

Special Points of

Interest:

- School Lunches ~ moosies/juicies \$1.00 ea Tuesdays/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
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Newsletter Date

Thursday 6th July 2017

"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 ~ Danielle Tanis and Zack Furniss.

Matariki Concert ~ Thank you to everyone involved with making our Matariki Concert such a success. We are very proud of our Tamariki.



Future Fundraiser: Sunday 13th August we will be having Icon Family Portraits, please send your booking voucher and \$10 sitting fee to secure yourself a booking. More forms available at the office.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Years 4-6 ~ Thank you to those parents who managed to attend their child's interview this week. Unfortunately due to staff illness some interviews had to be cancelled. If you still wish to meet with your child's teacher, please make contact to arrange another suitable time.

Wig Wednesday ~ Arakura raised \$165.80 for Child Cancer, thanks for your support.

Public Health Nurse ~ We have a new nurse Kere Bennett who will be at school every Tuesday around morning tea time, she can be contacted on 570 9131 or 027 273 0416.

Classroom Upgrades ~ At the beginning of Term Three Monday 24th July, Miss Maxey and Room Four will relocate to the Library and Mr Ingham and Room Five to Room Six, while their rooms are upgraded.

Pita Pit ~ Starting next term we are offering Pita Pit lunches every Thursday, the enclosed information explains how to order your child's lunch online. Thursday 27th July will be a special \$2.00 promotion Day, then full pricing from the following Thursday 3rd August.

Contact Details ~ Please ensure that you keep all your contact details up to date at the school office, this is vital especially in an emergency. If your child is away from school you can leave a message on the answerphone 564 6920 or txt 0278193283.

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

Friday 7th July	Last day of Term Two, 3.00 pm
Monday 24th July	Term Three starts
Thursday 27th July	Pita Pit Promo Day Lunch
Tuesday 1st August	Board of Trustees meeting, 7 pm
Friday 4th August	Arakura's Got Talent Heat 1
Friday 11th August	Kidscan Wacky Fundraising Day - Gold coin donation
Sunday 13th August	Icon Family Portraits, \$10 sitting fee (forms at office)

School News

Kidscan Nitbuster Programme ~ We are very fortunate this year to be continuing with the Nit Buster programme, thanks to funding from Kidscan. We have a dedicated champion who is very keen to have every child in our school signed up to the programme, whether it be opting in or out of the programme. The percentage of consented children in our school is 84%, Kidscan believe for this programme to be as effective as possible consent numbers need to be over 80%. **Please ensure that you complete a consent form for your child, so this valuable programme is not lost.**

ASB School Banking ~ Banking day is every Wednesday. If you would like your child to start banking you can pick up an enrolment form from the school office.

Mark Kibblewhite
Principal



YOUR SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMME

\$2 Pita Pit day – Thursday 27th July
(Normal Thursday delivery & prices start 3rd August)

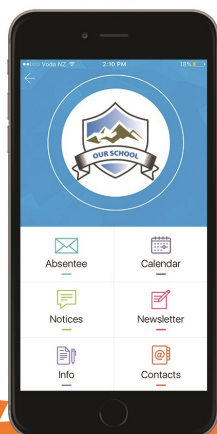
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Community Section

Entertainment Books ~ are on sale at Arakura School again this year. Fundraising is for the Cancer Society who receive 20% from every sale. The book pays itself off within a month if you are taking your family out occasionally, there are numerous cafes in Petone, Wellington and Lower Hutt offering two mains for the price of one. The entertainment book can be used as far as Palmerston North and the Wairarapa. Books are available at the school office now. You can also contact Maree Dickson by texting 0272787149.

School holidays are just around the corner, and **Animates** has the perfect activity to help keep the children entertained and informed. Your local store (541 High Street, Lower Hutt) will be hosting free workshops at **11am on Thursday 13 & 20 July**. The sessions will introduce children to the skills they need to be a nurturing pet owner. This school holidays the focus will be on teaching children on the essentials on caring for fish or reptiles including how much to feed them, how to decorate and maintain their housing and the signs of a happy and healthy pet! Answering all of those scaly questions such as "Do fish sleep?", "How do I hold a lizard?", the workshops will include interactive activities - face painting, activity booklets and a colouring-in competition.

There will also be the opportunity to ask the in-store experts for advice, and children who complete the workshop will take home a certificate at the end to proudly display on their wall or fridge. Although bookings aren't necessary, the events are usually well attended so it's advisable to arrive early.

"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.

