

ARAKURA SCHOOL

Friday 11th June
2010

Issue 8

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 to New Pupils ~ Aimee Ludlow, Tayja Pratley and Allister Osborne to Room Six.

New Classrooms ~ These are now completed and Miss Lea has moved in with her Room Ten students. The two new classes are numbered Room Nine and Ten. Room Ten is opposite the Library; hopefully all going well Miss Egan will move into Room Nine with her current Room Six students.

Parent/Teacher Interviews ~ A separate notice is enclosed for interview times which will take place on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd June. We will be using online "School Interviews" again this year where you may book your own times using the instructions which are given in the notice. **School will finish early on Monday only at 2.30 pm.**

School Photos ~ LC Scott photographers will be at school on Wednesday 30th June. Pre-payment envelopes are enclosed with this newsletter. Please return to school by 9am on the day, for individual photos to be taken. Class photos can be back ordered and paid for at a later date if necessary.

2010 Swimming ~ Our swimming programme is now finished, and we welcome any feedback from our parents. Thanks again to the Arakura Fundraising Trust who have helped fund all swimming costs this year.



School Hours ~ At the last Board meeting it was agreed not to shorten the winter hours as in previous years. **Therefore school will continue to finish at 3 pm throughout the year.**

Numeracy Evening ~ Many thanks to all those families who attended the Numeracy Evening last Monday night. This was a very successful evening held in the new classrooms, which we hope to repeat again later in the year.

Whanau Advisory Group ~ The first WAG met on Wednesday 9th June. This group is for all interested parents. The next meeting will be in approximately two weeks, date to be advised.

Parking ~ Please do not drive up the driveway or park in the school grounds. The gates are currently being left open for the builders who have materials being delivered regularly. Could parents also take extra care crossing the road by using the Pedestrian Crossing and take care opening car doors into oncoming traffic.

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.

Every Friday morning there will be a prize draw for children who have been given a gold card during the course of the week. This week's winner were:

Memphis Ward for picking up rubbish; Charlotte Mogg for helping others to make their bees; Jade Paulaisa-Nanai for showing respect for his teacher and his own learning at swimming by listening and trying his best to improve.

2010 Charter/2009 Variance Report ~ Copies of these two documents are available at the school office to take home and read, or can be accessed on our school website: www.arakura.school.nz

ASB Banking ~ Children are still able to register for school banking by completing a registration form which can be obtained from the school office.

Regards

Mark Kibblewhite,
Principal

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Special Points of

Interest:

- **School Lunches** ~ available Tuesday and Thursdays only.
- **Lucky Book orders close on Wednesday 16th June.**
- **Update info** ~ please let the office know of any changes to contact details.
- **ASB Banking day is every Wednesday, children can post their envelopes into the deposit box at the school office.**

DATES TO REMEMBER:



- Fridays Whole school assembly, 9 am
- Mon. 21st June Parent interviews
- Tues. 22nd June Parent interviews
- Mon. 28th June Board of Trustees meeting, 7 pm
- Wed. 30th June School Photos (L C Scott)
- Fri. 2nd July End of Term Two

2010 Term Dates

- Term Three Mon. 19th July - Fri. 24th September
- Term Four Mon. 11th October - Fri. 17th December (Labour Day Mon. 25th October)
- NOTE: These dates allow for two Teacher Only days during the year.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Rimutaka Forest Park Trust and Department of Conservation invite you to a PLANTING DAY on SATURDAY 12th June, 11am to 3pm at Catchpool Valley. Come and join in anytime between 11am and 3pm.

Sausage sizzle at the end. Please RSVP so we know how many sausages to bring. Ring, Text or Email

Melody@rimutakatrust.org.nz or 0274524982

Mbarnett@doc.govt.nz or 04 4708433

Wellington School of Cricket (WSC) July Holiday Programmes

Week one 5th to 9th July

Standard Holiday Programme (SHP) for children between the ages 6 to 10 years

Intermediate Cricket Clinics (ICC) for children between the ages 11 to 14

Advance Skill Development Clinics (ASDC) for children over the ages 12

For more information and on line registration visit our web-site

www.cricketwellington.co.nz Or contact one of us

Mana: Glenn Pocknall on 021 409 864

Hutt and Basin: Ivan Tissera on 021 894 338

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.

- **Keep it Simple and Save with Lyn Webster** ~ Lyn feeds her family on \$75 per week. This is your opportunity to hear popular TV personality Lyn Webster describe how she does it.
- Wednesday, 16 June 2010
- 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.)
- Lower Hutt Town Hall, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt
- You can also visit
- <http://www.pigtitsandparsleysauce.co.nz/>

YMCA Camp Kaitoke ~ Learn how to cook or ski these holidays, or just come along and have some fun! YMCA Camp Kaitoke has ski camp from July 4-9, and Kaitoke's Next Top Chef and our regular Y-camp from July 11-16. Camps are a great place to make new friends, try new activities, and learn great life skills. Onsite camps are OSCAR approved, so Working for Families subsidies may be available. For more information, contact Emily or Aidan on 04 526 7338 or camp-kaitoke@ymca.org.nz "

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Marching Wellington invites you to their Open Day

Sunday 27th June,

Petone School, 1 - 4 pm

Come along to an interactive day, meet new friends, learn about Marching and how this sport can enrich you or your daughters life, and most of all have fun!

For more information contact Christina 970 4716 or 027 4374380.



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