cross Country Running Team start-up, lunchtime sports tournaments, KRSA/WEST CLUSTER/WBOP/TALL POPPY Swimming Sports, Lakes Duathlon and Future Champions Mentoring Day!!!!

Thank you in advance for your support with School Sports in 2011!

Kind Regards

Karla Wesselink and the Health and Physical Education Team

Traffic Management Update



Welcome to the 2011 school year.

All the school buses are running and we encourage all children to catch the school bus where possible to prevent dangerous afternoon congestion at the school gate. The new Lakes/Cambridge Road bus, combined with high usage on the Belk Road and Omanawa Road buses last year reduced congestion significantly. However everyone needs to play their part in keeping the drop off/pick up bay free for occasional pick-ups rather than everyday use. It will keep access to the school safer for everyone.

In particular, the Lakes/Cambridge Road bus is a subsidised "use it or lose it" bus. If the bus is not well used it will be lost and everyone will be faced with afternoon queues that stretch back towards the Cambridge Road intersection and long waits in the middle of the SH29.

Please use one of the Lakes/Cambridge Road bus stops rather than driving past them – they all have good parking areas. It is also a good opportunity to meet other parents. The stops are:

1. Lakes Boulevard bus stop
2. Lakeview Quay bus stop
3. Landing Drive / Pumice Glade bus stop
4. #514 Cambridge Road (The Manor Café)
5. Cnr. Cambridge Road / Miles Lane
6. Cnr. Cambridge Road / Echo Valley Way
7. Cambridge Road / opposite Westridge Drive
8. Cambridge Road / St Andrews Drive
9. Cambridge Road / just before Sterling Gate Drive
10. Tauranga Boys' College (13th Avenue)

The Lakes/Cambridge Road bus is \$10 per term per child (approximately 20c per trip) or \$8 per term per child for three or more children in a family. If you have young children then it is a good idea to work with other parents at the bus stop to make sure that children are never left alone if a parent is late.

If you do need to come into the pick up/drop off bay in the afternoon please try to arrive after 2:30pm to leave good access for the school bus. If you are waiting in the line of traffic that is turning into the drop-off bay, try to keep your wheels straight so that you are not pushed into oncoming traffic if someone accidentally clips your car from behind. It is also a good idea to keep your brake lights on for extra visibility.

Please fill out and return this form to use the Lakes/Cambridge Road bus:

Names of children catching the bus:

Bus Stop to be used:

Amount included (can pay for one or two terms):

SCHOOL PARKING AND DROP-OFF BAY

Coming and going from the School continues to be of concern. To ensure everyone's safety, please note the following:

- *Transit NZ governs the number of car park spaces the school can have being on a State Highway. Please be considerate and leave the parking spaces in the car park for those with New Entrant children, and those new to our school and those on school business*
- *There is designated parking across the road from school*
- *The parking in front of the Tauriko Settlers Hall is owned by the Tauranga City Council and is leased by the Playcentre when open, this area is not in the schools jurisdiction and you park there at your own risk*
- *During the school day, between the hours of 8.30am – 2pm it is usually safe to park in the Drop-Off Bay, however after 2pm we need to allow access for buses and pick-ups*
- *Use the Drop-Off / Pick up Bay at the front of the School before and after school. All children are taken out there and supervised by teachers.*
- *Try to come a little later at the end of the day – e.g. 2.40pm – 2.45pm. Please do not come before 2.30pm*

Thank you.

Let's work together in keeping all of our children safe!

COMMUNITY NEWS

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