

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
- Find us on Facebook and "LIKE" to get updates from the school - www.facebook.com



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Newsletter Date

Thursday 13th April 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 ~ Te Ariki Selkirk-Etimani, Noah Krammer, Janiya Donoghue-Symonds.

Easter Raffle ~ Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser. **Our winners were: 1st Melania Hoffman 1241, 2nd Eiz Raukawa 1186 and 3rd Michelle O'Connor 33.**

Future Fundraisers: Watch out for our Mother's Day raffle next term, our Noel Leemings fundraiser in May and in Term Three we will be having Icon Family Portraits, keep Sunday 13th August free.

School Photos ~ Photolife Photography took our school photos yesterday. If you still wish to order a Class, Sports team or Road Patrol photo (\$15 Standard 25 x 20 cm or \$17 Upsize 32 x 25 cm) please ring 0800 501 040 (only if you are able to pay internet banking or credit card). Otherwise come to the school office and pick up a Team Photo envelope.

Board of Trustees ~ At our last meeting Katrina Barclay was nominated as the new Chairperson of the Board, after Carol McMillan stepped down. Any of our Board members can be contacted on their email address (on the left).

Parent Teacher Calendar APP ~ Have you downloaded our school Parent Teacher APP? See page two for details.

Activities Charge 2017 ~ \$35.00 per child will cover swimming transport, "Get Set and Go" fundamental skills programme and two school trips (Days Bay 23rd Feb). This can be paid at the school office, EFTPOS or you can setup an automatic payment to pay it off during the year.

Absences/Changes to Early Pick ups ~ If you come to pick up your child early you will need to **sign them out at the office** with a valid reason, and then Bonnie will call the class to get the child sent to the office. **Teachers would appreciate, if parents arrive early that they wait outside the classroom so that end of day activities can be completed without interruption.**

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. Last fortnight's winners: Taylor Osko, Kayla Little, Ryan Brinfield, Tausisi Faalogoifo. Last week's winners: Jo Koloa, Keisha Stevenson-Kennedy, Hendrix Sakalia, Bella Tavai. This week's winners: Sydney Roma, Carter Lewis, Damien Walker-Davies, Chey Burgess.

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

Thursday 13th April	Last day of term
Friday 14th April	Good Friday
Monday 1st May	Term Two starts
Tuesday 9th May	Board of Trustees meeting, 7 pm
Monday 15th May	Swimming starts (two weeks)

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 78%, 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.**



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.

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

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



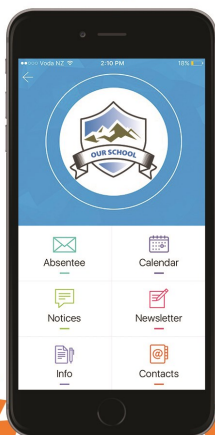
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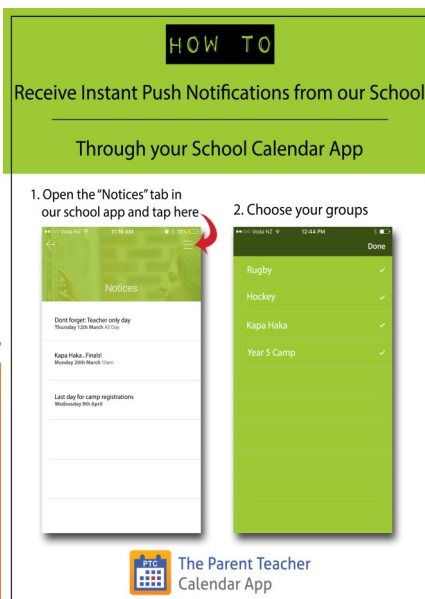
HOW: In Play Store and App Store search "Parent Teacher Calendar" and choose our school once installed.



Kids Holiday Art Programme ~ Want to get your kids away from the smartphone & ipad? The Learning Connexion will help your children explore their own imagination, develop their creative skills and in the process build up their self esteem. Runs 18th to 28th of April. \$25 half day, \$45 full day. Learn more at www.ArtClassesForKids.co.nz or call Leda Farrow on 0800 278 769.

Animates stores ~ nationwide will be hosting free workshops, perfect for keeping the kids entertained! This is a great way for kids to learn important life skills such as kindness and compassion towards animals. The workshops will teach them everything they need to know about animals small in size (rabbits, guinea pigs, rats & mice). Sessions will be held on Thursday 20th & 27th April at 11am, at your local Animates store.

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 will be available at the school from next term for purchase. You can also contact Maree Dickson by texting 0272787149. Pre purchase before 24th April to receive Early Bird Bonus Offers you can use straight away (subject to availability).



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.

