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Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Thank you to all the parents who attended our "Setting The Scene For Success" information evening last week. Teachers get asked many questions early in the year and it is great to be able to share the message and expectations with parents as the programme gets underway. It is also a good opportunity for us to share changes in education and to keep you informed about these.

Thank you to all those families who have paid our new school activity fee. If you have not been able to pay your school donation or fees at this stage and would like to pay them by instalment, this is fine. Please contact the school office for assistance in arranging this. Remember, there is a \$10 discount if your donation is paid by the end of term one.



Our swimming and aquatics programme is well underway. Our school swimming sports are scheduled for next Tuesday 21st February. This year all our students from year 3,4,5 and 6 will be in action at Memorial Pools from approximately 9.30 am. Both competitive and non-competitive swimming activities will be held through the morning, with both pools being utilised.

The planning for the year 4's overnight camp is proceeding well. This year we have an amazing opportunity for our students to be guests on the **Poututerangi** Marae at Te Puna.

So many children in New Zealand never have a chance to experience an overnighter on a Marae and for our children to be able to be "Real Kiwi kids" is very special. For all our parents who will attend as helpers you will get to experience something unique to our country.

Kind regards,
Jenny McNicol

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dear Parents:

At the end of last year an invitation was issued to parents to consider becoming a Board of Trustees member.

If you believe you have a contribution to make to the BOT then please let us know. No particular skills are required, just an interest in being able to make positive decisions in the best interests of education at Tauranga Primary School.

You can contact Neil Hitchener (BOT Chair - ph 027 334 0971) or Jenny McNicol, ph 578 6222 or just let the office staff know you are interested and someone will contact you.

Our first BOT meeting for the year is next Wednesday 22 February at 7.00pm in the school staffroom, you are invited to attend.

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Friends of the School (FoTs)

"PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR CHILDREN TO BUILD POSITIVE AND ENJOYABLE MEMORIES OF THEIR EARLY SCHOOL YEARS"

Friends of the School is an informal and autonomous group of dedicated parents from Tauranga Primary School, who are committed to providing opportunities for the children to build positive and enjoyable memories whilst at primary school.

The first meeting for 2012 has been changed and is on the 28th of February, 7pm in the school staff room. Please come along and meet other parents of TPS, it is a great group of people, you will not be given a responsibility or job at this meeting !!!!



**TPS
FAMILY
PICNIC**

A fun, community building event

**Thursday 1st March
5-7pm
Senior Site Field**

Bring along a picnic dinner and rug.

FREE rides for children


TAURANGA PRIMARY SCHOOL
FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

Snippets

- ★ We are looking for a Parent to help co-ordinate the sushi orders on Wednesday mornings. Should take approximately 1/2 - 1 hour from 9:15 am. If you can help please see the office.
- ★ The office is also looking for a kind person to put sticky labels onto clearfiles. If you can help please see the office.
- ★ If you want to catch up with Jason, Sports Co-ordinator, he is in the office between 8.30 -10.30 each morning.
- ★ Walking School Bus
A meeting is being organised to re-start the walking school bus for 2012. If you are interested in being involved then please email the office: office@tauranga.school.nz

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term Dates for 2012:

Term 1:

* Wednesday 1 February - Thursday 5 April

Term 2:

* Monday 23 April - Friday 29 June

Term 3:

* Monday 16 July - Friday 28 September

Term 4:

* Monday 15 October - Monday 16 December

Week 4

- ❖ 20 - 24 Feb Mobile Dental Van @ TPS
- ❖ 20 Feb Road Patrollers Refresher Course
- ❖ 21 Feb Swimming Sports - Yr 3-6
- ❖ 22 Feb BoT Meeting @ 7:00 pm - Staffroom

Week 5

- ❖ 28 Feb FoTs Meeting @ 7:00 pm - Staffroom
- ❖ 1 March FoTs Family Picnic 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Week 6

- ❖ 6 March South Cluster Swimming
- ❖ 7 March WBOP Tennis
- ❖ 11 March Top Schools Competition

Week 7

- ❖ 14 - 15 March Learning Conferences - Goal Setting
- ❖ 15 March Cricket (Girls)

Week 8

- ❖ 19 - 23 March Mobile Dental Van @ TPS
- ❖ 21 March Duathlon
- ❖ 21 March BoT Meeting @ 7:00 pm - Staffroom
- ❖ 23 March WBOP Swimming

Week 9

- ❖ 28 March Y4 overnight camp @ Poututerangi Marae, Te Puna
- ❖ 28 March Future Champions (elite athletes)

Week 10

- ❖ 5 April Last day of term
- ❖ 6 April Good Friday

Note: Dates are guides only and are subject to change

Check out our website
www.tauranga.school.nz

Always lots of information being added. Misplaced notices - check the website

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JASONS SPORTS TALK

Welcome back to another fun filled year of sport....

If you have any questions please see me in the office, my hours at school are 8.30am – 10.30am.

Swimming Sports – 21st February

This will be for all year 3- 6 at memorial pools.

Thanks to the parents that will be helping with time-keeping.

A reminder that the pool is charging .60cents entry for parents coming along to watch. Please pay at the pool.

Term 1 sports has only just started, but we also have to start thinking about Term 2 sports, (as the dates for team entries has been brought forward). The school will be offering the following sports:-

- Basketball
- Netball
- Hockey

Rugby and Football is available through local clubs (who are also doing registration at the moment so check your clubs website).

Sports forms will be coming home shortly and will also be on the website.

Jason White
Sports Co-Ordinator

Activity Fee

In the past, every time a trip or event was organised that required a request to parents for payment, a notice was sent home on an individual basis. This system has proved very cumbersome for teachers, parents and school administration staff. It is time consuming to track and chase payments of such small amounts and often just another task in a parent's already busy day to find, say, \$3.50 to send to school.

The Board thought long and hard about this process and has decided to streamline the system, requesting parents to pay these costs through a one off annual activity payment introduced in 2012. This will cover all class trips, school trips, performances at school and water safety courses. It will also cover school-subsidised curriculum based sporting events such as swimming sports, athletics, school triathlon and cross country. The school will not request additional money during the year for these activities and the payment will not be broken down into separate activities for refund purposes.

We would like to thank those parents that have already paid their fee, and request those still unpaid to pay as soon as possible. Swimming sports will be the first subsidised event from this fee.

Junior Syndicate (NE toYr2)	\$44.00
Middle & Senior Syndicate (Yr 3-6)	\$48.00

Stories from Room 9's adventures at Camp - Lake Whakamaru

The best thing that happened to me at camp would have to be abseiling. Abseiling was the very last activity I did at camp. I decided to go last because I was petrified. Walking up the four flights of stairs my heart was thudding. Mark harnessed me up and told me what to do. I listened intently. I took a few steps backwards, breathed deeply and shut my eyes. I took tiny steps and gently slid the rope through my hands. At one point I let go of the rope completely. I was sure I would plummet to my death. I opened my eyes and looked around, I hadn't gone anywhere, my feet were still planted firmly against the wall. I breathed a sigh of relief and carefully edged my way back down the wall. By the end I was bouncing down the wall. When I finished I wasn't glad, I wanted to have another go! I charged up the stairs and did it all again.

Leah Howard Rm 9

The thing I enjoyed most was air rifles and archery because on air rifles I hit the rat twice and with archery I hit the red. That is so much fun! One of my shots skimmed the outside edge.

I also enjoyed the flying fox. When I was up there he told me to go to the side. I went to the side, then he locked me up to the side, it was like jail.

When he told me to get on the flying fox I jumped on, he released the flying fox, it pulled me so I leant back. He said 3,2,1, zoom - away I went flying through the air. IT... WAS...AWESOME!

Aaron Carr Rm 9

The Tarzan swing was definitely the best! I have never in my life been on a Tarzan swing because I have a fear of not being able to see what I am swimming or jumping on. Sometimes I don't want to know. Anyway as I was sitting on the pontoon pondering on whether or not I should do it, I looked down at the murky, weedy water and decided I would impress Emily and do it! I gently slid into the water ignoring the slimy, tingly feeling running up my leg and focused on getting to the ladder. Up I go... As I took hold of the lichen covered rope I felt my courage run through my nerves as I swing! I went flying through the air like a rocket. As I hit the icy cold water I sprung back up like a bubble and it was great!

Rebecca Kneale Rm 9

The thing I really enjoyed was archery. I was really proud with all the good shots I did. I was astonished because it was my first time doing archery. I didn't think it was that simple to just hold the bow, put the arrow on the string, pull back to your ear and let go. The string whacked my arm and the arrow went deep into the target, it hit the back.

Another thing I really enjoyed was the Tarzan swing. I held the rope tightly then jumped, I felt a cold breeze on my face then let go. I went splashing into the water and I went so deep that I touched the ground. My feet hurt and I was shaky, it was intense and I loved it so I did it again till I had to stop.

Harry Donald Rm 9

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

SONIA BLAIR is from Argentina. Spanish is her first language. If you want to learn another language with songs, games and a lot of fun, please contact Mrs Morris in Room 2. I can not wait to meet you. Hasta la vista. I will be available after school time on Monday, Wednesday and probably on Thursday. \$15 per hour for every student if there are only 3 or 4 students; if there are 5 students or more it will cost \$12 per hour for every student.



Welcome Bay Tennis Club MEGA FUN DAY - Sat. 25 Feb 2012 From 9am, at Victory St, Welcome Bay
9am - Mixed doubles open tournament. Food stalls * raffles / 11am - Bouncy Castle * fun games & activities * slip n slide / 1pm - Have a go tennis lesson * exhibition match / 3pm - Live music – Jack Moyle * 7:30pm - Live band – “Deviate” / 5:30pm - charity auction. For further information phone Debra 544 2977

GIRL GUIDING NZ - for girls aged 5-18 years. Our aim is to help them develop skills, knowledge, values and a sense of adventure through an informal learning programme that's designed to be relevant to the interests of today's girls. Call 0800 555 170.

Kidz Need Dadz is a not for profit organisation that foster father/child relationships through support, education and fun. They are holding a fundraising event at the Bethlehem College Performing Arts Centre on Tuesday 13th March 2012 at 7pm. Parents, caregivers, teachers and students are invited to come and listen to social commentator, author and researcher, Celia Lashlie. Celia is a interesting speaker so be in quick as tickets will sell fast. Cost \$20 each.

Tauranga Swim School are running swimming lessons after school in the Tauranga Primary School swimming pool! It is \$80 for an 8 week term starting the week of the 13th February. Assessments to determine students level and ability will be held next Thursday 9th February from 3pm onwards. Call now to book your free assessment! Contact Andrea on: 07 572 4213 027 286 8506 Remember to 'like' us on Facebook! www.facebook.com/taurangaswimschool

Blue Rovers JFC 2012 Registrations

Registration nights are Thursday's 16 & 23 February at Morland Fox Park, from 4 - 6pm. Registration Forms will be there & on the website soon to download and print out. Remember we are also looking for players for Grade 14 / 15 teams!

Pre-season Training begins Thursday 16 February to 15 March from 4:30 - 5:30pm, costing \$10 per person for 5 weeks training. Great price, great coaches.

Remember our website www.blueroversjfc.co.nz will be updated with all important information. Please contact us anytime if you have any questions or concerns. We hope you have a busy & exciting season with Blue Rovers in 2012. Mary-Ann Helem 5788932 027 3392697

WAIPUNA FOOTBALL CLUB 2012 REGISTRATIONS

Registration now open. Register online at www.waipunafc.sportingpulse.net or come to our pre-season training night.

8th, 10th 12/13th grades: Tuesday 6th, 13th, 20th March. 9th, 11th, 14/15th grades: Thursday 8th, 15th, 22nd March 5pm - 6:30 pm at Waipuna Park or contact Rachel 544 4220 or 021 0317022.

Tauranga Multiple Birth Group's Huge Kids/Baby Gear garage sale on Sunday 4th March 10am-12 at the QE2 memorial hall in Tauranga. Come along for some great bargains! Entrance is a gold coin.

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"The City of Tauranga Under 12 Marching team is now recruiting 8 – 11 year old girls for the upcoming 2012/2013 season. We are re-building our competitive squad and will also have a non-competitive development squad. Marching is a sport that offers participants a strong sense of team spirit and self discipline. It provides physical fitness, deportment, pride in grooming, musical enjoyment including dance and aerobic movement, life long friendships and opportunities of travel. Come and watch our current team as they prepare for the 2012 NZ Championships in March this year and see if marching is the sport for you. Tuesday nights – 5pm – 7pm at the Greerton Village Primary School. For more information please phone Tracy on 579 9123 or 0274153600."

STOP PRESS:

The Great Rugby Road Show and the Webb Ellis Cup will be at Wharepai Domain on Wednesday 22nd February from 3:00 - 6:00 pm. This will be a fun event for the whole family and a great chance to see this fabulous trophy.
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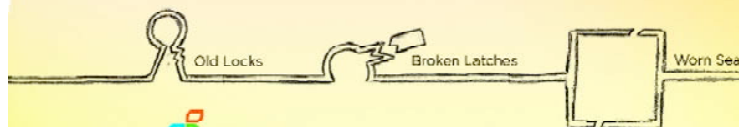
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