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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

Recently I spent time in China and Korea marketing our school as part of Education Tauranga to recruit International students. As my first time being involved in this, this was a huge learning curve. Laura Fleming, our International Student manager had prepared marketing material for me to attend and we were beautifully prepared to take part and our stand looked great.



In China we took part in an agent seminar where 28 agents turned up to talk to schools. This enables them to know more about the different schools when considering placing students in NZ. We also visited an agency in China as a smaller group and did a presentation on our region and spoke about our schools.





In Korea we took part in Education Tauranga Fairs for prospective parents in Seoul and Busan. Over the three days of these fairs 600 prospective students and their families attended the fairs to meet with schools and discuss what we could offer their children at our schools.



It was great to meet with parents of current International students we currently have at Tauriko School also!

With a wide variety of different cultural groups now part of our school our students have the opportunity to learn different languages in language lessons provided by the school and also from their classmates, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) programmes are now provided for our NZ and International students, all students are learning about the richness in a range of cultures and have an opportunity to celebrate their learning as they did recently at our International Day. Our students interact confidently with each other and value their cultural and language similarities and differences. This prepares our students well to work, play and socialise both now and in the future both locally and Internationally.

As the Board grows this business in our school the impacts of the income from this will also be felt in the additional staffing, programmes and facilities we are able to provide for all our students.

Sporting Opportunities

Recently our Year 7 & 8 students (Tall Poppies) took part in the [AIMS Games](#) sporting tournament. This event had 9,800 young athletes from 375 schools participating in twenty-one different sporting codes.

[Our students](#) proudly represented Tauriko School in cross country, table tennis and gymnastics.





Thank you to Maree Logan and Colleen Wilkie for coaching these students and to all those parents who stepped up to supervise students at events.



This week the Tall Poppies are at a week-long sporting camp with many other schools taking part in 22 different sporting codes. Each school sends a team of approximately 35 students.

Both these amazing experiences are available to all our Intermediate students and they participate with pride and to win. Having an opportunity to take part in events such as these provides amazing learning for our students. Thanks to Nika Rikiriki, Rachel Price, Andrew Newton and Kaye Barnett for their support in preparing the students for this tremendous event.



Our **Year 5 & 6** students recently took part in the annual [West Cluster 7s](#) sporting tournament. Students played rugby, soccer, hockey and netball and did our school proud. Thank you to Ms Hawke for her amazing organisation of students for this event. The students can be proud of their results.

Hockey- Tauriko Orange (Year 5 and 6) - **2nd** place

Soccer- Tauriko Blue- Division 1 - **First equal** with Greenpark School

Soccer- Tauriko Green- Division 2 - **Winners**

Soccer- Tauriko Black- Social division - **2nd** place

Rugby- Tauriko Storm **3rd** Place



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Funky Fun Day – Year 3 & 4 students took part in this day at the ASB Arena. All students had an opportunity to be involved in a range of sports – basketball, touch rugby, uni-hockey and soccer

This is a wonderful opportunity to explore sports they may or may not have played before in a competitive environment with a range of different schools. This event provides an opportunity to experience a sporting tournament at this level – preparing students for opportunities that will arise as they move up through the school.

Agriculture Day

Next term we look forward to Agricultural day. I know both the staff and PTA are working hard to ensure this event is a huge success for students learning and fundraising. Agriculture Day takes place on Saturday 15 October from 8:30am. This is a school day and all students are expected to attend. Agriculture Day, including our Gala, is an amazing annual school and community event which is one of the highlights of our school year. I look forward to seeing you all there to enjoy this day together. Tuesday after Labour Day (25 October) is a day in lieu where children are not required to be at school for the day. Winning animals from Agricultural Day then go on to participate in Group Day on the Saturday of Labour weekend.

I wish all our students and their families a wonderful school holiday break. I want to thank our wonderful staff for their hard work, professionalism and commitment over the last Term which has ensured top quality learning programmes have provided excellent learning opportunities for students. I wish them all a well-deserved rest over the holiday break.



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Kia ora koutou parents and whanau

Term 3 has been especially busy for everyone involved with Tauriko School. Our students have been provided with some excellent learning opportunities, which are only possible because of the excellent support provided by parents and staff (thank you). In August, many of us took the opportunity to host one of the Japanese students visiting from Amori and participate in the schools international day. It is great to see Tauriko's international student strategy coming to life, providing our own children with a fantastic opportunity to live and learn alongside people from other countries and gain the skills needed to operate confidently in a global society.

The next few months will be no less busy, with plenty of activity on-site as preparation for three new classrooms, needed to cope with the schools roll growth begins. These classrooms will be ready for the



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start of Term 1, 2017 and will be a great addition to our school. Preparation has also begun for the school's annual Agricultural day on Saturday 15th October. This is a highlight of the school year,

providing many practical learning opportunities and contributing to students understanding of our community's rural heritage.

Finally, I want to update you on the Board's progress in addressing the State Highway 29 road safety issue. Recently, we met with key decision makers from NZTA, Ministry of Education and local councils, who shared future plans for a possible widening of SH29 outside of the school, along with safety improvements to the Cambridge Road intersection and the potential residential development at Tauriko West over the next 5 years. Should these plans come to fruition, they will deal with the schools road access issues, however, the Board have made it very clear that we are not prepared to wait for possible future developments as the health and safety issues are currently too great and require immediate action. As a result, we will shortly be meeting with Minister of Transport Simon Bridges, together with respective agencies to agree on what can be done in the short term. If you have not already done so, I encourage you to voice your concerns directly to the Minister in relation to this very real health and safety issue for our school. He can be contacted by email on: simon.bridges@parliament.govt.nz

All the best for the term break.

Ngā mihi nui, Greg Simmonds



Bus Changes/Absence Notation:

When you are making changes to the school bus or absence can you please fill the forms out on the school website I have put the links for these as follows:

Not Travelling Form: <http://www.tauriko.school.nz/605/forms/8-not-travelling-form/submissions/new>

Causal Bus Booking Form: <http://www.tauriko.school.nz/605/forms/9-casual-bus-booking-form/submissions/new>

When you are reporting an absence, you can ring and leave a message on the school answer phone or fill a form out on the school website Report Absence Form: <http://www.tauriko.school.nz/606/forms/2-report-an-absence/submissions/new>

When you complete these forms they go to Spike at School them to both Kay and Leana in the office, so if one of the ladies is away and you have emailed them direct the email could be missed. All bus



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changes are to be received before 12pm on the day concerned, we cannot guarantee that office staff will pick up changes after this time.

Congratulations to our raffle winner Mandy O'Reilly. Mandy was delighted to receive her signed All Blacks jersey and put it on straight away. Thank you so much to all those who bought tickets. Your support is much appreciated. A massive thank you also to Mel and Nick Gill for their generous donation. We can now begin purchasing new gymnastics leotards.



A huge THANK YOU to Paula Simmonds, Nichola James, Brooke James, Glenda Hayman, Natalie Hayman and Kathy Ball for all their hard work packing up and storing the library books last Tuesday. Your support and time is much appreciated.

Key Dates – Term One, 2016

Week:	Date:	What's Happening:
Week 9	Friday 23 rd September	Last Day of Term Three
Term Four Week 1	Monday 10 th October	First Day of Term Four
	Tuesday 11 th October	PTA Meeting @7pm
	Saturday 15 th October	Tauriko School – AG Day, Gala @ 8.30am



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Week 2	All Week	Zero Waste Programme
	Monday 17 th October	New Entrant Information Evening @6.30pm
Week 3	Monday 24 th October	Labour Day
	Tuesday 25 th October	Tauriko School is Closed in Lieu of AG Day
Week 4	Monday 31 st October	Whanau Hui @ 3pm
Week 6	Thursday 17 th November	GRIP Leadership Conference, Rotorua
Week 10	Friday 16 th December	Last Day of Term Four

Two Rabbits that need re-homing. Please phone Claire Butler 0225273001.