

ARAKURA SCHOOL

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2010

Issue 7

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

New Classrooms ~ These are now completed and Room Ten will be moving in over the next week. The new classes will be numbered Room Nine and Ten. Miss Lea will be moving into Room Ten opposite the Library, and at a later stage Miss Egan will move into Room Nine.



Parent/Teacher Interviews ~ A separate notice will be sent home on the 14th June 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 will be given in the separate notice **School will finish early on Monday only at 2.30 pm.**

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

2010 Swimming ~ Our swimming programme is running well at Huia Pools and will finish with a fun day on Friday 4th June. Thanks to the Arakura Fundraising Trust who have helped fund all swimming costs this year, which means we have not had to pass on any costs to our families.

Numeracy Evening ~ Monday 6 - 7 pm will now be held in the new classrooms (Rooms 9/10), access behind the Administration block. All Welcome.

Complaints Policy ~ If you are unhappy with something the school has or has not done we have a procedure to try and address this. The BOT has a Complaints Policy which explains how parents can deal with any concerns they have. Complaints are taken seriously and most are able to be easily resolved, but in some cases matters are referred to the Board.

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. Last week's winner was: Christian-Lee Tutaki for always showing good manners to everyone.

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

National Standards ~ There has been a lot of information in the media about National Standards being implemented this year. Please feel free to make an appointment to come and discuss your thoughts with me.

ASB Banking ~ Children are still able to register for school banking by completing a registration form which can be obtained from the school office. **Banking day for children is every Wednesday, children can post their envelopes into the deposit box at 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER:



- Fridays Whole school assembly, 9 am
- Fri. 4th June Swimming Fun at Huia Pools
- Mon. 31st May Numeracy Evening, 6 - 7 pm
- Mon. 7th June Queens Birthday**
- 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

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.

With ZEALANDIA's Winter Warmers, the wet and windy Wellington weather we all know and love need no longer get in the way of enjoying a visit.

Until 31 August 2010, you can visit ZEALANDIA: The Exhibition for just \$20 adults, \$10 children, 5-14 years and \$50 for 2 adults and up to 3 kids. And if you come Monday to Friday, we'll shout each adult a free tea or coffee at Rata, our cosy cafe!

The team at ZEALANDIA: The Karori Sanctuary Experience

Karori Sanctuary Trust

End of Waiapu Road, Karori.

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.

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

New Medical Centre Opening 2010 ~ Hutt City Health Centre, High Street, Lower Hutt opened this month, Phone 576 2044 to enrol.

Family change group ~ A six week programme for children ages 6- 11 years, and their Parent/Caregiver who have had a family Separation or Divorce

Term 2

Date: Every Tuesday from 18th May – 22nd June

Time: 2.30 – 4pm

Venue: Skylight, Newtown, Wellington

Cost: \$120.00 per child

For further information please ph (04) 920 9967 or 0800 299 100 or visit our website www.skylight.org.nz for further details



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