



Tauriko School

LEARNING TODAY
LEADING TOMORROW

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

What a wonderful couple of weeks it has been. All classrooms are getting fit and learning about endurance as they prepare for cross country later in the term. Teams right across the school are discussing issues of sustainability within different contexts. Year 5 and 6 students have visited the wetlands and a growing awareness exists about how precious this environment is and how we as community members can impact on this environment both positively and negatively.

The Tall Poppies, attended the National Young Leaders Day on Monday. This was an amazing opportunity to listen to inspiring New Zealanders who all epitomise leadership in a variety of very different ways. Year 7 and 8 students share their thoughts with you below.

The Tall Poppies area on the website will soon have further information about the activities these students have been involved in recently. I cannot say enough how proud I am of these wonderful young people. They are to be commended for their manners, support and encouragement of each other and others in the school. They have a real ability to think critically about their learning and articulate this clearly. Out in public, representing our school, they show respect for themselves and others and as a school community we can be proud of them as a group. They really do role model for our younger students active learning and citizenship.

New Staff:

Many of you will have noticed this week that our wonderful Kay has not been in the school office. Kay is in Australia visiting her son and his partner who have had their first baby, a little girl named Piah. So Kay is over the ditch being a wonderful Nana.

The wonderful smiling face in the office, or chirpy voice on the end of the phone you have encountered over the last few days is Denise Morse, who is working in the office while Kay is away. She will then stay on in the school office until the end of the year to provide extra administration support due to new systems, procedures and policies being put in place this year. It is wonderful having Denise as part of the school team.

Karin Finn and Belinda Gillham have also joined the staff this term as teacher aides working with children in classrooms. The teachers and students are enjoying having them working with them and we are thrilled to have them as part of the school team.

Community Meetings Coming Up:

As you are aware staff, parents/caregivers and students work in partnership to support each other to enable a vibrant learning community to exist at Tauriko School. As part of this, the school believes that communication between home and school is vital in maintaining this community. I would like to invite parents/caregivers to two community meetings coming up over the next two weeks:

1. **Our ERO Review** – at this meeting we will share our latest ERO report and discuss progress that has been made since the last report, ERO's recommendation and the school's plans to address the recommendation. The external review verifies the school's internal review processes and the report becomes public early next week. This meeting will take place on **Thursday 26th May at 6:30pm in the PAC Centre.**
2. **Reporting To Parents** – In Term 1 Learning Partnership meetings were held to set goals for individual student learning at the beginning of the school year. Two further opportunities for reporting to parents are planned for later in the year. These will happen in the first week of Term 3 and at the end of Term 4. Staff have been working to design school reports that will meet legislative requirements and current thinking around effective reporting practice.

They would like to share these draft reports with you, and gather your thoughts around these, to modify them to reflect what you want in regards to information on your children's learning. After working on these together we will then trial these Learning Partnership opportunities and seek feedback to refine this process further. This meeting will take place on **Thursday 2nd June at 6:30pm in the PAC Centre.**

NEWS FROM THE TALL POPPIES

The Amazing Race

The Amazing Race Challenge was held at Mount Maunganui Surf Club on Tuesday, 10th May. It was a competitive challenge between intermediate schools that focused on team work and innovation. 3 girls and 3 boys were chosen to take part; Edyn, Khan, Jerushah, Manaaki, Tyler and Troy. There were problem solving challenges, physical agility tests, photography and clue finding. We had a great afternoon, finishing in 9th place. A big thanks to the parent helpers Stacey Loveland and Yvonne Spencer-Hosken for supporting this trip to happen.

National Young Leaders Day

On Monday the 16th of May, the Tall Poppies class, along with Mrs Rose and Ms Billington, travelled to Rotorua by bus for the National Young Leaders Day. This is an annual event initiated in 2001 to develop student leadership in schools and to help build a better future for young people. There are both inspirational and practical elements to the day, with students being challenged to reach their own personal goals as well as considering guidelines for helping others achieve their goals.

Comments from Tall Poppies about the day:

For me NYLD was a great way for young leaders to get together to learn how to be a better leader. It was very inspiring and motivating. The topic was "Train to Play" and it taught you to believe in yourself and to try and not give up. They also said you don't just train without purpose - you try and achieve your highest goal.

Edyn Loveland
YR 8

I think that NYLD was an awesome experience . I enjoyed it even better the second time (I went last year). It was well organised and the hosts and helpers were really cool and funny . We played heaps of fun games . If I had to choose a favourite speaker it would have to be Pat Buckley. Not only was he funny but he was inspirational as well giving us tips for the future and encouraging us to be great leaders.

Trinity Whitham
YR 8

I think that the NYLD was interesting and entertaining. I learnt lots and I would like to go again. Someone who inspired me was Pat Buckley because he had done something bad but he changed his life. It shows that you can change your ways and become a good person and leader.

Khan Barnard
YR 7

For me NYLD was so cool. Hardly any Tauriko people got picked to go on stage but Trinity, Edyn and Manaaki got to go around with a microphone and pick people to ask questions. I enjoyed the whole day because it made me think about what I would want to become when I grow up. I know that if I work hard and make good decisions I can achieve my goal.

Ziarena Galvin
YR 8

GETTING SAFELY HOME

After school, students are picked up by parents/caregivers or go by bus. Usually by 2:45pm buses have all left and most students have been picked up from the front of the school. Staff are then off duty at the front of the school. Therefore, they take any students who have not been picked up by this time to the school office. This means there are adults available to ensure students are safe. We are happy to have children waiting here as we know occasionally parents run late through no fault of their own. We want children safe.

It has come to my attention that occasionally students are waiting for parents/caregivers outside the Tauriko Settlers Hall or the service station next door. These areas are public spaces and a wide range of people pass by these areas constantly. No staff are on duty here to supervise the safety of children after school. Parents/caregivers who arrange for children to meet them here are responsible for the safety of their children if they wait here.

If there are any issues picking children up, please feel free to pop in and see me. Together, I'm sure we will be able to make safe arrangements for your children. Children's safety is an important consideration and we will help in any way we can.

ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

The mobile telephone that we used to use for parents to text to when their child was not going to be at school has now been removed. If your child will be absent from school for the day, and you have access to the internet from home, could you please send us a message via our website – www.tauriko.school.nz, or call the office in the morning. It is important to note that it is a Ministry requirement that parents send a note to their child's class advising why they were away – a phone call is not sufficient. By notifying us via our website, you do not need to send in a letter.

CHANGES OF CLOTHING

Because of the wet weather we have been experiencing, we are noticing that the children (especially the boys!) are getting muddy during interval and lunchtimes. Please try to send your child to school with a change of clothes (shorts/T-shirts etc) – it will make them more comfortable during the day and reduce the amount of mud being trampled through the classroom.

RESOURCES

Once again, this term we are collecting resources. This fortnight we are collecting '**Bottle Caps and Corks**'. When these items are brought to school, could they be left in the Brown Shed, just inside the door – they will then be sorted into the correct containers. Next fortnight we will be collecting '**Foil and Beads**'. Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property boxes are overflowing again (even with the burnt items disposed of after this weekend's damage!) The boxes are currently located inside the Library until a better arrangement can be sorted. Can parents and children please have a look through the items and take out what is theirs – Joy says there are enough shoes in there to start her own shop!!!



CAUGHT BEING GOOD!

<i>Mutu Smith</i>	-	<i>For caring and sharing and helping others</i>
<i>Zach Hermond</i>	-	<i>For using my WITS</i>
<i>Lee-Roy Boyd</i>	-	<i>For helping others and modelling school values</i>
<i>Mia Tanner</i>	-	<i>For caring and sharing</i>
<i>Maya Powdrill</i>	-	<i>For helping others</i>
<i>Shaniqua Rewita</i>	-	<i>For helping others</i>

RECIPIENTS OF A PRINCIPALS AWARD

- Anton Craig - For using expert paper skills to make his fish!
- Sean Galdeman - For excelling with his writing and producing a lovely, descriptive piece of work about the ocean!
- Riley Lloyd - What an amazing start to the term! You are such a self-managed learner!
- Hurikayne Takamore - For always being willing to share your wonderful ideas on the mat!
- Jerushah Keightley - For putting 100% effort into her learning, and caring for others!
- Hannah Rose - For using your initiative and amazing creative mind to produce awesome writing!
- Matthew Manners - For problem solving and thinking outside the square!

RECIPIENTS OF RECENT ASSEMBLY AWARDS

- Trinity Whitham, Manaaki Worthen, Oliver Rogers
- Meesha Richardson, Charlotte Mackinnon, Sophie Finn, Jasmine Baggaley, Ben Dyer
- Sara Esterman, Emma Neustroski, Olivia Simmonds, Charlotte Walton



CROSS COUNTRY

- DATE:** Sunday 28th August 2011
- VENUE:** Waipuna Park, Kaitemako Road, Tauranga
- COST:** \$25.00 per individual

See our school website for further details.



Recently, our school community lost two very special people who were dear to both current and past parents, students and staff. Our thoughts are with both families at this very sad time ...

Tribute to Kerry Tomsett

Tauriko School staff and extended community (past and present) would like to pay special tribute to the Tomsett Family for their recent sad loss.

A former pupil himself at Tauriko School, Kerry Tomsett will be remembered as a supportive parent helper for many trips, camps and events. His gentle, fun manner meant students were always keen to be part of his group where he was supportive in everything they did. Kerry was an active PTA and BOT member, and had a strong influence with the organisation and management of our annual Agricultural Days.

He was much respected and admired by all – a true gentleman.

Heartfelt sympathy and warm thoughts are extended to Dawn, Martin, Lauren and Stacey.

Tribute to Joanne Jones

Our thoughts are with Dave, Callan, Kris and Ashiannah for the recent loss of their wife and mum – Joanne.

Joanne was actively involved in numerous school activities when her children were at Tauriko School. She will be fondly remembered as an amazing parent help in classes and an annual camp parent, always willing to be hands-on. Jo was an excellent role model in showing students how to take responsible risks in various situations. Her passion for "having a go" encouraged students to make the most of all opportunities.

Our sympathy is with her family.

Kind regards

Suzanne Billington

PRINCIPAL

Milk and Cookies

The School Council will be selling

***Milk and Cookies every
Friday playtime.***



**Calci-Yum Milk \$1.50each
(Chocolate, Caramel, Strawberry, Banana)**

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P.T.A. NEWS

The Tauriko School PTA AGM was held on Thursday 5 May. The following team will be working together to support the teachers in fundraising and other school activities such as Calf Club, Book Fair Week and Tabloid Sports days:

Shelley Phipps (Chairperson), Mel Gautron (Treasurer), Terri Cleghorn (Secretary), Donna Opie, Lara Fairweather, Mark Hill, Vanessa Charman-Moore (RAFTS Manager), Dean Litolff, Clare Spiers (Teachers Rep), Shvonn Cunningham, Deb Hollard, Carla Van Oosterhout

We appreciate ideas and feedback; and visitors are welcome on PTA nights. There is an online form on the school website if you would like to become one of the RAFTS (Relatives and Friends of Tauriko School) rather than attending regular meetings.

This term we are focusing on gathering sponsorship and support for events and raffles in the third and fourth terms. If you are a business or have contacts with businesses that may be interested in supporting the school then we would love to hear from you. We will be developing a "Friends of Tauriko School" page on our website to acknowledge those businesses that support Tauriko School.

Your PTA

COMMUNITY NEWS.....

SPECTACLES SUBSIDY FOR CHILDREN FIFTEEN YEARS AND YOUNGERWho can get this subsidy?

All children aged 15 or under BUT ONLY if you or your child has a current Community Services Card or High Use Health Card.

The Spectacle Subsidy can help with the costs of your child's:

- vision test
- glasses if required (frames lenses or repairs) or eye patches

The most that can be paid is usually \$287.50.

We will help you fill out the form and send the bill directly to Enable New Zealand. The subsidy is available again after 12 months, if needed, for each child in your family who can get the subsidy. Please don't hesitate to enquire from your optometrist or any of our optical assistants if you are unsure on your child's eligibility.



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