

# ARAKURA SCHOOL

Friday 25th June  
2010

Issue 9

## 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** ~ Tipene Whaanga and Arapeta Guth to Room One; Christine Maligi to Room Nine; Telesia Tupou and Kaitiaki Guth to Room Four; Cornelia Guth to Room Six.

**New Classrooms** ~ Miss Egan and Miss Lea are now settled in Room Nine and Ten, with their students.



Mrs Keane has moved with her students from Room Eight into Room Six.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews** ~ Thank you to those parents that made appointments to see their child's teacher/s. If you were unable to make these interviews but would still like to see your child's teacher, please ring to make a suitable time for both yourself and the teacher. Mid Year reports will be coming home next Tuesday 29th June.

**School Photos** ~ LC Scott photographers will be at school on Wednesday 30th June. Pre-payment envelopes were sent home with the last 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.

**Teacher Only Day** ~ There is a scheduled Valley-wide TOD for Monday 16th August, school will be **CLOSED** on this day.

**Book Fair** ~ We will be holding a Scholastics Book Fair from Wednesday 28th July until Wednesday 4th August. Further info will follow early next term.

**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.**

**Parking** ~ Please **do not** drive up the driveway or park in the school grounds. Could parents also take extra care crossing the road by using the Pedestrian Crossing and take care opening car doors into oncoming traffic.

It has also been observed cars parking on the yellow lines when dropping off and picking up students. Please **do not** park on these lines as it obstructs the Road Patrollers view of oncoming cars.

**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. Last week's winner were:

Olivia Coffey for working independently during class activities; Hadleigh Harrison for listening during PMP; Sade Russell for completing topic task with excellence.

This week's winners were: Diviya Deo for making a positive choice; Preslee Hoare for showing amazing manners; Tyson Tihore for using his best manners on the mat.

**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](http://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.**
- **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. 28th June Room 9/10 Zoo Trip
- Board of Trustees meeting, 7 pm
- Tues. 29th June Mid Year Reports home
- Yr 6 Intermediate Visit
- Wed. 30th June School Photos (L C Scott)
- Fri. 2nd July End of Term Two, 3 pm
- Mon. 16th Aug. SCHOOL CLOSED - Teacher Only Day

## **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.

## **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.

- **Hutt City Libraries Holiday Programme** ~ These school holidays watch the FIFA world cup on television then join us for some football activities!
- Test your skills, make some crafts and have some fun!
- War Memorial Library - Tuesday 6 July 2pm
- Moera Library - Wednesday 7 July 2pm
- Wainuiomata Library - Friday 9 July 2pm
- Bring a white T-shirt and transform it with a football, fairy or future design
- War Memorial Library - Tuesday 13 July 2pm
- Moera Library - Wednesday 14 July 2pm
- Wainuiomata Library - Friday 16 July 2pm

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Bright Pre-schooler? *Small Poppies*** is NZ's longest running extension and enrichment programme for bright and gifted pre-schoolers aged 3 – 6 years, run by the Gifted Education Centre. Founder and Lead Teacher, Sue Breen, will be in Johnsonville, Wellington, on 7 and 8 July 2010, to hold parent and teacher workshops and to see children who wish to be considered for the programme. For further information, please contact the Coordinator: Shirley Lawn, tel **04 232 3523**, email: [shirley.lawn@giftededucation.org.nz](mailto:shirley.lawn@giftededucation.org.nz), website: [www.smallpoppies.co.nz](http://www.smallpoppies.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](mailto:camp-kaitoke@ymca.org.nz)

## **Wellington School of Cricket (WSC) July Holiday Programmes**

Week one 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> 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 website

[www.cricketwellington.co.nz](http://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

## **LEARN TO PLAY TENNIS Holiday Programme For Primary School Children Supported by HVTA**

Dates: **Monday 12, Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 July, 2010.** (wet or fine )

Venue: Mitchell Park (Mitchell Street, Lower Hutt)

Timetable: 9.00am-10.00 am- Girls from 5-8 years old  
10.00am-11.00 am- Boys from 5-8 years old  
11.00am-12.00 noon- Girls from 9 years +  
1.00pm-2.00 pm- Boys from 9 years +

Cost: \$28.00 for the 3 days. Money to be paid on the first day. Registration: Contact Gary Nelson -Ph. 5897178 or Email - [a.nelson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.nelson@xtra.co.nz) **by Monday 5 July, 2010.**

**EARLY ENROLMENT is advised as this programme is very popular and the first 12 enrolments in each age group will be accepted.**

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