

# YEAR 3 AND 4 SYNDICATE

## TERM 2 NEWSLETTER 2017



Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2017

### NAU MAI, WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back and a special warm welcome to the new families who have joined us at Tauriko School. We hope you are all refreshed after the slightly longer term break and ready for what looks to be an action-packed term of learning adventures. We never got the chance to wish everyone a safe and happy Easter break because of Cyclone Cook, but we hope you all survived the holidays and cyclone intact.

Just a reminder that you can find the team in these rooms, and we are expecting numbers to go on the outsides of rooms soon so we'll all be easier to locate.

Room 7 Kate O'Leary

Room 8 Kelly Soutar

Room 9 Cristy Drake

Room 10 Lynda Palfrey (Team Leader)

Room 11 Helen Guthrie

Our term gets off to a flying start with rehearsals for our school production, "Maui the Magnificent" which we do in conjunction with Gobsmacked. Having already experienced one "Gobsmacked" production we are very excited to see this one come together. To enhance the learning around this we will be studying myths and legends, different cultures and then expanding into our Matariki inquiry. Near the end of the term we will be celebrating our term's work with a school hangi. The focus for our cultures and festivals inquiry is on the cultures that are important to us, our own cultures. We want to know about your family's culture, your identity and festivals. If you are able to support us in learning and teaching about your culture we would be very grateful. There will be lots of opportunities for involvement so look out for ways that you can be a part of the learning.

At Tauriko School we like to be well-prepared for the start of the day so we encourage all students to be at school and working before 8:30am. Classrooms are open from 8am and we would really appreciate your support in ensuring children arrive at school between 7:45 and 8:15.

**Home –School Partnerships:** Strong home-school partnerships are greatly valued at Tauriko School as they make a positive contribution to children's learning. Communication is the key to positive partnerships so please keep in touch throughout the term. Last term we started the weekly team email and this will continue this term. It is a great way to remind families of team happenings for the following week so we encourage you to check this each weekend so everyone is well informed. Please check that the school office has your correct email details so that this system can work effectively. Pop in to the classes at any time, send us an email or leave a comment on our class blogs. Teachers are always looking for parent helpers so if you are able to help us out in any way, or indeed if you are continuing on from last term, please let us know. Each teacher has different ways they'd appreciate help and we'd love to hear from you. Thanks!

**Change of seasons:** At this time of year the weather is often changeable, colder mornings and warmer afternoons. Children need to be wearing comfortable clothing, layers to shed when it warms up and clothing suitable for cross country training. Please ensure all clothing is accurately named so it can easily be returned to the rightful owner. We still have some muddy areas around the school so children are expected to remove their shoes while in the classrooms to keep the carpets clean and useable.

### WEEKLY TIMETABLE

**DAILY** – cross country training

**Tuesday** - Mandarin

**Wednesday** - ukelele

**Friday** – Jump Jam

### TERM 2 TOPICS

**INQUIRY** – Maui the Magnificent, Matariki, cultures and festivals, hangi

**MATHS** – Multiplication and Division, Problem-Solving, Measurement

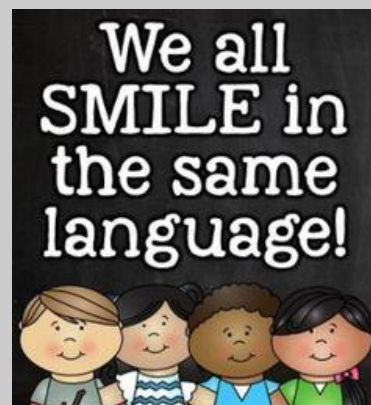
**ENGLISH** – Myths and legends, narratives, explanations, reports

**HEALTH AND P.E** – Cross Country/ Leg It, Hit It, Jump Jam

**THE ARTS** – ukelele, dance/ drama.

Visual arts –sketching, koru art, art related to Maui the Magnificent and Matariki

**LANGUAGES** – Te Reo Maori/Mandarin



When I see you through my eyes,  
I think that we are different.



When I see you through my heart,  
I know we are the same.  
-Doe Zantamata

**Home Learning:** Our school Home Learning consists of daily reading, spelling words and Mathematics. Daily reading may include texts from a reading session, books from browsing boxes, poems, or their own book. The goal is for children to be reading regularly and to develop a love of books and reading. Once the school library is up and running again children will be able to borrow books to take home. As always there are ideas on the school website of ways to encourage Home Learning.

The teachers have all been busy preparing for the term and are excited about the learning opportunities that await. Kelly Soutar leaves us at the end of the term so we'll be making the most of our time together before she leaves for her next adventure. We look forward to catching up with you all very soon, remember if you have any questions, queries or causes for celebration, we're right here. We are keen to develop our home-school partnerships as we continue to make the "magic in the middle."

Kind Regards,

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Principal



#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### WEEK 1

School begins Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

##### WEEK 4

Tuesday 23rd May - Whole School Cross Country @ Waipuna Park (morning only)

##### WEEK 5

Tues 30th May: Dress Rehearsal  
Wed 31st May & Thurs 1st June: Maui the Magnificent production @ Bethlehem College

##### WEEK 6

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Queens' Birthday

##### Week 9

Thursday 29th June Hangi

##### Week 10

Leadership week  
Learning partnership meetings  
Last day of Term:  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

# WISH LIST

#### NEEDED:

- Newspapers and magazines
- Box of tissues per child if you haven't already given one, or if you are feeling generous. ☺