



Tauriko School

LEARNING TODAY
LEADING TOMORROW

Term - 1

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Kia ora and greetings to parents, whanau and friends of Tauriko School

We are half way through Term 1 for the year and there is a purposeful, happy, excited buzz in the air. Children, Staff and the many wonderful family members who join us to support learning each day, are going about their work with enthusiasm, excitement and a real sense of unity.



As a staff we have been looking at the community's work around their vision for Tauriko School in 2011 and considering what this means for teaching and learning at Tauriko School.

Six Strategic Goals for the next three to five years have been developed and we would like to share these with the community for your comment. **Next Thursday 10th March at 6.30pm**, there will be a meeting in the Performing Arts Centre for parents / whanau to comment on our work around the Strategic Vision so far. We look forward to seeing you there.

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE VISIT

ERO will be visiting Tauriko School from 14 – 16 March to review the work of our school since their last visit. A variety of staff, students, parents/ whanau will be involved in this visit. We look forward to sharing with ERO the school's journey over the last twelve months.

COMMUNICATION FOR PARTNERSHIP

Thank you to the parents / caregivers who have returned their contact details as requested in our previous newsletter. If you have not returned your slip, can you please do so at your earliest convenience. A link to our school newsletters will now be emailed to families with an email address fortnightly on a Thursday. As parents and families are so busy this is a gentle reminder that the newsletter is up on our website www.tauriko.school.nz.

This means parents, or children, can then download the newsletter to read. Children may also like to place these newsletters in a file on your home computer to refer back to if needed. Spending time supporting your children to organize this on your home computer will support what they are learning at school also.

Those few families who we have no email for will still receive newsletters through their classrooms. There will also be a few hard copies at the school office for those people who wish to pick one up. This will also, hopefully, save a few trees and model sustainability - which was also one of the ideas raised at the community consultation meetings last year.

LEARNING PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

A reminder that the Learning Partnership meetings will be held **next Thursday 17th March**. If you haven't sent your slip in indicating which time frame suits you, please do so as soon as possible. Your confirmed times have been forwarded home over the last couple of days, if you haven't received yours yet, please phone the School Office.

MESSAGES TO CHILDREN

Thank you to the parents who organise with their children 'how and where they are going home to' after school. During the course of the day, the school office phone is very busy and if there is a 'change of plan'

we cannot guarantee that your child will get the message. Of course, if it is an emergency, we will do our utmost to ensure that the message gets through. Thank you for your assistance with this.

NEW FAMILIES – PTA WELCOME

Thank you to those parents who attended the 'Welcome to Tauriko School' morning tea held on Wednesday morning, and thank you to the PTA for organising this.

TAURIKO SCHOOL COUNCIL

With the new year starting, a new school council has been elected and it certainly looks like another great bunch of students!

Well done to all the students who stood for the council - great effort.

Congratulations to Edyn Loveland, Trinity Whitham, Kate Hardy, Jerushah

Keightley, Manaaki Worthen and Khan Barnard

The 2010 School Council did a great job fundraising and their efforts with this can be seen with the freshly painted playground lines, trophy cabinet in the office and of course a donation towards the Beach Ed day in December for all students who attended.

This year's council are very motivated, they are currently seeking ideas from all classes as to what the students ideas are for events and activities throughout the year.

Milk and cookies will continue to be sold on Fridays at morning tea time.



KAPA HAKA GROUP

Well done to Marangi Kohu-Fry, Khan Bamard and Shaniqua Rewita for using their initiative to establish a Kapa Haka group at Tauriko School. The girls showed great leadership when they approached staff to support them with an area they feel needs to be developed at our school. They sent a notice home this week to all families who have children interested in being involved in the Kapa Haka group. I look forward to hearing from nga kotiro about what support they will get from whanau of Tauriko School.



REQUEST PLEASE

We require empty ice cream containers with lids to use for storing Maths equipment. If you have any of these that are surplus to your requirements, we would gratefully accept them. Many thanks.

RESOURCES

Once again this year we are seeking resources from home. Each fortnight we will be asking for 2 items. If they could be brought to school and left in the Brown Shed just inside the door – then we can sort them into the correct containers. **This fortnight we are collecting DRIED SEAWEED AND SMALL STONES** Many thanks. Next time it will be 'Tiny Sticks and Seed Heads' – so start collecting!

BOOK MONTH

This month is 'Book Month' We have '\$5 Off Vouchers available at the office if you want to buy a book to change a life!

Read Write Grow - Details of 2 children's writing competitions are in the library. Win wonderful prizes!

- National Library of NZ – My Reading Super Hero
- NZPost – stories, poems, creative writing, a chance to have your writing published in a very special book

SPORTS NEWS

We have had requests from parents asking if Tauriko School could put winter sports teams in i.e. Winter Soccer and Rugby. After meeting with the PE curriculum team it was decided that we would leave it to the dubs to provide these sports as we want to support local dubs in all that they do. Blue Rovers have been awesome with our summer soccer and to support them it has been decided for winter sports teams that both soccer and rugby players are to remain with clubs and that the winter sports on offer by the school for Terms 2 and 3 are Hockey, Basketball and Netball.

Blue Rovers Winter and Soccer registrations close on 28 February. In March they have trainings and trials to select teams and they also try and have teams organised in April in readiness for the soccer season which starts on Saturday 7 May. Please contact Mary-Ann Helem on 5788932 or 027-3393697 if you would like any further details or registration forms.

TOP SCHOOL COMPETITION 2011 - SUNDAY 13TH OF MARCH

We have a team of 12 years 5 and 6 students who will be representing our school with passion and pride at this years 'TAURANGA TOP SCHOOLS COMPETITION'! We openly invite the school community to come and support our team as they take on 24 other Tauranga Schools. This event is held at **Gate Pa School** from **10am -3pm** on **Sunday the 13th of March**, look out for our school Gazebo and Flag and a Top Team in RED! There will be refreshments able to be purchased on the day and Gala activities for all of the family to take part in! We hope to see you there!

Miss Wesselink, Mrs Yorke and Mrs Lockett

RECENT ASSEMBLY RECIPIENTS



RE M I N D E R

Tomorrow - **Friday 4th March** we will be holding a

'RED & BLACK' Day

Get creativedress up – wear a red / black hat, red shoes / socks, face paint etc. To support the people of Christchurch



Gold Coin Donation

There will also be a Basket in the Office Foyer for those families who wish to donate new toys for the children of Christchurch.

All funds raised will be sent through the Red Cross to Christchurch

Many thanks for your support

Kind regards

Suzanne Billington

PRINCIPAL

Milk and Cookies

The School Council

will be selling

Milk and Cookies

every Friday playtime.



Calci-Yum Milk \$1.50 each

(Chocolate, Caramel, Strawberry, Banana)

Smart Time Cookies \$1.00each

These delicious separately wrapped cookies have the

Heart Foundation tick

(Chocolate Chip or Brownie)



The year is off to a great start with some new PTA members and interesting projects underway.

- The PTA has now provided enough funds for each classroom to have a large LCD screen. Most of these are in place and being used happily by teachers and students.
- We have worked with Mark Hill from Waterforce to provide solar heating for the school pool and are investigating the possibility of providing pool covers.
- Some funding for new gymnastics equipment is being provided to support the excellent gymnastics group in the school and also to give all children the opportunity to try the specialised equipment.
- This week a morning tea was held for “new” parents interested in learning about the school and PTA - we will try to make this an annual event.

On Tuesday 22 March the KRSA Tabloid Sports will be held at Tauriko School. The PTA is organising a BBQ and providing refreshments. **We will need some extra help for a few hours (9:30-12pm) in the morning.** Please fill in and return the form below if you are able to help.

The next PTA meeting is on Thursday 24 March at 6:30pm in the Kelvin Gibson Library Resource Room. Everyone is welcome. We have found that many parents are unable to attend meetings but are keen to help out where they can. If you would like to become one of our RAFTS (Relatives And Friends of Tauriko School) please fill in and return the form below. We will e-mail you with activities that are going on and occasionally ask for help.

Name: _____

e-mail address: _____

Phone Number: _____

I am able to help out with the KRSA Tabloid Sports BBQ _____

I would like to be one of the RAFTS _____

Particular areas of interest: _____

COMMUNITY NEWS.....

Allround Kid – Support Learning Partnerships

Allround Kids will be open from one o'clock on Thursday 17th March during the early closure of the school to Learning Partnership meetings. All Thursday participants will be automatically booked in as normal and these children will be collected from the school playground at one o'clock (unless parents inform us otherwise). We do have extra spaces available, please contact Abbey on 021 4944 13 if you would like to book your child in on this day.

COST FROM 1:00pm-2:30pm \$10.00 regular clients or \$15.00 casual clients
Normal fees apply after 2:30

SCIENCE IN THE PARK – Scion's Open Day

Want to find out what a strawberry's DNA looks like? Or how to make pine cones burn different colours? Come along to Science in the Park on Saturday 12 March to find out the answers, get involved with cool science experiments and have lots of fun! This free family fun day takes place at the Scion campus, 49 Sala Street, Rotorua, from 9am – 3pm. We look forward to seeing you there! For further information visit www.scionsearch.com

Enhanced Learning **Specialised Tuition**

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- Member of New Zealand Tutoring Association(NZTA)
- Reading Recovery trained
- Trained in Davis Dyslexia Correction procedures

For more information please contact Christine Anderson 5432066 or 027 2232117

Greerton Marist Rugby 2011 Weigh In

The club welcomes back all current players and encourages anyone new that wants to play our national game to come down and join the fun.

- 2011 Weigh In's will be held over 2 days. These are.....
 1. March 10th (Thursday) Starting at 4.30pm at our club rooms
 2. March 13th (Sunday) Starting at 10am also at our clubrooms

Please bring with you, your child's birth cert or valid passport and a recent "passport style" photo of your child but only if they are to play in the under 10 grade and above (that's 9 years old as at the first of January 2011)



Subs for the season will need to be paid on either of the above dates these are.....

- \$45 per player (for the season)
- \$70 for 2 players in the same family
- An additional \$25 per player for 3 or more

So come and see us soon at our club rooms the address is:

- Oropi Road, Greerton (down the bottom of the hill)

Any queries or concerns should be directed to the clubs coordinator "Ward Edwards" via email only at mandiandward@xtra.co.nz

CUSTOM CANVAS –

Awnings, Blind Covers, Deck / Gazebo Walls, Spa Covers, Windbreaks, Repairs. Items 'Made to order'. All Custom work welcome. Contact Nadia 07-5492240 / 0274-884381 or nkawson@vodafone.co.nz

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