

Special Points of

Interest:

- School lunches available Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- EFTPOS is available in the school office. There will be **NO CASH OUT** or Credit Card facility and there is a minimum purchase of \$2.00
- Board of Trustees email address: bot@arakura.school.nz
- School Cellphone 0278193283
- Find us on Facebook and "LIKE" to get updates from the school - www.facebook.com/arakuraschool



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ARAKURA SCHOOL



Newsletter Date

Thursday 12th February 2015

"The Best for All Students"

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 ~ Nina Vanilau, Raeleigh Kapua, Riley Campbell, Kody Daymond-Lints to Room Ten; Cadi Louwrens, Yvette Stewart to Room Nine; Jaxon Afoa to Room Six; Armani Afoa, Mykool Smith Osborne to Room One; Chanel Padlie, Madison Preston and Paradise Smith to Room Five.

2015 Stationery ~ Thank you to those parents who have paid for stationery to date. Teachers would appreciate it, if all children could have their stationery requirements by next week.

School Lunches ~ These will start on Tuesday 3rd March (list enclosed).

Sunsmart ~ Please ensure your child has sunscreen applied at home in the morning. **All** children have been given a sunhat, kindly donated by **KIDSCAN**, which they will be encouraged to wear at

school and to keep them in their classrooms.

Photo Permissions ~ Have you completed a form giving permission for the school to use photos of students participating in activities, engaging in learning and examples of students' work on our facebook page/website. If you have not completed this and returned to the school could you please arrange to do this at the school office.

Junior Neighbourhood Support



Arakura to the new school year. Last year six children received awards from JNS for showing a sense of pride, safety and community spirit within their school and the wider community. Two children from these six have been selected to go on 'The Big Day Out' with Neighbourhood Support and the Police the date of which is to be arranged. In 2015 there will be an opportunity for two children from each term to receive awards and I look forward to receiving more amazing nominations. I wish all the children a successful year and encourage them to keep up the good work.

Building Bridges Assemblies ~ Every Friday there will be a prize draw for children who have been given a gold card during the course of the fortnight.

50th Jubilee ~ 23rd - 25th October. Visit our Jubilee Facebook page to be kept up to date with developments www.facebook.com/arakuraschool50thjubilee If you would like to sponsor the school in some way, or have services which you think we may need please contact Bonnie in the school office. There will be a school gala on the Saturday, so if you are interested in holding a stall (cost involved) let Bonnie know also. Is there any fathers/caregivers out there that could help with a hangi on the Saturday for lunch?



Dates to Remember (See our website arakura.school.nz for all dates)

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| Monday 16th February | Board of Trustees meeting, 7 pm |
| Monday 23rd | Board/Parent Meet and Greet BBQ, 5 pm - separate notice |
| Friday 27th | Phoenix visit to the school |
| Monday 23rd March | Goal Setting interviews |
| Tuesday 24th | Goal Setting interviews |
| Thursday 2nd April | End of Term One |
| Friday 3rd | GOOD FRIDAY |

School News

Civil Defence Supplies ~



We ask that each child bring a non-perishable food item for our Civil Defence food supplies. We are currently replenishing our stocks. If

your child has special dietary requirements could you please label your child's food item with their name and this will be separated from the other food.

Mark Kibblewhite,
Principal

ASB School Banking ~

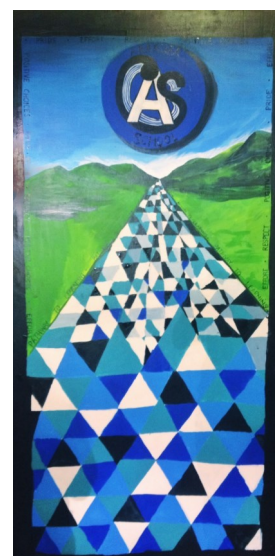
Banking day is every Wednesday. If you would like your child to start

"At Arakura School we focus on the individual needs of the student"



Arakura School Mission Statement

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



Community Section

Wainuiomata Water Festival ~ 28th February, 10 am - 6 pm, Queens Street, bands, fun, stalls, games, splashes - **FREE** for all. The Wainuiomata Water Festival is a unique family festival that celebrates water in a daylong event in the heart of Wainuiomata's community hub. There will be a carnival like atmosphere, with all the action happening on the Queen St green and memorial hall. Marquees with special water activities and games will surround an interactive fountain in the middle of the green. Fantastic performers will entertain with water themed performances. Come and see what local artists and craftspeople are creating. There will be a water slide and a creative water-costume and swim-wear competition for homemade water fashions. Scientists and local fire-brigades will show off the wonders of water and the creatures that inhabit our waterways. There will also be live music performances from local groups on the big-rig music stage and a rave zone! Spontaneous and staged water-pistol fights will break out during the day so come prepared with your own water-weapon! **WATER COSTUME and SWIMWEAR COMPETITION** Come to the festival in your homemade costume or make your own with the materials provided by the Community Centre Costume Zone. Competition parade at 4.30 pm on the main stage. Categories: Best Creative Water Costume, Best Creative Swimwear, Best Creative Junior costume Judged by a local celebrity with prizes to be won.



Starship Mobile Phone Appeal ~ please support the mobile phone recycling initiative which will provide our school with resources such as Apple iPads, Book Vouchers, Sports Packs etc., free of charge, while also raising funds for The Starship Foundation. Most of us have old mobile phone lying at the bottom of drawers, so I would encourage you to take a look, and put a mobile phone in the collection envelope provided to your child, write your name and school's name in the allocated space and return back to school. Each phone will count towards our schools preferred educational equipment reward.

Wainuiomata Tennis Club - Juniors ~ If your child would like to join tennis or even come along and have a go we offer Junior Group Coaching & Fun on Tuesdays for 10 yr + Junior Aces Wed for 5 + yrs. Juniors have started up again so come along and have a look, for more info or to register your child please contact Julie on 564 3075 or see our website for contacts: www.wainuiomatatennis.org.nz

Hutt City Bike the Trail Sunday March 1st ~ The idea of this event is to rally up friends/family for a fun and enjoyable scenic bike ride along the Hutt River Trail. Participants can begin at either Harcourt Park in Upper Hutt or County Lane in Silverstream and everyone finishes at Hikoikoi Reserve in Petone. There will be food, prizes, entertainment and activities available for the whole family as well as free return transport back to the start. Further details go to: www.bikethetrail.co.nz

Football/Soccer Registrations for Wainui Junior Football ~ From Nursery grade (4yrs) to 14th Grade All registrations this year are at our clubrooms. **Tuesday 17th Feb. 6.30 to 8.00pm , Thursday 19th Feb. 6.30 to 8.00pm , Sunday 1st 3.00pm to 5.00pm for small sided games and registrations.** Soccer Clubrooms Richard Prouse Park, Hine Road. Any queries please phone Adam or Leanne 9703174 or email: alsmitty@paradise.net.nz