

ARAKURA SCHOOL

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2010

Issue 1

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

This newsletter belongs to _____ Room _____

Greetings ~ Kia Ora, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Malo E Lelei, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Ni Sa, Bula Vanaka, Taloha Ni and Welcome!

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to another year at Arakura School, we hope you had a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Welcome to New Pupils ~ Jdarre Soderholm, Michael Rolfe-Smith, Ella-Rose Packard, Bob Matenga, Jackie-Mae Sakey, Mackenzie Winter, Blake Bond, Mikey Tutaki, Emma Gray, Tali Aberdein-Tapuai, Caitlin Clarke, Tyla Williams and Aimee Asi to Room Six, Kiya Louwrens and Bradley Clayden to Room Five, Brooke Jones to Room Four, Paige Robinson and Daniel Clayden to Room Seven, Shade Williams to Room One.

School Hours ~ Please remember the bell rings at 8.55 am and students need to be ready to start at this time. Children who arrive after 9 am will be marked as absent on the electronic class register. They will need to go to the office and get a late pass if they are running late. It can be very disruptive to your child's learning if they miss the first part of the morning. If you know your child is going to be late, please call the office and leave a message on the absentee line.

Stationery ~ Teachers would appreciate children having their stationery by early next week. If you cannot manage this, please contact the school office.

Swimming Fun Day ~ There will be a pool fun day at Wainuiomata Pools on Friday 26th March at a cost of \$2.50. A separate notice will be sent home closer to the date requesting permission and payment.

2010 Swimming ~ Our swimming programme will be run at Huia Pools from Monday 24th May until Friday 4th June. Children will be transported by bus, there will be no charge for swimming this year.

School Lunches ~ Will be available from Tuesday 2nd March, and only available Tuesdays and Thursdays. A new lunch list with options and prices will be sent home at the end of this month.

Slip, Slop, Slap ~ Please ensure that your child has sunscreen applied in the morning and that they bring a sunhat to school each day, to help protect them from the sun this term.

Building Bridges Assemblies ~ These have focused on Honesty, Effort, Respect and Pride and come from our 'H.E.R.P. Programme' which has been in place for many years now.

If there is any antisocial behaviour we contact parents / caregivers as soon as possible once a student's behaviour is brought to the attention of the senior management team.

Every second Friday morning there will be a prize draw for children who have been given a gold card during the course of the fortnight. Last weeks winners were: Emma Gray for settling into school and trying hard in class, Vanza Peni for showing respect by always helping others in the class.

This weeks winners are: Jahcole Jensen for picking up rubbish, Tali Aberdein-Tapuai for looking after her friends at lunch, Anthony Forbes for cleaning Rm 7, Bob Matenga for holding the door open for his teacher.

New Classrooms ~ This term the building of two new classrooms/toilets will continue. There will be several contractors and vehicles coming and going from the school grounds during this time, and we ask for your patience and understanding on this matter. If your child comes to school after hours/during the school holidays they should be accompanied by an adult, for safety reasons.

Regards

Mark

Kibblewhite,

Principal

ASB School Banking is Coming!! ~ We are really excited to let you know that as from Term One 2010, we will be offering the children School Banking at Arakura School. The children can bring their School Banking deposit envelopes to school every Wednesday and deposit them in the special banking box which will arrive over the holidays. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to teach your children how to save in their very own account. The amount deposited does not matter – anything from 10c per week is fine, we just want to encourage our children to learn the importance of saving. The accounts are free of fees. Every child that registers for School Banking will receive a Goodie bag to help them with their banking!!! Enrolment packs now available at school office.



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Special Points of

Interest:

- **Lucky Book orders close Tues. 16th February.**
- **Sorry we do not have EFTPOS available at the school office.**
- **Please use the footpath to walk your child into the grounds, not the driveway.**

DATES TO REMEMBER:



Fridays	Whole school assembly, 9 am
Tues. 16th Feb	Lucky Books close
	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7 pm
Friday 26th Feb	TEACHER ONLY DAY
Thurs. 18th March	Teachers Paid Union Meeting 1.30 pm
Tues. 23rd March	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7 pm
Fri. 26th March	Pool Fun Day
Thurs. 1st April	End of Term One

2010 Term Dates

Term Two	Mon. 19th April - Fri. 2nd July (Queens B/Day Mon. 7th June)
Term Three	Mon. 19th July - Fri. 24th September
Term Four	Mon. 11th October - Fri. 17th Decem- ber (Labour Day Mon. 25th October)
NOTE:	These dates allow for two Teacher Only days during the year.

COMMUNITY NEWS

New Medical Centre Opening 2010 ~ Hutt City Health Centre, High Street, Lower Hutt (will be open by April 2010, or earlier if they get a high number of pre-enrolments). The number to phone to pre-enrol is (04) 576 2044.

WAINUIOMATA DARTS ASSOCIATION ~ Season for Junior/Youth Darts league (9-17 yrs) is starting on the 8th March, Wainui RSA 7 - 9 pm every Monday. Registration at Wainui Mall 6th March from 10 am to 2 pm. Registration fee is \$15 and \$2 Board fee each night. Enquiries to Jeanne 970 6504 or 0274042294 or Maret 5642477 or 0277382192.

WAINUIOMATA JUNIOR SOCCER REGISTRATIONS ~ Wainui Mall, Saturday 13th and 20th February only, 10 am till 12 noon. Enquiries Adam 9703174 or Dave 5644021.

H2O TEEN WAVE ~ Saturday 13th February, 8 - 11 yrs 6 till 8 pm, 12 - 16 yrs 8.30 till 11 pm. Only \$7.50 per ticket, buy in advance. For further info contact kraynes@uhcc.gov.nz or Ph 5272113.

Arakura School Mission Statement

In partnership with our community,
we will provide a caring, educational environment
which will recognize uniqueness;
provide opportunities and encourage co-operation.



When you (or someone you know) lists their property with Harcourts Wainui, mention "**Arakura School**" as the fundraising group you'd like them to donate to and when it sells, **they'll donate \$\$\$ to the school!** Phone (04) 564 7310 for more information.

DANCE AND PILATES CLASSES

- classes based in Wainuiomata and Lower Hutt
- URBANBLEND (Hip-Hop) dance classes for 5 years to adults
- DANCEXPERIMENT classes for teens and adults
- PILATES classes at Intro and Basic levels

"We aim to provide a fun, safe, positive learning environment whilst maintaining the integrity and value of the student"

For more information contact Haidee on:

(04)5644055, 0276549194, elevatedance@gmail.com or check

Hey Kids, kick start your savings for 2010...

And you could get \$50.00 added to your savings!

Each week that you make a deposit into your Headstart account during Term 1 (from 8th February 2010 to 4th April 2010) through ASB's School Banking programme, you're automatically in that week's prize draw to win one of the 25 prizes of \$50.00 on offer.

ASB The more weeks you make a deposit, the more chances you have to win!

Prize Draw Terms and Conditions apply. Please see Your School Savings Pack for details. © ASB 2010

“At Arakura School we focus on the individual needs of the student”