

## 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](mailto:bot@arakura.school.nz)**
- **School Cellphone 0278193283**
- **Find us on Facebook and "LIKE" to get updates from the school - [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)**



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## **Newsletter Date**

**Thursday 3rd August 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 ~** Isla Barclay, Krew Mason, Claire Puletau, Vii Maua-Faalogoifo, Juarn Mason, Harlem Mason, Taven Crosland-Miller and Bjorn Griggs.

**Icon Family Photos ~** 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.

**Lunchtime Games and Sports ~** We know how much our students love to play sport so we are looking at introducing lunchtime games run by parents/caregivers. We are lucky enough to have had interest from an Arakura School parent who would like to support this programme. In order for this to be successful we need your help! If you are available during lunchtime (on a day that suits you best) and would like to come and help out we would love to hear from you! Please either send a note with your details or come see Miss Maxey if you think you could help.

**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 ~** Work should be starting on Room Four and Five next week. Miss Maxey/Room Four have relocated to the Library and Mr Ingham/Room Five to Room Six, while their rooms are upgraded.

**Pita Pit Thursday Lunches ~** Started last week with 46 orders. You can register online at [www.lunchesonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchesonline.co.nz) and order your child's lunch before 9 am Thursdays for lunchtime delivery.

**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.

**Kidscan Wacky Fundraiser Day ~** Get ready to get Wacky for KidsCan! on Friday, 11th August! Gold coin donation. Chuck on your wackiest wig, wear your most colourful and out there clothes or - however you want to get wacky on 'Get a little Wacky for KidsCan' Day is totally up to you. What really matters is that you will be fundraising for Kiwi kids in need, helping Kidscan to provide kids with food to eat at school, adequate clothing and health care products.

### **Dates to Remember (See our website [arakura.school.nz](http://arakura.school.nz) for all dates)**

Thursdays	Pita Pit Lunch Day
Friday 4th August	Arakura's Got Talent Heat 1
Monday 7th August	Lucky Book orders close
Friday 11th August	Kidscan Wacky Fundraising Day - Gold coin donation
Sunday 13th August	Icon Family Portraits, \$10 sitting fee (forms at office)
Friday 18th August	Arakura's Got Talent Heat 2

## 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

## Board of Trustee News

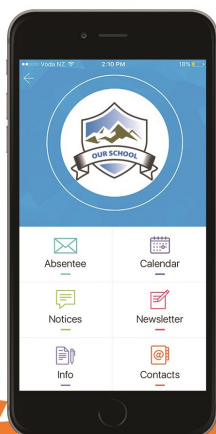
**PB4L** ~ Thank you to all those who made the effort to fill in the survey about what values you want promoted at our school. The staff are working on the responses given by Whanau and Tamariki and will keep us up to date with that.

### \*EVENTS

### \*INSTANT SCHOOL MESSAGES

### \*ABSENTEE

Download  
Our School  
Calendar  
App



**HOW:** In Play Store and App Store search "Parent Teacher Calendar" and choose our school once installed.



**Maori & Pasifika Focus Group** ~ We haven't forgotten you! We are looking at dates and will keep in touch. If you don't know about our focus groups and you or your child identifies as Maori or Pasifika and are interested in being part of a parent group who meets every term to talk about what you want for your child's learning, let us know.

## Community Section

**Wainuiomata Fruit and Vege Co-op** ~ Bringing healthy food to our neighbourhood for just \$10 or 12 per week. Pay in advance and then collect on Tuesdays from the school. Forms at school office. Check out the Facebook page Fruit and Vege Co-op.

**Calling All OLD Mobile Phones** ~ It's that time again to rummage around in your drawers and toy boxes and bring into School any unwanted mobile phones you may have at home.

It is estimated that each year up to three million phones become obsolete in NZ, of those only 2% are recycled. Phones collected help our Arakura School gain valuable rewards and the environment benefits as well keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances. Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may have in the collection box in the school office.

**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.

**"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.

