



Tauriko School

LEARNING TODAY
LEADING TOMORROW

Term - 3

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

Welcome back to what promises to be a busy and exciting Term 3. Children arrived at school on Monday rested and ready to continue their learning. What stands out for me as I write this newsletter is a real sense of Tauriko School being a "Learning Community". This newsletter shares information about student, staff and parent/community learning. This is something to be proud of and celebrate.

STUDENT LEARNING

As you are aware all children in the school will be involved in learning about keeping themselves safe this term. The Keeping Ourselves Safe programme, developed in conjunction with the New Zealand Police, is the major resource used to support this learning. Denis Bidois, our Police Education Officer, will be working with teachers to deliver this programme. A notice has been sent out to inform parents of a meeting being held next **Monday 8 August at 2pm in the Performing Arts Centre.**

Tying in with the theme of safety is the concept of peace and the school will be celebrating **Peace Week** next week. This is a national week designed to help educate pupils about peace issues such as tolerance and understanding by bringing people together across boundaries. There will be a poster competition, a special **"White Day" next Friday 12 August** and we will celebrate peace at our school assembly that day at 1:45pm.

This year the focus for peace is on sporting interactions, especially in this year of the Rugby World Cup. The promotion of team work, fairness, discipline, respect for the opponent and rules of the game are concepts that can be understood throughout the world.

Here at Tauriko, we would like to acknowledge and salute our coaches that give our young people the opportunity to be engaged in sporting endeavours, and thank them for giving their time and efforts towards developing those attitudes through sport.

We, as a community, can model these ourselves for our children as we support from the side line, challenging the team to strive hard, encouraging fair play, commiserating at the losses, and celebrating participation and good play.

Parents watching on are encouraged to focus on the play, not personalities, use only comments that are encouraging of players, coaches and opponents. Fair play is not just for the players, but also for those around them. As adults we are role modelling the value of peace for our children constantly in a range of different contexts.

STAFF LEARNING

Staff were in the school during the recent school holidays preparing for learning this term. They also spent a day focussed on enhancing their understanding of effective teaching and learning practice. The discussions were rich and purposeful and will support the development of our school curriculum. With writing and mathematics professional development continuing also, staff are really role modelling life-long learning for children as they set goals for themselves and work towards these. It is exciting to be working with a group of professionals who are committed to and passionate about continuous improvement of their practice. Constantly I hear the staff discussing ways in which their learning will benefit the students they work with and I am proud of their attitude and approach to new learning. Doing some things differently is not always easy and they are to be commended for their strong wish to be at the cutting edge of current educational thought and practice.

PARENTS LEARNING

Tauriko School is hosting a Ministry of Education funded parenting programme, "The Incredible Years", each Monday night from 6 – 8:30pm for fourteen weeks. Parents/caregivers who have enrolled have made a huge commitment to new learning about parenting. They will all be challenged in their thinking and encouraged to try new ways of doing things to parent. Parenting is an important job and one that is not always easy. Tauriko School is providing babysitting for children who need care while these parents learn. What great role models of learning these parents are for their children!

CELEBRATING LEARNING – LEARNING PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

This week we are in the middle of celebrating children's progress and achievement over the first half of the school year. Students, teachers and parents/caregivers are meeting to have conversations about children's learning and together setting goals for future learning.

As you are all aware we are reviewing reporting to parents this year and we have had one community meeting so far and also surveyed parents/caregivers to support this process. After the Learning Partnership Meetings this week we will send home another survey, with the children's reports, seeking feedback around how families found these mid-year meetings. We will also survey a range of different students for their thoughts around this process as ultimately reporting is about them!

I thank you in advance for taking the time to fill in the survey forms you receive as we want reporting to parents/caregivers to be purposeful and to meet your needs as well as those of your children. These forms should be returned to Kay and Denise in the school office.

TAURIKO SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION 19 August 2011

Nominations for the Board of Trustee elections close at noon on Friday 5 August... so get those nominations in!

The Voting Roll is open for inspection at the School and can be viewed during normal School Hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the School.

The Voting Poll closes at **Noon on Friday 19 August 2011.**

A meeting will be held 'To Meet the Candidates' in the Performing Arts Centre on 10th August at 7pm - all welcome.

Sheryl Farrow - Returning Officer

CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS

Just a reminder following last term's newsletter ... with the Board of Trustees elections coming up in August, we need to have everyone's current contact details – i.e; telephone and mobile numbers, address and e-mail address. This is also a great opportunity to advise us of any changes to contact names should an emergency arise with your child.

If any of these have changed within the last three months, can you please contact us ASAP using any one of the following three options: e-mail to office@tauriko.school.nz, go to our website: www.tauriko.school.nz, or phone the office directly on 543 0430.

STUDENTS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THEIR COMMUNITY

Tauriko School's Charter vision involves developing students who are actively involved in their community.

Hannah Rose in Room 11, as a result of her learning last term, developed a pamphlet to increase the school community's awareness about the dangers of plastic in landfills. A link to this work on our website is http://www.tauriko.school.nz/files/1e239a520ecf2c9a/file_attachments/7/Landfills%20by%20Hannah.pdf

Thank you for contributing to our learning Hannah.

There will be an opportunity for children to contribute to our wider community from **15 – 19 August** by supporting the annual **Foodbank Schools Appeal**. Children can contribute non-perishable goods (canned foods, cereals, flour, sugar, pasta etc.) A flier will be sent out to families soon and as a family you can discuss the concept of "contributing to our community"; your thoughts around this as a family and how you think it is best that the children are involved in this appeal.

AFTER SCHOOL LEARNING

Tauriko School is developing a range of after school classes that parents may choose to send their children to. We know it is difficult for many parents driving their children to different venues and would like to offer opportunities for these activities on the school site. Gradually we will run these activities most nights of the week ...

We have decided to run our own gymnastics "**Tauriko Gymstars**" programme on **Wednesday after school from 2:30 – 3:30pm** due to the expertise of Maree Logan who represented the Bay of Plenty as a gymnast for many years, attending both North Island and National competitions at a senior level. She has coached club competitors and school teams. This will mean Maree can have a lunchtime break while she is teaching as she will no longer run lunchtime gymnastics. This also means we will no longer have the Gymclub business running from our school site.

Classes will be \$40 per term. Money from this activity will continue to support and maintain gymnastics and physical education equipment for the school that our wonderful PTA have contributed to. It will also support Maree's release to take these children to ARGOS GYM for a visit each term.

Tauriko Gymstars will take up to 16 children each term. Depending on the numbers of children who are interested, this may mean we run a different group each of the next two terms. Each term will involve an ARGOS GYM visit (which will be a cost on top of the tuition fees) and the children working towards a gymnastics display at the end of the term. Next year, this will also involve the children being involved in gymnastics competitions. Children need to be really keen, wear their Tauriko School sports uniform and attend regularly. There will be no refund for lessons not attended. If you are interested in this after school activity, please pick up an Enrolment Form from the school office or download one from the school website and return this to school by **Friday 12 August**.

One afternoon a week the **Helen O'Grady Drama Academy** is keen to offer after school classes at Tauriko School for children from 5 – 12 years old, starting in week 3 this term. Depending on numbers one or two classes will run between 3:00pm and 5:00pm. Classes will run on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon depending on feedback on the expression of interest form.

Lessons will include speech, music and movement and creative drama in an atmosphere that emphasises cooperation and fun. In Term 4, all children will be involved in a scripted production. In order to gauge your interest in these classes, please complete an expression of interest form (from the school office or on the school website) and return to the school office by **Thursday 11 August**.

If you would like to discuss how the programme could benefit *your* child, please phone Camilla May (Academy Principal) on **576 4400**, email hogradybop@yahoo.co.nz or visit our website www.helenogrady.co.nz.

We are also investigating further after school options for other days during the week and will keep you informed about our progress around these.

ONE DAY SCHOOL

Tauriko School is now a base for the One Day School each Thursday. This is a school that provides a specially designed programme which allows gifted children to spend one full day each week working with other children of a similar age and ability. Parents enrol their children in this programme and pay for the full day's learning. The school caters for children from 6 – 12 years old to the end of Year 8. This school will operate out of Room 5. We want to welcome Chantelle Lieberum, the classroom teacher, and all the students to Tauriko School. We hope they enjoy their time with us each week. Information about the One Day School is at the school office and will shortly be on our website.

TAURANGA BOYS & GIRLS AGRICULTURAL CLUB (GROUP DAY) AGM

This will be held on **Thursday, 18 August at 7pm** in the Tauriko School Computer Room (located off the Library). Please come along and support this event – Group Day is on Saturday, 5 November 2011.

Many hands make light work – what is involved? A small amount of work is required before the day, plus your time from approximately 9am-2pm on the day. Any enquiries should be made to: Julie Midson – tel: 543 1036.

NATIONAL POETRY DAY

As part of National Poetry Day, Tauriko School was asked to submit one piece for poetry by our students to be a part of PAVED WITH POETRY. Each class from our school submitted one piece of writing to be considered to represent our school. Out of all our classes Riley Lloyd's was chosen. Riley read his poem to an audience at Atrium Bay of Plenty Polytechnic on 22nd July. Then poetry by our local writers will be adhered to the footpath on Tauranga Mainstreet, Mt Mainstreet, Greerton village and Fashion Island Papamoa.

"My poem was chosen out of all the classes to represent Tauriko School for National Poetry day. On Friday at 8.30am we went down to Greerton to stick the poems that have been collected on to the concrete." Riley

****See Riley's fantastic poem on the back of this weeks' newsletter.***

RESOURCES

Once again, this term we are collecting resources. ***This fortnight we are collecting steel wool and nuts & bolts.*** 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 twine and sawdust. Thank you.

MOBILE DENTAL UNIT

A number of parents have been querying the return of the mobile dental unit. We can now confirm that they are due to come back to the school on **Wednesday 14 September until Wednesday 28 September.** However, should have any concerns at all regarding your child's teeth prior to the unit visiting, please call the *Greerton Dental Clinic directly on 5715423.*

Suzanne Billington

PRINCIPAL



Milk and Cookies

The School Council will

be selling

Milk and Cookies every

Friday playtime.



COMMUNITY NEWS.....

WANTED: A 5-bedroom house!! We are looking for a 5+-bedroom house to buy within the Tauriko School zone ASAP. If you have a 5-bedroom house for sale, or are thinking of selling your house, please contact Rachelle and Anthony Hawes on 579 3870. Thank you.

Part Time Cleaner Wanted

Flexible hours, early evenings or weekends but can be negotiated to suit.
Own vehicle required, security check will be conducted.
Please phone Kim- **0274901831** or **07-5432090**

Tauriko Playcentre invites all members past and present to celebrate our 40th anniversary!

Children's Celebration

Join us in a Playcentre session – the classic kiwi childhood experience!

Time: 9am – 12pm

Place: Tauriko Playcentre

Date: Saturday 10th September 2011

Cost: Free

Adult's Celebration

Enjoy an evening out with great friends, fabulous food and happy memories

Time: 6.30pm – 10pm

Place: Tauriko Playcentre and Tauriko Hall

Date: Saturday 10th September 2011

Cost: Tickets \$15 – includes complimentary drink,
Hangi meal and dessert. A cash bar will be available.

Registration: Please contact Amy Rogers on 544 7482 or at taurikoplaycentre@gmail.com by Saturday 3rd
September

Help us to spread the word -

We look forward to seeing you there!

Tauranga Motorcycle Club

Maize Paddock FUN DAY

At Welcome Bay Road on

Sunday 7th August 2011

The Club is holding it's second Maize Paddock Fun Day. Kids, get Mum & Dad to bring you along for a blast around!!

Event: Fun Day – great day for new riders to “give it a go” **Venue:** 751 Welcome Bay Road (follow the TGA Club event signs)

Sign on: from 8.30am

Riders' briefing: at 9.45am

Ride starts: 10am-3.30pm

Entry fees: Club Members

Minis - \$10

Juniors - \$15

Seniors - \$25

Family - \$45

Non Club Members

Minis - \$15

Juniors - \$20

Seniors - \$30

Family - \$55

(membership forms will be available on the day – Mini & Junior memberships only \$15 a year!!)

Cash or Chq: we don't have eftpos

What to wear: Must have helmet, gloves and boots (gumboots are fine), long pants and long sleeved shirt

For more info Ph: Craig Jeffrey 07 552 5181 / 021 870 117

Food and drinks will be available (If there is heavy rain then this event will be cancelled)

Farmers PRESENTS...

what a woman WANTS

Learn what to wear & how to wear it!

Farmers and fashion stylist Lisa O'Neill are joining with Plunket to inspire women around NZ to sort out their wardrobe and never to have that feeling of "having nothing to wear" ever again.

Farmers is supporting Lisa in her travels around the country to present this comedy-filled Plunket fundraiser which covers body shapes, make-up & accessories, previewing the exciting new Spring/Summer 2011 fashion from Farmers.

Hosted by **Lisa O'Neill**
www.lisaoneill.co.nz

WHERE
Otumoetai Baptist Church
241 Otumoetai Rd, Tauranga

WHEN
Friday 26th August, doors open 7pm, show starts 7.30pm

TICKETS \$25
Tickets include refreshments, supper and a goodie bag

BUY TICKETS FROM
BNZ stores, Willow St, Cameron Rd, Maunganui Rd. For more information contact: otumoetaisub@windowslive.com

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Learn to Swim, Learn to Survive!

An exciting opportunity to learn with one of New Zealand's most successful international swimmers! Liz van Welie leads a new swim school in Judea. Using the latest technology from Magnapool, your child will enjoy swimming in mineral treated water - no smell, no rash, no stinging eyes. The school prides itself on delivering the highest quality swimming curriculum in the highest quality water. Classes run for 30 minutes and programmes cater from 6 months of age through to being competent in all four swimming strokes. Term 3 lessons are available now for enrolment. For all enquiries, please phone Jenna on 928 8822 or email admin@lvswimschool.co.nz

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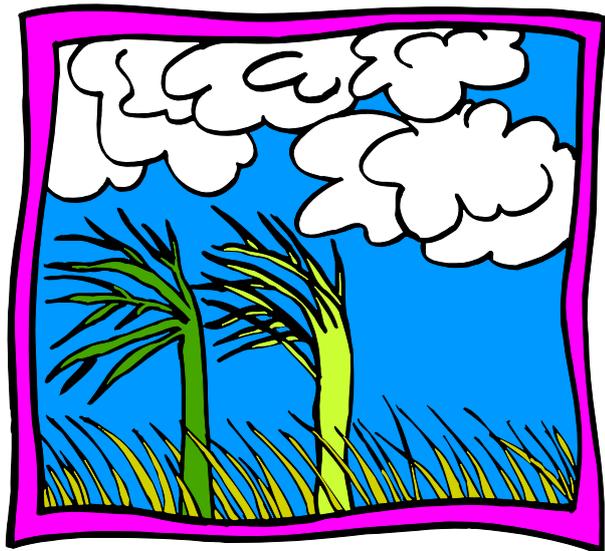
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The Wild, Wet Wind

By Riley Lloyd

The weather this week has been quite foul.
And the trees outside make a howl.
Crashing leaves, scrunch and crunch.
And the wind blows a loud whistle.
Across all the country and also the town.
Though the weather is foul.
That won't ruin my day.
Because I'll play inside.
And I'll listen to the wild, wet, wind.
Whistle and howl.



Riley Lloyd
Age 7
Tauriko School