



Tauriko School

Newsletter #8

Week 4, Term 3 2017



Greetings Tauriko School Community

An industrious fortnight has passed since the launch of our revamped newsletter. Thank you for the positive feedback about the new format, it's mobile-friendly viewing is certainly a hit!

Congratulations to Mackenzie Coster, Jasmine de Buisson and Jorja Clark for being the first students to write articles for this newsletter, the three of you can be very proud of this achievement.

Learners across the school have been busy over the last few weeks, with all things mathematical being in the limelight in preparation for the Mathathon fundraiser, CCC pumping each Friday afternoon, Literacy learning in the form of Nursery Rhymes, procedural writing and novel studies, rigorous sports sessions as our Year 5 and 6 students get ready to compete in the West Cluster Winter Sports days, and boot camps and physical education skills for our Tall Poppies as they work towards Sports Camp in Week 10.

A special thanks to Nika Rikiriki for his support and expertise on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons for all things sporty!

Teaching staff have been hard at work too. We now have our staff meetings in the refurbished library which has proved to be a very conducive environment for learning with the different furniture to suit individuals and the setting appealing to everyone. (check out the photos in the gallery below).

A key focus for staff this term is to review and redefine our Tauriko Inquiry journey. This week's meeting evoked much hearty discussion as we began to unpack and discuss key principles and progressions around 'learning to learn', 21st Century skill sets and learning tools – all of which will in turn lead to consistency, shared understandings and quality embedded practice across the school. What an incredibly talented, passionate group of teachers, it is an absolute privilege working alongside them each day.

Valuable questions to ask your children regularly are our 4 key learning questions:

- What are you learning?
- Why do you think you are learning this?
- How will you know you have learnt it?
- What are your next steps for learning?

These 4 questions are consistent across our school as we model and encourage all students from Years 1-8 to articulate their learning.

Thanks to our incredible PTA for all their hard work and effort with our recent Mathathon. What an excellent outcome with a total of \$8832.00 raised for our tailored outdoor Maths Zone. A special thank you to Jolene and Leah for their extraordinary effort thus ensuring the Mathathon was a success.

Congratulations to all the students who worked so tirelessly to learn their Mathathon lists and collect sponsorship as part of the challenge, and a huge thanks also to families and whanau for their support.

Lisa Rose
Acting Principal



Tauriko School BoT Update – Term 3

Kia ora koutou. Wow! There's a lot happening at School this term. Suzanne is on a well-deserved sabbatical and school leadership is in the very capable hands of our fabulous Deputy Principal Lisa Rose.

We've also had many of our students recognised for some outstanding achievements recently, including the Jump Jam team who qualified for the National Championships and will travel to Auckland in October for a weekend of competition!

Our Tall Poppies also continue to do the school proud, taking out the Bay of Plenty Grand Final in the EPro8 Challenge and the Peoples' Choice category in the finals of the Bay's Young Innovator Awards programme. These programmes focus on developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills to create our next generation of innovators, so it's fantastic to see Tauriko School students being recognised for their leadership in this area.

A highlight of this term is the Creative Community Curriculum which provides students with the ability to interact and learn from expertise residing within the local community. CCC is a special feature of Tauriko School, so thank you to all our parents and whanau who are able to share their passions or expertise with us this term.

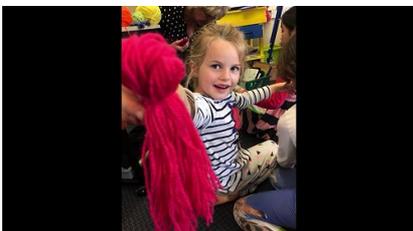
In terms of property, the school grounds are looking really smart thanks to Darren, our Caretaker, and this term we'll see maintenance work on the playground and the completion of site works around our new classrooms.

Transport continues to be a frustration for us all. The BoT were advised a couple of weeks ago that the planned additional carparking on land to be leased beside the school was no longer feasible. However, the MoE have been working with NZTA on alternative solutions to resolve the U-Turning and queuing/parking issues at the school, together with the safety problems at the Cambridge Road intersection. We have been advised they will look to share potential solutions with us next month and will keep you up to date as soon as we have further information. Solving this challenge remains a top priority for the board and we'll continue to do everything we can, to find a solution.

Finally, the BoT want to recognise the PTA's significant contribution to our school community. Approximately \$10,000 was raised at the quiz night at the end of Term 2 and the Mathathon looks set to be another significant fundraiser this term also. A family photo fundraiser has been planned on Sunday 17th September, and preparations for Ag day and the twilight school gala on Thursday 19th October are well underway. Thank you to everyone involved in these events which contribute enormously to our positive school environment.

Greg Simmonds

Chairperson, BOT – Tauriko School



Creative Community Curriculum - Week 2

It's all go on Friday afternoons with a wide range of learning across the curriculum.

We are two weeks into our CCC programme and already there has been a wide range of opportunities for our students to follow interests/try something new, explore and

experience. Thank you to the teachers and community members who are giving their time and expertise to make this possible.



Assembly Stars

Class awards and Principal awards...

Congratulations to the students as shown below for being awarded special awards at the Week 3 assemblies.



YiA - People's Choice Award Winners!

Last Thursday night, a group of Tall Poppies were announced as the People's Choice Award winners for 2017 at the Young Innovators' Awards!

On Thursday, the six Tall Poppy finalists: Mackenzie, Aaron, Kelly, Troy, Estella and Misi attended the YIA awards ceremony at the ASB stadium. All of the Rube Goldberg

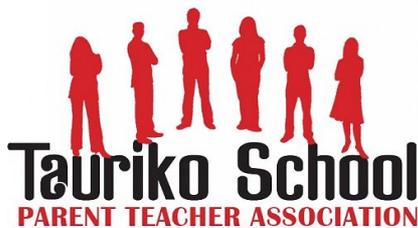
boards that had been entered into the competition were on display. We were all very nervous as we sat in the stands waiting for the results.

The Key Note speaker was Wade Flanagan - Nike Innovation Developer, who had some pretty powerful messages to share: be yourself, be different, be the best you can be.

Each of the finalists was presented with a medal. This was pretty special as there had been over 500 entries in the competition. Being selected as finalists was a great achievement in itself.

The Awards were presented. We were so excited when we heard that we had won the People's Choice Award! There had been over 3000 votes and we were the winning team in the intermediate section. We won \$300 Bayfair vouchers which we plan to use to buy science equipment for our school.

Congratulations to Mackenzie, Aaron, Kelly, Troy, Estella and Misi. Tauriko School and community are super proud of you!



PTA Update

Mathathon

Wow! Thank you all our students and their super supportive families for a very successful Mathathon. Overall we raised an outstanding \$8836 towards a new outdoor Maths Zone at school. Our maths specialist, Maree Logan has begun some

initial planning as to how the Maths Zone will take shape, so we look forward to sharing the results with you.

Congratulations to Room 6 for being the top fundraising class and earning themselves a class trip to Flipout! Room 5 were a close second - the great news is that Flipout have extended the prize to include both Rooms 5 and 6. Special mention has to go to Rooms 13 and 10 for being the top fundraising classes for their syndicate and to Room 3 for returning the most packs! Rooms 13, 10 and 3 have earned themselves a pizza lunch one day shortly. Well done.

The PTA appreciate every contribution, no matter how big or small, so thank you for supporting them.

Family photo fundraiser

Next week, bookings will open for the family photo fundraiser to be held on the 17th September. The booking system is the same as what is used to book Learning Partnership Meetings, so follow the link that will be sent out and choose your 15min time slot and turn up on the day!

There is a \$20 sitting fee for the photography session however this is great value as you automatically receive a free 5x7 photo valued at \$25 just for attending the photo sitting. Katrina Friend Photography is known for taking lovely photos locally and is generously donating 10% of any further photo orders you may wish to order back to Tauriko School.

Photos will be taken at McLaren Falls Park weather permitting, otherwise Plan B will be back at school in the PAC. Keep an eye out on the school Facebook page the weekend of the event to be certain of the location.

Tauriko Twilight Gala

The PTA are well underway preparing for the Tauriko Twilight Gala that is being held following Ag Day on Thursday 19th October. The PTA are still 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 or call 027 233 2676. Further information with details regarding the Gala will be sent out to families later in the term.

Jolene Nelson
PTA Chairperson



Kapa Haka

The Kapa Haka have been busy with performances throughout Term 2 and into this term.

They have performed at the school production - Maui the Magnificent, leadership assemblies, the library opening and the welcoming assembly for our International Students. We are now building our repertoire of waiata in preparation for Ra Whakangahau next term.

We are always on the look-out for whanau or people in the community that can support our Kapa Haka group. If you would be interested in supporting us, please contact Whaea Helen (hguthrie@tauriko.school.nz) via email or pop into Room 11.



40 Hour Famine

Well done Tauriko School. We raised \$3,376.80.

Hooray!!! Thank you for all your hard work fundraising. Outstanding work everyone. The money we have raised will go to providing friendly learning spaces and food for the learners who are struggling in Syrian Refugee Camps.



International

What an exciting time it has been for students in the senior school during the last two weeks as they have welcomed our International Short Term Chinese students into their classrooms.

Our visiting students have had a very memorable time with us here at Tauriko School and will return home to China with lasting memories. The students have enjoyed learning Kapa

Haka, flax weaving, how to make poi, baking Kiwi favourites such as Lolly Cake and Hokey Pokey. They have also tasted honey and visited Mossop's Honey Centre - seeing the live beehive in action and spotting the Queen Bee was a real highlight! Students also visited Marshall's Animal Farm. This was a special occasion as each visiting student was accompanied by one of their classmates which was a lovely way to celebrate intercultural relationships.

On Friday at 10.45am we have our formal farewell celebration for these students. The students will then continue their sightseeing for a few days before heading back home to China. We wish the students a very safe journey back home.

This week our International Mums came together for a social occasion of cooking and laughter. Both our Chinese and Korean mums enjoyed time together bonding while cooking a Kiwi classic - pavlova. We are so fortunate to have our international parents as members of our school community.



TECT - Supporting Tauriko School learners



What's been happening in the Junior School?

Have you tried curds and whey? Have you sat on a tuffet, tried to keep Humpty Dumpty safe or designed your own web?

The junior school is fully immersed in our Inquiry topic, "Nursery Rhyme Mash-Up". We are problem solving, designing, crafting, re-crafting and creating solutions for the nursery rhyme problems of the world. Have a look at some

of our amazing creations so far!



Celebrating 65 Years of Charlotte's Web

Full STEAM Ahead Middle Team

This term the Middle Team are celebrating 65 years of Charlotte's Web with Literacy, Maths, and Technology. We are in a sticky web of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths challenges. We are designing and creating solutions to real-life problems.



Welcome to the Wee Sprouts

The teachers in the Wee Sprouts are Mrs Kriel and Miss Johnson. We are here to make your learning journey into school as fun as possible. When you start at Tauriko school you will have the opportunity to learn in a safe and nurturing environment.

When you arrive at school you will get ready for the day by:

- Hanging your bag on a hook in the cloak bay
- Putting your name into your Wharenui that you belong in
- Put your book bag into the book bag box
- Settle down with a before school activity

Our day includes:

- Calendar and Timetable - this gives us a chance to talk about what our day looks like.
- Fitness - this is a good opportunity to get moving to engage our brains for learning. This includes a range of activities such as Jump Jam, hand eye coordination, jumping, hopping etc.
- Phonics - We focus on different letters to help the students to learn their sound and names.
- Handwriting - this is a chance to practice how we write the letters of the alphabet.
- Writing - Our writing session includes a teacher modelling their writing before the students go off to have a go recording their ideas with the support of a teacher.
- Morning tea - the students eat one or two small snacks and then get a chance to play in the school.
- Reading - this involves shared reading of a big book, guided reading sessions in small groups and a range of reading rotations that are done independently.
- Maths - this is done as small groups working with the teacher and students working on maths rotations independently.
- Lunch - students are to eat the rest of their lunch during the first 10 minutes of lunch time. Then they can play in the play ground, sand pit etc.
- Afternoons - the afternoons cover a range of curriculum areas including PE, the Arts and Inquiry.

Both teachers work with and alongside a range of different students throughout the day. The teachers work collaboratively and use the space as one classroom.

If you have any questions feel free to come along to the parent information evening on Monday 11th September (Week 8) at 6pm in the Wee Sprouts room. We would love to see you there.



Working with a NASA Scientist.

Six Tall Poppies attended a workshop with NASA rocket scientist and Silicon Valley CEO, Sinead O'Sullivan.

On Tuesday, six Tall Poppies: Kelly, Estella, Troy, Mackenzie, Misi and Aaron, attended a YIA workshop. YIA stands for Young Innovators Awards. We got to go along to the workshop because we had been selected as finalists in the

Young Innovators Awards.

We got to meet a NASA scientist. Sinead O'Sullivan has one of the coolest jobs. She is a rocket scientist!

There were college and intermediate students there. The intermediate section designed their own mission badge and presented it to all the rest of the groups. (There were 4 other groups competing). The senior category went on a workshop to design Nike shoes.

At the end we got our own real NASA badges. There was someone from Seven Sharp and they interviewed Troy. At the end of the interview, we all yelled, "WE LOVE YIA!"

MacKenzie Coster



Dawn McMillan

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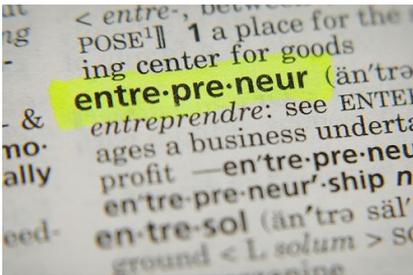
It was a great opportunity for us to experience seeing the work of Dawn. She has been an author for 20 years, having started writing at the age of 9. Dawn has written many books such as "Willy Woolly", "Holly Socks", "Mr Spears and His Hairy Ears" and "I Need a New Bum". She read us two of her books and they were so amazing to hear.

Dawn read one of her clever books to us. It was called, 'The Harmonica'. It was so relaxing to listen to. She also had a little buddy Fergus who was her listening buddy when she

was reading her books aloud. Our own Fergus was very excited to meet the other Fergus.

After answering a few questions, Dawn donated a book to our school and a book to Tom Dyer whose name was drawn. What an incredible experience!

Jasmin de Buisson and Jorja Clark



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



News from the Office

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Student Absences

Parents, please contact the school office every time (via the website or by phone) your child is away. We are required to report all absences to the Ministry of Education. Every time you do NOT let us know where your child was or is going to be, this is recorded as 'truant' against their name.

Website: <http://www.tauriko.school.nz/606/forms/2-report-an-absence/submissions/new> or leave a message on: 5430430

Dental Van - due to a cancellation at another school the dental van has been on site this week. The van will be back in Weeks 2 and 3 of Term 4.

Ag / Gala Day - Thursday 19th of October 2017.

Note: the change of date is due to the fact the first weekend of Term 4 is Labour Weekend.

Animal judging starts at 2pm.

Prizegiving at 4pm.

Twilight Gala from 4.30pm

School will finish at 12.15pm on this day.



Community Notices

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