



# Tauriko School

LEARNING TODAY  
LEADING TOMORROW

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

As you are aware all children at Tauriko School are learning about ways in which they can keep themselves safe this term. The "Keeping Ourselves Safe" programme is being taught jointly by classroom teachers and "Constable Den" (Denis Bidois). The children are enjoying the lessons and there is much animated discussion as I move around classrooms. We are receiving wonderful feedback from parents/caregivers about the conversations they are having at home with their children and we know that many of you are supporting your children in looking after "egg children"!!!! The concepts taught in this programme are important, supporting children to develop life-long strategies to keep themselves safe.

## **SAFETY ON OUR SCHOOL BUSES**

In conversation with students and Laird Wood from Bayline Buses this week I have become concerned about the safety of our children on buses this week. We have bus procedures in place that are rigorous and work if they are followed. However, we are finding this is not happening sufficiently at the moment and I would ask for your help to ensure that we can improve this.

It is very important that we know exactly who should be on school buses each afternoon. If changes to family arrangements have been made due to sports practices, after school activities, children being sick, after school care arrangements etc it is **vital** that parents/caregivers let us know by lunchtime of the first day this is to happen. Contact can be made via the school website or by ringing Kay or Denise at the school office. This will support us in two ways:

- ⊕ Teachers are not rushing around the school looking for children and so holding up school buses
- ⊕ Buses leave on time thus helping traffic congestion at the front of the school

Word of mouth via children doesn't work as they don't always remember and we cannot be sure they have got the story right and feel we have to double check.

As a school we have added another monitor to each bus run. These monitors will provide feedback to Joanne Meehan each day, which they record in a notebook. The bus company has concerns about the children's behaviour on buses and we want to improve systems in place to ensure they have no cause for concern. I am also having a meeting with our bus children this Friday to go over our expectations on school buses. We have neat kids and I know this will come right. I would appreciate your support in talking to your children about the behaviour expectations for children on the buses. Information can be found on our website

<http://www.tauriko.school.nz/files/1e239a520ecf2c9a/folders/73/Bus%20Procedures%202011%20%287%29.pdf> These expectations can be found in a bold box in this document.

Both Joanne and I are happy to talk to you at any time if you feel there is any further information that would support us in maintaining the children's safety on buses.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS**

*Voting closed today at noon 19th August. Votes will be counted 6 days after voting closes (this allows for any postal votes to be counted - postal votes must be postmarked 12noon 19 August). All candidates will be informed of the results as soon as the counting is completed. The community will be informed via a school newsletter and a notice will also be published in the Bay of Plenty Times. Thank you to everyone who has voted. Sheryl Farrow - Returning Officer*

## **ATTENDANCE**

As you are aware all children are legally required to receive an education from 6 years old. Enrolling a child at 5 years old is considered a commitment to this education and Tauriko School expects children to be here each day. Occasionally children are away due to illness and we ask that parents contact the school by 9am to ensure that we know children are safe. Right from Year 1 it is important that children are supported to develop confidence around being at school and to experience success. Being at school every day enables this to happen.

We know at times it is difficult to get children to school and that being the strong adult and doing what we know is best for the child is not always easy. We will support parents/caregivers as much as we can once we are aware of this. The school is also required to have procedures in place to deal with non-attendance. I have attached these for your information. We work closely with support agencies to get children to school and also have the support of Graeme Leigh-McKenzie, our Truancy Officer, to support children to attend school. Parents are expected to write a note, ring or come into school, or fill in a form via the school website – [www.tauriko.school.nz](http://www.tauriko.school.nz), to inform the school that their child is away **on the first day of absence**. If this does not happen, Denise will ring families to find out why children are away from school. We do this to ensure that children are safe.

## **TAURANGA PRIMARY SCHOOL'S ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Our choir is to perform at the Tauranga School's Music Festival at Baycourt next Friday August 26 at 7:30pm. I would like to wish the children and Mrs Andrea Lockett the very best of luck with their performance. I know they will give a wonderful performance and make us proud. The hours that the children and Andrea have put into practices shows wonderful commitment and I look forward to seeing the children perform. I understand from parents that these tickets have now sold out. Final practice is at Baycourt on the 26th August - next Friday. All children must be in full Tauriko School uniform.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

A reminder please to look in the lost property boxes located outside the Library. There are so many shoes in the box that it is hard to shut the lid! Joy will take them to the Salvation Army if not collected in the next 2 weeks.

## **AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

### **Tauriko Gymstars**

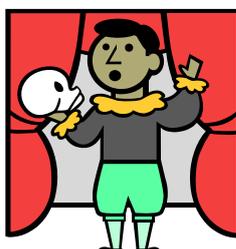
This gym class is now full for Term 3 and most places are filling up for Term 4. I know we will all be looking forward to having the children share their learning with us later in the term.

### **Helen O'Grady Drama Club**

Children who have enrolled for this class will begin their lessons next Thursday in the PAC. There are still a few vacancies available for children who would like to take part in this after school activity from 2:30pm – 3:20 pm. 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](mailto:hogradybop@yahoo.co.nz) or visit her website [www.helenogradys.co.nz](http://www.helenogradys.co.nz).

### **Art Classes**

Due to the cost of these lessons we have had only a few people interested in taking art lessons through Fine Young Artists. However, I have a plan B around this and will be in touch!



# Spanish Lessons



¡Hola!

On Tuesday afternoons we have a husband and wife team who would be available to run Spanish lessons here at Tauriko School in Room 5. They currently run classes at the Mount and we are lucky enough to have this opportunity at Tauriko School. The lessons will be \$8 per lesson and will start this term from Tuesday 30 August. Therefore, the term fees would be \$48 this term. Lessons will be fun involving some conversational Spanish, written work and an opportunity to learn about the life and culture of Spain, where Antonio and Elena, the teachers, are from. This class is being offered to children from Years 1 – 8, and depending on numbers will be run as one or two classes. The first class would start at 2:45pm and the second at 3:45pm. Children would be expected to purchase a IB5 exercise book to enable them to complete a small practice activity each week.

If you are interested in these lessons for your child(ren) please fill in the expression of interest form on our website or at the school office. **Adiós**

## LOOK WHO VISITED ROOM 2!!!

Lynda Palfrey was lucky enough to enjoy two weeks holiday in the States late last term. As a surprise for the children, she came in to school dressed as Minnie Mouse to make them Mouse Toast! The kids had a wonderful time!



*Patrick Moloney, Isaac Bishop, Briley Dodds, "Minnie in her Pinny", Antonia Gutierrez, Jackson Groos  
Vilah Christy, Ozarion Davies-Marshall, Kayla Adlington, Ben Charman-Moore*

## RECENT CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

*CAUGHT BEING GOOD*

Georjia Bell

Leith Nicholas

Anthony Golding

Asha Clarke

*PRINCIPAL'S AWARD - EXCELLENCE*



*Cody Walker, Maia Coster, Caitlin Hollard, Zane Petersen, Lexi Fairweather, Ruby Evans, Anthony Golding, Sonny Eades Sarah Fitzpatrick, Misi Tasi, Mia Tanner*

**TALL POPPIES SPORTS CAMP**

The Tall Poppies and 10 selected Year 6 students are off to Totara Springs for the Town and Country Sports Camp in Week 8.

We are very keen to promote our 'Tauriko identity' and would like to purchase school tracksuits for students to wear at camp. Thanks must go to Mike Loveland who has been busy sourcing tracksuits and getting prices from different companies. We have found a great tracksuit which we would like to purchase for the school.



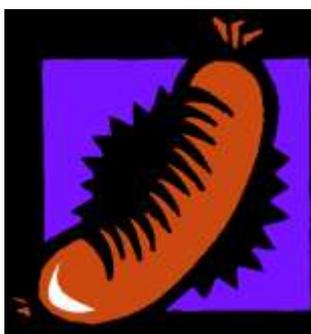
These smart black and red tracksuits will be screenprinted with the school's logo and name.

*If you know of any businesses who would like to make a donation towards them, please see Lisa Rose or Fay Burke. (Every little bit helps☺)*

**WELCOME TO TAURIKO SCHOOL – ROOM 1  
NEW ENTRANTS!**

*Ben Rikiriki, Troy Parnwell, Georgia Barnett, Hunter-Lee Cooney, Misi Tasi, William Simmonds  
Charlotte MacDonald, Madison Lennane, Darcy Gilbert,  
Taylor Groves*

# Sausage Sizzles



**Buy a sausage (or 2) for your lunch!**

**When:** Friday the 2nd of September

**Price:** \$2.00 each

Money raised goes towards the Tall Poppies Sports Camp.

Thanks for supporting us.☺

## RESOURCES

Once again, this term we are collecting resources. This fortnight we are collecting twine and sawdust. 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 wood shavings and acorn cups. Thank you.

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)

Smart Time Cookies \$1.00each  
These delicious separately wrapped cookies have  
the  
Heart Foundation tick  
(Chocolate Chip or Brownie)



# PTA Update

The PTA is preparing for Agriculture Day which will be on Saturday 29 October. The first event will be the launch of the Agriculture Day raffle and we hope everyone will band together to help the school raise much needed funds.

Details will be released with the tickets this week. Please keep an eye out for the tickets so that they don't get lost.

We are collecting prizes for the Agriculture Day auction and would be grateful for any donations from businesses or individuals.

During the Book Fair Week the PTA will again host the popular Marshmallow & Milo night which we invite you all to attend.

The PTA recently donated \$4000 towards maths equipment which has gone into each classroom and will help all students to grasp the essential basics of mathematics. We saw how coloured and numbered blocks could make fractions much more interesting and easy to understand. There is a wide variety of equipment to teach other skills.

We would like to thank and wish the best to Shelley Phipps who recently resigned as PTA chairperson to pursue her studies. We will miss her laid-back style and sense of humour. Vanessa Charman-Moore and Shvonn Cunningham will be co-chairing the PTA until the next elections.

The next meeting is on Thursday 1 September at 7pm in the Library Resource Room.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS.....**

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