



# Tauriko School

## Newsletter # 7

Week 2, Term 3 2017

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### Principal's Message

*Learning today, leading tomorrow.* Greetings and a warm welcome to existing and new students and families for Term 3.

I have been so impressed with the way our learners have started the term. We talk about our synapses firing in our brains to make new pathways and this is certainly happening as I walk in and around classes each day.

I am thrilled to welcome new staff members to our teaching

team:

In the Wee Sprouts room we have Liz Kriel and Nicole Johnson. They are both super excited about welcoming our five-year old students to school and have great ideas for making transition to school and first steps for learning successful.

In Room 8 we welcome Tim Stanley who is back home in NZ following a teaching stint in Africa. Students across the school are certainly excited to see Mr Stanley out in the playground at break times.

As you will have noticed the newsletter has been re-developed, bringing to you school news in a mobile friendly format. We are hoping to minimise the number of paper copies being printed so if you are not already receiving the newsletter by email and would like to, then please email the school office with this request.

At the end of Term 2, there were a number of celebrations that as a learning community we were extremely proud of and certainly acknowledged that we are hugely competitive out in the wider field – you can read about these successes in the articles of this newsletter. Well done and thanks to the staff who have supported these opportunities to happen which in turn have enabled our students to create the many successes.

Success with a TECT application has resulted in the purchase of 84 ipads and storage / charging cupboards. Existing ipads have been updated and streamlined by ITed Services, our IT service providers, so all classes have access to a number of devices. We are extremely grateful to TECT for their support as this has enabled us to have a healthy injection of new technology into our classes.

Thank you to all families who are considerate when using the drop-off area in the carpark each morning and afternoon, your consideration for each other at these peak times is certainly appreciated. A reminder to all that vehicles must not be left unattended in the access lanes.

The chilly mornings have certainly kicked in recently with a couple of crisp frosts. Make sure those extra pieces of clothing are named so that as they are shed during the day they don't end up in our lost property box!

All in all - an awesome start to Term 3! Thanks again to our amazing staff for all their hard work over the break in preparation for the term ahead.

Lisa Rose  
Acting Principal

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## Jump Jamming to Nationals

Our Year 5 and 6 Jump Jam team entered a Jump Jam competition in Week 7 of last term. This required them to submit a video entry of one of our Jump Jam songs. They worked hard to get this entry submitted and it looked incredible.

On the last day of Term 2 Mrs Van Dijk received an email to tell us that our Jump Jam team had been selected to compete at the Jump Jam National competition in Auckland on the 28th of October. Ten teams out of the whole country have been selected to compete in the Year 5 - 8 Strictly Jump Jam division and our team have already begun their practices for their competition number.

We are currently looking for sponsorship for our team as there is quite a cost to get the team to Auckland. If you know anyone who might be willing to help us out they can contact Natalie van Dijk ([nvandijk@tauriko.school.nz](mailto:nvandijk@tauriko.school.nz)).

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## EPro8 Grand Final Winners!

At the end of Term 2, several groups of Tall Poppies competed in the EPro8 Challenge.

The competition saw Intermediate Schools competing against one another to find the best of the best of the nations' problem solving innovators! One of our teams made it right through to the Bay of Plenty Grand Final and...they

WON! We are so very proud of Jess, Kelly, Luka and Felix who competed against the local intermediates, as well as those from throughout the Bay of Plenty, and came out on top. Wahoo!

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## Writer's Club

Exciting news: Chinese Language Writing Competition

New Zealand Chinese Language Week 2017 (NZCLW) will be held on 16-22 October. This year, NZCLW is publishing a book of 50 essays entitled "Flying Kiwis", written by school students as a celebration of New Zealand's creativity, ingenuity and multi-cultural society. We are excited to

announce that two members of the Writer's Club have had their stories selected and will be published in the "Flying Kiwis" book.

### **Congratulations Marissa Barber and Lucy Armstrong.**

Only 50 stories were selected nationwide. The book including students' essays will be printed in English and HSK-Standard Mandarin and will be promoted in New Zealand, China, the US and the UK as a resource for schools and libraries. It will also be available as a gift to visiting Chinese students, teachers and dignitaries.

Fantastic writing Marissa and Lucy! Ken Fong (Room 11) also wrote an amazing story that will be available for reading in our school library, and we know you'll enjoy it. Well done Ken!

### **Holiday Writing Challenge**

Congratulations to our enthusiastic team of writers who accepted the challenge to write EVERY day of the holidays ... and wrote their hearts out.

**Marissa Barber, Lucy Armstrong, Lola Groux and Micah Verstappen** showed us that they have the "write stuff."

Congratulations on an awesome effort.

*You want to be a writer?*

*A writer is someone who writes every day-  
so start writing."*

- Shonda Rhimes

The Writer's Club meet in Room 10 on Mondays at playtime.

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## School Chickens

The 'Green Team' have some new chickens!

Room 9 have four lovely little chicks that they are helping to raise for the Green Team. The chicks as yet have no names, so the Green Team will run another naming competition in a few weeks. The chicks love investigating the classroom and are becoming used to being held and 'loved'.

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## Message from the PTA

Mathathon, Gala and Family photo fundraiser

### Mathathon

It is great to hear of the practice that has taken place over the holidays with Mathathon questions. Teachers will spend some time on these questions also over the next couple of weeks, preparing for the Mathathon on Tuesday 8th August. On Mathathon Day, all students will be given a fresh sheet of questions to answer, that will be very similar but not exactly the same as the questions they have been practising. All answer sheets will be returned on either the 8th or 9th August for students to collect the money from their sponsors. All sponsorship money MUST be back by 9am on Wednesday 16th August to be included as part of the individual and class tally's. Top class fundraiser prizes and top individual fundraiser prizes will be announced at assembly on Thursday 17th August. Spot prizes will be given out to a number of students in each class from the 10th - 16th August for those students who have returned their sponsor booklets and money. So the earlier students get their forms and money back, the more daily chances they have at getting a spot prize. Any questions, please do not hesitate to ask at the office or email [pta@tauriko.school.nz](mailto:pta@tauriko.school.nz).

### Gala

It is the time of the year when the PTA start preparing for the Gala that is being held following Ag Day on Thursday 19th October. Over the next couple of weeks the PTA are seeking sponsorship from businesses or individuals that may be willing to support the Gala. If you are able to help out and provide a hamper for the quick fire raffles, or provide a voucher or prize to auction off as part of the silent or live auctions please email the PTA on [pta@tauriko.school.nz](mailto:pta@tauriko.school.nz) or call 027 233 2676. Further information with details regarding the Gala will be out to families in later in the term.

### Family photo fundraiser - save the date

On Sunday 17th September the PTA are holding a family photo shoot session. Details are currently being confirmed and information on how to go about booking will be distributed shortly, however in the meantime, if this is something that interests you and your family, please save the date in your diaries.

Tauriko School PTA

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## TECT funds for ipads...

We are very grateful to TECT for their support with funding for IT. This funding has allowed us to purchase 84 ipads for classrooms. Awesome!!

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## Tall Poppy Open Evening

Come along to check out what our Tall Poppies have to offer for your child.

Date: Thursday 17th August

Time: 6.00pm

Where: Room 12 (Tall Poppies classroom)

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## International

A very warm welcome back to the students and parents of our International Student Community.

It is our pleasure to welcome five new International students to our school this term. Welcome to Juhui (Wee Sprouts), Juan (Room 3), Rowoon (Room 5), Seoyul (Room 7) and Joseph (Room 14). We are thrilled that you have chosen Tauriko School.

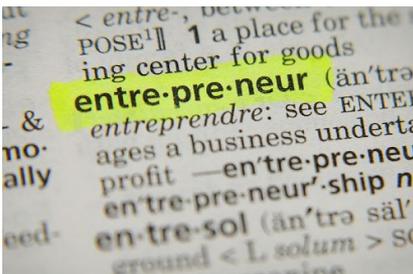
We are very proud of Aya Birt and Gloria Kim who are both worthy recipients of the International Ambassador Leadership award – Congratulations to you both. Both Aya and Gloria played an integral part of our orientation and induction programme for new students which took place in the holidays.

The Tauriko School International Ambassador Leadership award is given annually to students in recognition for outstanding contributions to the International Community of Learners at Tauriko School. At Tauriko School, we believe that through developing a more culturally diverse student body our students can in reality learn, understand and practice the very aspects of the New Zealand Curriculum that we want for them. Forming and maintaining long-lasting, genuine international peer relationships is at the heart of what we aim to achieve

On Sunday, six students from China will be arriving as part of a short term tour group programme. Tauriko School will host these students for two weeks. During this time, these students will be integrated into classrooms and will also engage in cultural activities and experiences. Thank you to all families who offered to homestay these students.

We are looking forward to another exciting term in the ESOL classroom.

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## Year 5 and 6 Businesses

Do you run a local business?

In Term 3, Room 13, 14 and 15 will be learning about how to effectively create and run a small business.

If you have a small business and would like to come and talk to the students about your products and what makes your business tick, we would love to hear from you.

Alternatively, if you are part of a larger business which would open its doors to our students for a visit, we would also love to hear from you.

If you think you can help, please email [tduffin@tauriko.school.nz](mailto:tduffin@tauriko.school.nz)

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## News from the office

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### **Tauranga Boys and Girls Agricultural Club (Group Day) AGM**

**Date:** Wednesday 27th September (Week )

**Time:** 7pm

**Venue:** 168 Soldiers Road, Kaimai

All welcome. Discussion includes planning for this year's Group Day on Saturday the 28th of October 2017

Enquires please phone Linda on 543 5265

### **Beautiful Jersey Calves \$25**

Would make great calf club pets

Well looked after

Txt or call Briede 0273269148

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## Community Notices

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