



Tauriko School

LEARNING TODAY. LEADING TOMORROW

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Dear Parents and Friends of the School

The countdown is on for our

AGRICULTURE DAY

this Saturday – 9.30am

Our PTA have been hard at work to ensure this day is going to be a success.

Judging of livestock begins at 9.30am and there will be many other activities starting at this time to ensure there is something for everyone!

Some of the highlights of the day will be:

- *Helicopter Rides*
- *Magic Carpet Ride*
- *Paint Ball*
- *Pony Rides*
- *Archery*
- *Mystery Jars*
- *Gumboot Throws*
- *Face Painting*
- *Bouncy Castle*

The **Tauriko Settlers Hall will open at 11am for viewing of the children's indoor exhibits.** Please do not take home your children's creations **until 1pm** – so everyone gets a chance to view them.

EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Tomorrow Rooms 3, 4, 5 & 6 head off to be involved in the Education Programme at the Waikato Fishing and Boat Show. This wasn't particularly good timing with the upcoming Agriculture Day however the programme looks outstanding and includes:

- Group Education opportunities
- Water survival and safety on land sand and water

Many thanks to the organising committee who are sponsoring 50% of the bus cost.

Thank you to those parents who are assisting with this programme – please be aware that if you are going with the School Group then you are counted in our adult : children ratio and we will need you to stay with the group for children's safety, (Fathers – no going off to admire the new boats!)

TOP TIPS.....

Mathematics

Like reading, mathematics is necessary for functioning adequately in society. The appreciation and enjoyment of Mathematics and the task of nurturing children's confidence in their ability to apply their mathematical knowledge to solve real-life problems is a challenge we all face.

- The Ministry of Education 'Competent Child Study' showed clearly that children who play board and card games regularly and who's parents use mathematical terms, e.g. "Lets cut the cake into quarters"; "It is one kilometre to Nana's house"; etc do much better in Maths throughout their primary school years
- The study also clearly demonstrated that parent's attitudes towards Mathematics has a huge impact on children's attitudes. Children whose parents show an interest and enthusiasm for Mathematics will develop that enthusiasm themselves.
- There are many resources that now provide parents with games and activities that engage children in mathematical thinking and problem solving. An excellent resource is the book 'Helping Your Child Learn Math' published by the U.S. Dept of Education. (www.math.com/parents/articles/helpmath.html). The activities can be experienced at home, at the supermarket and whilst travelling.

CONGRATULATIONS

To **Maree Logan and Jo Tisch** who have been selected to represent New Zealand in the World Triathlon Champs in Australia this month!
What a fantastic feat! We will all be cheering you onall the best from us all!



UP-COMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

19 October	Technology begins for Year 7 / 8
20 October	Monthly BOT Meeting in our Teachers Learning Centre 7pm. All welcome
21 October	School Photos – 8.30am start
22 October	Tauranga Girls College Entrance Testing
26 October	School Closed to observe Labour Day
27 October	School Closed – Teachers attending Professional Development
28 October	PTA Meeting 7pm. All welcome
28 October	Large group of visiting teachers and principals in our school – 9am – 2.30pm
6 November	Movie Night – 6.30 – 8.30pm. Performing Arts Centre. All children welcome. (Ample Supervision – a good chance to do some Christmas Shopping!)
10 November	Visit from 'The Gardener Storyteller' 9.30am - .50c donation
14 November	PTA Wine Options Night – in the Tauriko Settlers Hall
18 November	PTA Meeting. 7pm All Welcome
23 November	BOT Meeting. 7pm All Welcome
24 November	Year 7 & 8 Athletics Day
3 December	Boys College Orientation Morning
3 December	Movie Night – 6.30pm – 8.30pm
9 December	End of Year Learning Celebrations and Prize-giving – Begins
10 December	KRSA Mini Olympics Day – Years 1 – 3 to be held here at Tauriko School
11 December	Year 7 & 8 Graduation Dinner at Mills Reef and Social Dance
14 December	End of Year BOT Meeting 7pm. All welcome
18 December	School Finishes for the year at 1 pm

PARENT LIBRARY BOOKSHELF

We have a selection of Reading material on our Parent Library Shelf available for Parents. These are available and can be issued at lunch time or after school by a staff member. However, it appears that we do have a number of these books that have been borrowed, but not yet returned. If by chance, you have any books from the Parent Library Shelf, could they please be returned so somebody else can benefit from reading them.

THANK YOU

A huge 'thank you' to Shane Maddison of '**Maddison Turf Care**' for very kindly donating a huge amount of 'ready lawn' for areas around the school. There were a number of areas around the school where grass has been very difficult to grow. Now that Shane has laid the ready lawn, it has improved those areas considerably. If you wish to contact Shane for any 'lawn' requirements, his contact details are 07-5432302 / 0274-749778

CONGRATULATIONS to.....



Mrs Janet Arcus and Miss Amelia Carson who have secured permanent teaching positions at Tauriko School. Both Mrs Arcus and Miss Carson were holding relieving positions previously. Two permanent positions came about as 2 Staff Members who venture overseas last year – Mrs Sarah Pearse and Miss Olivia O'Sullivan have opted to continue their OE's.



KEYBOARD / GUITAR LESSON

Alex Price will be taking over Keyboard / Guitar lessons from Mrs Margaret Harper who has retired from teaching in schools. If you are interested in your child having keyboard or guitar lessons at school please contact him on alex@schoolofguitar.co.nz

FEEDBACK FROM GIRLS COLLEGE

We recently received a letter from Pauline Cowen, Principal of Tauranga Girls College informing us on the progress of past Tauriko Students. Most worthy of note was:

Evelina Sjardin	Year 9	Member of the Tauranga Girls' College team that were placed 5 th overall at the North Island Secondary School's Dressage (Equestrian)
Anna Cullum	Year 10	<i>North Island Secondary Schools Rowing, Lake Karapiro</i> : Gold Movie U18 Eight; Gold U15 Coxed Squad
Natalia Sjardin	Year 12	Competed in the following Equestrian events: Passed her A Certificate, gained 3 rd at <i>Te Rapa Horse Trial</i> ; 1 st at <i>Taupo Horse of the Year Trial</i> ; received two 2 nd placings at level 2 and level 3 at <i>North Island Dressage Championships</i>
Natalia Sjardin	Year 12	Member of the Tauranga Girls' College team that were placed 5 th overall at the North Island Secondary School's Dressage (Equestrian) and she gained 1 st and 2 nd . Member of the Equestrian team that was placed 1 st at the Bay of Plenty Dressage Championship
Merehira Waiari	Year 13	Lions Young Speechmaker semi-final, Cambridge: Won a stirring speech about the 28 th Maori Battalion and the First World War

REMINDER

School will be closed on Tuesday 27th October for Teacher Only Day.

ALLROUND KIDS AFTERSCHOOL CARE PROGRAMME

Allround Kids will be open on Tuesday 27 October from 8.15am (Teacher Only Day) for those families who wish to make use of their 'care programme'. If you would like further information about their prices, please phone either Abby or Caroline on 5722985 / 021-494413 to discuss.

MYSTERY JARS

Thank you to those families who have already sent in their 'Mystery Jar' or 'Grocery Item' for our Agriculture Day on Saturday. We are still collecting these items - if you have not sent either of these items in, can you please send them in tomorrow. The Mystery Jars have been incredibly popular in the past and have been known to sell out quickly - if you are able to make up more than one jar (to the value of about \$3), it would be greatly appreciated. The jars are numbered and tickets are sold on the day. The numbers on the jars are hidden so the purchaser gets a surprise jar - the children love it!

Grocery Item - non perishable items please. Thank You.

POSSUMS 'N EELS

Don't forget to bring along your possums and eels to Agriculture Day (**DEAD - Fresh or Frozen**) -. Weighing and Measuring to be done on the day - this commences at the same time as the animal judging - 9.30am. There is a trophy for the Heaviest Possum and the Longest Eel.

MAGIC CARPET RIDE DISCLAIMER

If your child intends on taking a 'Magic Carpet Ride' at our Agriculture Day on Saturday, please ensure that you have either returned your Disclaimer to school or either bring it with you on the day. (This notice was sent out on Monday 12th October).

The disclaimer states:

By signing the disclaimer you are accepting the following:

The Tauriko School Board of Trustees and other persons involved in the activity do not accept any responsibility to you or your child for any direct or indirect losses or damage of any kind arising from this ride on Saturday 17th October 2009.

See you on Saturday at our Agriculture Day - 9.30am start

Kind regards
DEBBIE SMITH
PRINCIPAL

Community News.....

Teachers Only Day – 27th October 2009



Allround Kids will be open from 8:15 until 5:30 on the Teachers Only Day of October the 27th 2009.

WINZ subsidies are available to help you to meet the cost of the day.

Please call Abbey on 021 494413 or 5722985 in order to make your booking.

Cost BEFORE WINZ reduction

Half Day until 1 pm	Afternoon until 2.30pm	Whole Day until 5.30pm
Regular Client \$20 Casual Client \$25	Regular Client \$30 Casual Client \$35	Regular Client \$40 Casual Client \$45

OTUMOETAI CYCLES & MOWERS.

158 Cambridge Road, Tauranga Ph 571 5068.

Get in for Xmas.

Spring Special \$100 Guaranteed Trade in on your old petrol Lawnmower.

20% Off All Mongoose BMX Bikes (on presentation of this ad).

We Specialise in Lawnmower, Weedeater, Chainsaw and all other small engine repairs.

We also specialise in Bike Repairs of all Brands.

We also do Layby, so get in Now For Xmas.

Ask about our Free Pick-Up and Delivery.

OMANU BEACHS SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB REGISTRATION – Sunday 18th October 10am – 12 noon.

Junior Surf 5 – 10 years, Ocean Athletes 10yrs – 13 yrs, Lifeguards 14yrs +

New members welcome. For more information contact Kay at the Club on 5754805 or lifeguard@omanubeach.co.nz

DEC – DANCE EDUCATION CENTRE

Dance classes available for students in Ballet and Urban with experienced Dance Teacher. Ages 5 – 11 years. Classes are held at the Pyes Pa Settlers Hall. All inquiries welcome. Phone DEC 0800 555 DEC or 5767815. www.dec.co.nz



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