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TAURANGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome back! Where did the summer go? At least it hasn't been too hot in the classrooms and the children have been able to settle quickly into their new year's routines and school work. Welcome to all our new families and to our new staff members, Tracey Kerr-Aim, our new senior school assistant principal teaching in Room 8, Richard Edwards, teaching in Room 5, and Kathy Hughes, an experienced teacher assigned to us, who will be working with children across the school.

You will have noticed several building projects either completed, or being worked on, around the school. Rooms 8 and 9 have been refurbished during the holidays. The bare area in the swimming pool enclosure has been concreted, several classrooms have had new blinds installed and a deck is under construction outside room 9. The two major projects have been commenced, these being the extension of the administration block and the other the repairing of the floor joists under the main classroom block on the senior school site. These two projects will be ongoing for a while.

You are all invited to attend our

SETTING THE SCENE FOR SUCCESS EVENING

to share with you our learning programme

This is an important opportunity for you to know what is happening this year. We would like to see as many parents there as possible.

There will also be time (approximately 15 minutes) to meet your child/ren's teacher/s who will outline their particular programmes and expectations for the year.

WHEN? Thursday February 9 (5.30pm start) - for all parents/caregivers.

WHERE? TPS school hall.

Everyone is welcome to attend, please note this is not a time for an individual interview, we will be hosting individual "Learning Conferences" on the 14th and 15th of March.

After the classroom meetings the Year 5/6 camp parents are asked to attend a meeting in ROOM 10 **regarding this year's camp at Lake Whakamaru.**

It is great to see so many children smartly dressed in school uniform to start the year. Most have needed no reminders about sunhats this year, a great effort. We have noticed some children however wearing old blue sports uniforms; these are not to be worn as everyday school uniform. Please ensure that your child is correctly dressed by next week. (a few second hand uniforms are for sale at school if you require some items.)



It's good to see so many children swimming. Please remember that this is a compulsory curriculum component. All children are expected to swim in their class time unless there are exceptional circumstances that have been discussed with the class teacher.

While we welcome families using the playgrounds after school we ask that parents closely supervise their children and ensure that all school rules are obeyed (especially keeping them off playground equipment when the playground has been closed.) We do expect our families to use the grounds safely and respectfully with the same rules applying as through the school day (no games of tag on equipment etc). **Please remember that teachers are in their classrooms working after school and noisy play can be very disruptive.**

Kind regards,
Jenny McNicol

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Bell Times

It has been recognised through research that people regularly need food and water to maintain high level brain function. This year we are **trialing** new break times to address three areas identified to help maintain mental alertness and cognitive performance:

- **Steady supply of oxygenated blood** – we will maximise the airflow within our rooms (as much as possible) and more breaks will allow children to have additional aerobic exercise.
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- **Steady supply of blood sugar** – from healthy lunches – and an additional 'fruit break'.
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- **Keeping hydrated** – we will encourage children to drink plenty of **water**. Please do not send soft drinks, energy drinks or juice to school, save these for a home treat.

The new bell times are:

- 9-10.10am – First teaching block
- 10.10 -10.30am – **morning tea break** – time to sit and eat and drink as well as play.
- 10.30- 11.45am – Second teaching block
- 11.45-11.55 – **Fruit or Brain Break** – a short 10 minute break to grab a healthy nibble, drink of water, go to the toilet, have a quick run around.
- 11.55-1pm – Third teaching block
- 1pm- 1.45pm – **Lunch** - sit down and eat and drink then play
- 1.45 – 3pm Fourth teaching block.

Suggestions for the lunch box are:

cheese, yoghurt (freeze it the night before, it will be yummy by morning tea time and still cold), almonds, walnuts etc, sandwiches, rice crackers, fruit, carrots (peeled and cut), cold cooked sweetcorn, pasta, cold cooked vegies, cucumber, celery (can put peanut butter in it), popcorn (plain), broccoli etc.

2012 LUNCH ORDERS

Updated Lunch Menus went home yesterday.

Please ensure you throw the old menus you have at home away. Unfortunately there was a slight price rise with the daily menu from Expresso 359.

Remember we also have Sushi available to purchase on Wednesday's only.

Check out our website
www.tauranga.school.nz

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

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 2

- ❖ 6 Feb Waitangi Day
- ❖ 8 Feb Dynamo training 11:00 - 1:00
- ❖ 9 Feb Setting the Scene - 5:30
- ❖ 9 Feb Camp PARENT's Mtg
(For Parents staying at camp)

Week 3

- ❖ 13 - 17 Feb Mobile Dental Van @ TPS
- ❖ 13 - 15 Feb Yr 6 Camp @ Lake Whakamaru
- ❖ 15 - 17 Feb Yr 5 Camp @ Lake Whakamaru

Week 4

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

Week 5

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 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

Snippets

Underwater Hockey with Mr Smith is starting next Wednesday 8th Feb at 4:00 to 4:45 in our pool.

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CHANGES TO PARKING ON 6TH AVE

Parking on 6th Ave is always difficult for parents and we are looking to improve the safety of children entering and accessing school.

Therefore, Travel Safe - Tauranga City Council will be piloting a change to parking on 6th Ave from Tuesday, 7 February.

As the existing pick up/drop off zone is frequently full with cars left parked there during the day it currently means that when the morning & afternoon timings for the zone are in place it is not used correctly, causing adults to stop in places that are not designated parking spaces.

The changes will involve coning off 4 parking spaces immediately outside the school entrance during the day. This space will be a drop off and pick up zone, with the intention that those parents who drop off/collect children from this entrance will have safe and easy access which can be kept **'free flowing'** and allow school staff to direct the children safely to their cars.

If you have any queries then please contact Fiona Hawes fhawes@tauranga.school.nz or Ang Joyes, Tauranga City Council – Mob. 027 6878405 Email angela.joyes@tauranga.govt.nz.



Uniform

At TPS we pride ourselves on our uniform and often receive feedback from members of the public on how smart our students look.

A few reminders for the year:

Hats, we are a sun smart school and all children are expected to wear a hat outside.

Sunblock:

We expect students to have sunblock on when they arrive at school. At this time of the year, all students should have a personal supply of sunblock in their bag and be able to apply it themselves. Each class has sunblock available and students will be reminded to re-apply sunblock at lunchtime or after swimming.

Footwear:

Blue or brown sandals – any style of practical sandal or Sports Shoes (predominately white or dark black/navy colours) Black lace up shoes with white or navy socks.

Hair:

Any hair on the shoulder or below should be tied up, this helps prevent the spread of head lice should they be present in the school. Hair ties should be navy, black or white.

Jewellery:

Watches and plain silver/gold) ear studs are acceptable – any taonga must be worn under clothing.

JASONS SPORTS TALK

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

All ready there is a lot on this term with term 1 sport starting next week and swimming sports in three weeks time.

We also have coming up:

- * school aquathon
- * top schools Competition
- * future champions (Y6)
- * girls cricket mini world cup
- * tennis
- * surfing.

Notices regarding these will come out closer to the time.

Term 1 sports notices

These need to be back into the office by next Tuesday Morning 7th February. Late returns may not be accepted. You must also send in the correct fees (no money with your form may mean your child will not be put in a team as we need confirmed team entries asap). You can download a form off the school website or pick one up at the school office.

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

Swimming sports – 21st February

next week a letter will come home with an entry form attached for events your child can enter. This will be for all year 3- 6 and will be down at memorial pools.

Jason White
Sports Co-Ordinator

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Tauranga Primary School - 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 is on the 21st 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 !!!!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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 <<http://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

TECT ARENA JNR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Starting Sun 19 Feb - Grading Year 3-6 teams. Games between 2 & 4pm. 6 weeks - \$150 per team. For more information ; call 0800baypark(229727) ex 6000 www.baypark.co.nz under community page

'After school Painting and Drawing classes for children' with artist Paula Knight

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"Are you requiring before or after school care for your child/children. If so please feel free to contact Sarah on 072188831 or 0272641281."

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A new home based learning environment for kids. Come meet us at our KIDS DAY OUT on Saturday 18 February 10:00 - 2:00 @ 17th Avenue - (opposite the Historic Village). Bouncy castle, face painting, sausage sizzle, balloons and lots more. Come along and be in to win a new 16" bike and helmet!! Visit our website: www.footsteps.co.nz

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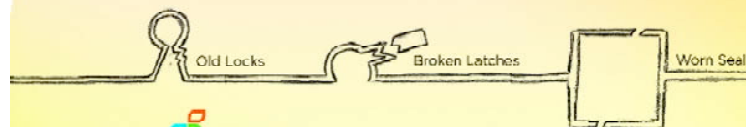
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