



Tauriko School

LEARNING TODAY
LEADING TOMORROW

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Kia Ora and greetings to parents, whanau and friends of Tauriko School.

In our last newsletter I talked about partnership in action. It seems that the messages I have in this newsletter are very much along in the same vein. Which all goes to prove that partnership around learning is a belief in our school that is enacted, rather than just spoken about. Our big news around this is:

The Ministry of Education has sent official notification that we are approved to run a Board of Trustee election!

Dear Parents/Community

At the beginning of this year I wrote to the Ministry of Education saying that I considered that all of the issues which had led to the resignation of the former Board of Trustees, and my appointment as Commissioner of Tauriko School, had been satisfactorily addressed. Further, I considered that the school was making extremely positive progress. (This is endorsed by the latest ERO reports). Pretty pleasing stuff altogether.

I have just been advised that the process of electing a new BOT can begin. I am delighted about this.

The returning officer will be confirmed, and they will communicate directly with the whole parent community re process, timelines. Neither Suzanne nor I can be involved in this process. This is a great step for the school and for the school's community. Of course I hope that parents will be active in the process - offering themselves for election, and voting when the time comes.

I expect that the process will be completed no later than the end of August and a new BOT will be in place. A timeline for this election will be made public to the community by the end of this term.

Kind regards
John Carlyon

This of course is wonderful news and I know as a school community you will be thrilled! What better way to be involved in a partnership around learning than being involved as a member of the Board of Trustees.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Attached to this newsletter is information around what reporting to parents means at Tauriko School. This information outlines the purpose behind reporting and how this reporting happens. Parents/caregivers who attended meetings around this recently have helped to shape what these reports look like and the guidelines that accompany this for teachers. Parents told us:

- ☉ We want to know where our children are in relation to where they should be
- ☉ We want to know what our children should be learning next
- ☉ We want to know how we can help our children, especially if they are behind
- ☉ We want to know about our children's effort and attitude to learning
- ☉ We want our children's extra curricula activities acknowledged

What became apparent in the meetings was that it would be helpful to hold a meeting about assessment and the New Zealand Curriculum National standards in Reading, Writing and Mathematics and also about what the most recent good practice is around reporting. It would also be helpful to hold a meeting at the beginning of each year for new parents about how reporting happens at Tauriko School.

After Mid-Year and End-of-Year Learning Partnership meetings we intend to survey the school community to check again about how this reporting is received. A notice will go out at the beginning of next week asking parents/caregivers to book in for Mid-Year Learning Partnership meetings. These meetings, along with a report in writing and "Learning Journey" portfolios, tell the whole story about your child/ren's progress and achievement in relation to the New Zealand Curriculum. We encourage you all to come along.

STAFFING

Recently Tracey Hall-Groos and Lee Eltringham resigned and will spend their last day with us on 15 July – the last day of this term.

Tracey has worked at Tauriko over the last four years and Lee has worked here for the last five years. Tracey has decided to take time to complete her Early Childhood and Adult Learning Diploma and Lee and her husband Grant are moving to Australia for work.

We appreciate that these are exciting new directions for both Lee and Tracey and we thank them for their passion and commitment to our school that has enabled children to make great progress and achieve success in their learning. We wish them all the very best in their new endeavours.

Due to rising numbers in our New Entrant Room a decision has been made to open another New Entrant room in Room 1 for Term 3 and 4 this year. Numbers are not huge, however, we are aware that traditionally numbers have been low in this area of the school and we appreciate that the community is used to this. Ministry of Education staffing means we will open this classroom for the morning only. The school will provide a teacher-aide in the classroom in the afternoon, which in addition to parents in the classroom each afternoon will provide additional support for Mrs Palfrey. The numbers in the afternoon will still not be as high as some other New Entrant classrooms in our region.

A meeting will be held next Thursday 23 June at 3:00pm in the staffroom at school for any parents who would like to meet with me around this. Parents of children who are starting school next term will also be invited to attend.

At present, the school is working to staff both these classrooms and will notify parents/caregivers of the children concerned as soon as possible.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Last week all children at Tauriko school participated in our school's cross country. The look of achievement on children's faces after they crossed the finish line was wonderful to see. All children were proud of themselves... and so they should be, all worked hard to train for this event. I spoke to many parents, who agreed that we didn't know if we would do so well!!!

Our children have learnt a lot throughout this training about their fitness, how to track this, and what helps to keep us fit and healthy.

Thanks must go to Karla Wesselink and her team for outstanding organisation of a very enjoyable event. We would also like to thank the pupils of Tauranga Boys College who supported us with marking out the track and marshalling.

Results for the different Year groups are as follows:

Year 1 BOYS

1 st	Jack Fitzpatrick
2 nd	Ben Charman-Moore
3 rd	Danny Nelson
4 th	Isaac Bishop
5 th	Tiago Currie

GIRLS

1 st	Emma Neustroski
2 nd	Ashlee Morse
3 rd	Summer Carson
4 th	Charlotte MacDonald
5 th	Savannah Hape

Year 2 BOYS
 1st Sam Dyer
 2nd Troy Barnett
 3rd Grayson Moore
 4th Terence Gillham
 5th Thomas Lampaert

GIRLS
 1st Sarah-Anne Kennedy
 2nd Jenny MacKinnon
 3rd Charlotte Walton
 4th Sarah Fitzpatrick
 5th Ivy Podmore-Anderson

Year 3 BOYS
 1st Sonny Eades
 2nd Sean Galdeman
 3rd Joshua Manners
 4th Ben Dyer
 5th Caleb Dowman

GIRLS
 1st Lisa Evans
 2nd Olivia Simmonds
 3rd Kylie Betts
 4th Libby Coster
 5th Amy Charman-Moore

Year 4 BOYS
 1st Riefe Loveland
 2nd Lewis Groos
 3rd Joshua Barnett
 4th Jake Morse
 5th Jacob van Oosterhout

GIRLS
 1st Emma Kennedy
 2nd Holly Bogers
 3rd Sarsha Pedersen-Burbery
 4th Lucy Jensen
 5th Molly Ruebe-Haig

Year 5 BOYS
 1st Adam Galdeman
 2nd Patrick O'Connor
 3rd Kees Tucker
 4th Dylan Morse
 5th Alex Rendell

GIRLS
 1st Charlotte MacKinnon
 2nd Keilani Worthen
 3rd Olivia Steed
 4th Katelyn Dyer
 5th Jasmine Baggaley

Year 6 BOYS
 1st Ben Laidlaw
 2nd Joel Collins
 3rd Damian Torwick
 4th Tai Vaeau
 5th Oliver Rogers

GIRLS
 1st Ruby Evans
 2nd Lucy Street
 3rd Breanna O'Neill
 4th Miela Loveland
 5th Brooke James

Tall Poppies BOYS
 1st Tyler Pace
 2nd Manaaki Worthen
 3rd Troy Pedersen-Burbery
 4th Flynn James
 5th Malcolm Te Keeti

GIRLS
 1st Ziarena Galvin
 2nd Khan Barnard
 3rd Trinity Whitham
 4th Jerushah Keightley
 5th Edyn Loveland



KRSA CROSS COUNTRY

After the KRSA cross country event at Kaimai School this week, the following children from Tauriko have been selected to represent teams entered into this years' West Cluster Cross Country competition. This will be held on Wednesday 22nd June at Waipuna Park.

Year 4 BOYS

Lewis Groos
Riefe Loveland

GIRLS

Lucy Jensen
Madeline Mangos
Molly Ruebe-Haig

Year 5 BOYS

Patrick O'Connor

GIRLS

Charlotte MacKinnon
Leah MacKinnon
Olivia Steed

Year 6 BOYS

Ben Laidlaw

GIRLS

Ruby Evans
Breanna O'Neill

Getting into this team is a huge achievement. Well done guys and girls. We know you will do Tauriko School proud!

Thank you to the wonderful parents who take time out of their busy schedules and help coach, umpire and manage our sports teams! Sharon Baggaley is one of those parents, and here is what she has to say about the two teams she is involved in!

LITTLE LEAGUE BASKETBALL – TAURIKO LIONS

This is a fantastic team! They have played five games and won each one of them very convincingly. I am also very proud of how the Tauriko players are including and interacting with the Pyes Pa players. Above all, they are really enjoying playing the game!

NETBALL – TAURIKO SHOOTERS

Well, what can I say, but awesome! We didn't start too well with a loss in the first game, but since then, the girls have shown awesome commitment and a drive to win. They have won the last five games!!!! The last two games have been particularly difficult for them as the teams have been very evenly matched and the weather has been challenging. However, they have risen to the challenge and come out on top! Really proud of the girls for their achievements so far.

Parents, if you have a team you're involved with and you would like to share their achievements, please feel free to e-mail Denise at the office – dmorse@tauriko.school.nz, so it can be included in the next newsletter!!

SENIOR SYNDICATE CAMP – CHOCOLATE MONEY

Could you please ensure that all chocolate money is returned to your child's class teacher by Friday, 8th July 2011. Thanks!

YOUNG EINSTEINS

Congratulations to the three Young Einsteins Teams who are going to represent Tauriko at the KRSA Quiz next Wednesday. Teams are:

Team 1 – Funky Monkeys

Matthew Bogers, Tai Vaeau, Jasmine Baggaley, Matthew Manners

Team 2 – Boom Brains

Zavier Jacob, Lee-Roy Boyd, Lucy Street, Georjia Bell

Team 3 – Mind Masters

Braeden Whitham, John Tetley-Jones, Benji Laidlaw, Damian Torwick

Reserve

Joel Collins

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Thanks again to those of you who choose to purchase books through the Scholastic Book Club and Tauriko School! We have been able to get a number of new books for our library and classes for free due to the amounts spent in the last few months. Keep an eye out for these fantastic new books coming soon in the library!!!!

Conspiracy 365: March	With a train bearing down on him, Cal's chances of survival look grim! He has 306 days left and the clock is ticking!
The Billy Cart and Trolley Bible	Build your own Billy Cart Racer step-by-step! From simple carts to more technical powered go-karts.
Little Red and the Cunning Kuri	A NZ take on the classic tale of Little Red Riding Hood.
101 Freaky Animals	Discover some of the world's weirdest animals.
Fidgety Itch	A hilarious cumulative tale featuring five cuddly creatures who have a big problem. Who will scratch the itch when there is no-one left to help? Perfect as a read-aloud.

MORNING DROP-OFFS

It has come to our attention that some parents dropping their child/ren off in the drop-off bay are driving in the wrong way, thus causing congestion and a possible accident.

When you drop your child/ren off in the morning, please ensure that you enter the drop-off bay from the Cambridge Road end and exit out the petrol station end. Signs are erected to show entry and exit points, but may sometimes be hard to see. Thank you!

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

If your child is attending after school activities here on site, please note that there is ABSOLUTELY NO SUPERVISION for any siblings that remain at school. We cannot take any responsibility for any mishaps that may occur.

HPP WORKSHOP (previously the Pause Prompt Praise Workshop)

(Hei Awhiawhi Tamariki ki e Panui Pukapuka)

Tracey Hall would like to thank Jan Beets from Gate Pa School, for facilitating the HPP Workshop held on Monday, and the 19 parents who attended. We will be working with Margaret Murray and Michael Rall – both Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour – to get this program operating throughout our school.

CHOIR

A reminder that the choir is travelling to Tauranga Intermediate on Friday, 17th June – leaving at 9am and returning to school by lunchtime. Can you please ensure that all children are dressed in their full Tauriko uniform.

ICT UPDATE

The ICT committee have, over the last few months, been gathering audits on our current situation. This has supported us to create a vision for the use of ICT at Tauriko School.

Goals include:

- ④ More computers available for all students to use
- ④ Ultra-fast broadband
- ④ Wireless internet available throughout the school
- ④ Ongoing staff support, focussed on how to best use computers to support student learning
- ④ Students involved in collaborative projects, virtual field trips and e-learning extension programmes

We are looking for effective ways to raise money to support this vision. For further information on the vision, and how you can support, please phone Kay at the office.



RECIPIENTS OF A PRINCIPALS AWARD

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| Angelina Carson | – | for her wonderful attitude and enthusiasm for learning |
| Caitlin Berquist | – | for the amazing effort she has put into her inquiry research |
| Brayden Kelsen | – | for making great progress in his reading |
| Max Powdrill | – | for writing an excellent and informative report on the wetlands |
| Thomas Lampaert | – | for being self-managed and completing his work neatly and carefully |
| Kayla Bowen | – | for being a fantastic worker while Mrs Yorke has been away |
| Nikki van Zandwijk | – | for her consistent excellence as a self-managed learner |
| Miela Loveland | – | for being a caring and hardworking team member |
| Troy Parnwell | – | for striving to be the best he can in everything he does |
| Skye MacLennan | – | for showing exceptional levels of integrity and care and concern for her peers and being a great role model for others |
| Leah MacKinnon | – | for always treating people the way she likes to be treated and striving to be the best she can be |
| Paige Bowles | – | for always considering others and treating them well. She is committed to being truthful and doing her best |



CAUGHT BEING GOOD!

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| Harry Taylor | – | <i>for helping others and modelling school values</i> |
| Lexie Fairweather | – | <i>for using her W.I.T.S, caring and sharing, helping others, modelling school values and fair play</i> |
| Jake Morse | – | <i>for caring and sharing</i> |
| Khan Barnard | - | <i>for using her W.I.T.S, caring and sharing, helping others, modelling school values and fair play</i> |

RESOURCES

Once again, this term we are collecting resources. This fortnight we are collecting cardboard and paper plates. 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 collecting cup hooks and paper clips. Thank you.


RESOURCES FOR MATHS EQUIPMENT STORAGE

If anybody out there has any spare ice-cream containers or empty film canisters(!) that they no longer require, we would gratefully accept these to use for maths resource storage. Please send them to Mrs Palfrey in Room 2. Thanks in anticipation.

NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY TRUST

We are pleased to advise that our Grant Application to the New Zealand Community Trust was successful – to the value of \$3,000.00. These funds will be used to purchase Hockey and Gym Equipment. Thanks must go to Vanessa Charman-Moore for all her hard work in completing the Grant Application and to the NZ community Trust for supporting our school with resources to support learning in Physical Education and Health.

An invite to:
The Parents of Years 5 - 7 students...
Information Evening about our Year 7 & 8 class

<u>When:</u>	Wednesday 29th June	
<u>Where:</u>	PAC	
<u>Time:</u>	6.30pm	

ASSEMBLY

Please note that we will not be holding our usual Friday assembly next week (June 24th).

CAKE STALL FUNDRAISER FOR SENIOR SYNDICATE CAMP

Room 11 would like to say a very big THANK YOU to everyone who supported their cake stall yesterday. It was a roaring success, and they managed to make a staggering \$300 towards camp fees.

Be on the lookout for more of these wonderful cake stalls coming soon from other Senior Syndicate classes!

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,



Reporting To Parents

A Learning Partnership

Students, teachers and parents/caregivers are involved in “reporting” or feedback about learning and discussion around next learning steps three times a year. This further enhances the partnership we have with families around children’s learning.

All parties in this partnership are aware of their responsibilities in ensuring the child continues to make progress in their learning and achieve at school.

“Head Start” reporting

These meetings happen near the beginning of the school year in order that parents are aware of how their children have settled into school for the year and what their next learning steps will look like in reading, writing and mathematics.

These key learning areas are chosen as they are the tools of learning and support all other areas of the curriculum. Reading, writing and mathematics are also the areas reported on for National Standards.

The other areas of the curriculum are incorporated into the “My Learning” space on the report. Comments here will also reflect how your child learns.

Later in the year the school can then report on the child’s progress and achievement in relation to where they were at the beginning of the year.

- ⊙ Each meeting is 15 minutes long
- ⊙ Students, teachers and parents are present at the meeting
- ⊙ The goals set at the beginning of the year in the “Head Start” report are developed by the student and the teacher
- ⊙ In discussion with parents/caregivers further information/goals can be recorded as part of the report

“Mid – Year” reporting

At the beginning of Term 3, reporting to parents consists of three parts:

- ⊙ A report in writing
- ⊙ A learning journey
- ⊙ A 15 minute face-to-face learning partnership meeting between parents, the teacher and the child. In this meeting the teacher and child share the student’s progress and achievement in relation to the New Zealand Curriculum Reading, Writing and Mathematics National Standards, and other learning areas. Goals for the child’s next learning steps are shared and parents, the teacher and child discuss how parents/caregivers may support this learning at home.

In order that parents/caregivers have a full report of their child’s progress and achievement they need to have access to all three parts of this report.

An Independent Education Programme (IEP) meeting is considered a learning partnership meeting for children and parents involved in these.

“End-of-Year” reporting

At the end of Term 4 a report in writing, which celebrates your child’s progress and achievement in relation to the New Zealand Curriculum, including the Reading, Writing and Mathematics National Standards will be sent home to families.

After “Head Start” and “Mid-Year”, learning-partnership meetings written reports will go home as a record of learning partnership conversations. At the end of the year the written report goes home and there is no learning-partnership meeting.

Often parents/caregivers at Tauriko School catch up with teachers in on informal basis around student learning. Teachers are very happy to discuss student learning with parents as per our “Open Door” philosophy, outlined in the school prospectus and on the school website.

COMMUNITY NEWS.....

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Enrolments open Monday 13th of June. Take advantage of our special offer, book and pay in full by Friday the 8th July and receive 10% discount off your total bill. Please call Abbey on 021 494413 or 5441370 or email us at allroundkids@hotmail.com



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