

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 11th May 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 ~ Savea Tupou, Piki Roy Adams-Rikihana, Jhada-Mae Swaysland, Sione Latu, Mia Fox, Integra Smith, Johnny Bear Cameron, Tiare Cameron, Saige Crosland-Miller-Marks.

Swimming ~ Please ensure your child comes prepared on Monday for our first day of swimming, buses will leave promptly so please have your child to school on time. As swimming is part of the New Zealand Curriculum we expect all children to take part in this programme, therefore children will need to bring togs and a towel to school each day. If your child is unable to participate due to medical reasons we require a signed note each day.

Future Fundraisers: Noel Leemings fundraiser ends this Sunday 14th, visit the Lower Hutt store with your coupon. Term Three we will be having Icon Family Portraits, keep Sunday 13th August free. Unfortunately we will not be running a Mother's Day raffle.

School Photos ~ 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. Photos should be back at school in the next two weeks.

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 week's winners: Stella Brinfield, Keisha Stevenson-Kennedy, Krista Henderson-Williams, Tessa Walker-Davies.

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

Saturday 13th May	Yr 3/4 Netball starts
Monday 15th May	Swimming starts (two weeks)
	Lucky Book orders close
Tuesday 23rd May	Whanau Focus Group Meeting (see pg 2 for details)
Friday 26th May	Last day of swimming

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.**

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 Trustees News

PB4L - SW (Positive Behaviour for Learning - School Wide)

The big focus for our school as a Board of Trustees and Staff is a Ministry of Education initiative called Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L), which aims to promote positive behaviour, strengthen relationships, and create an inclusive learning environment that supports the well-being and learning of our students. We are looking forward to building an increasingly positive environment that acknowledges students' identities, languages, cultures, and abilities, to support teaching and learning. Throughout this year we will be sharing more information about PB4L with you. Watch this space!

Whanau Focus Group Hui

Hopefully some of you have already received a letter from the Board of Trustees about the hui we are having on **Tuesday 23rd May at 7pm**, at school to consult our Maori and Pasifika whanau about the learning here at Arakura School. If you or your child identify as Maori or Pasifika, please ensure that you come along and join your Parent Trustees (Katrina, Carol, Toni, Rachel and Steve) to share with us about what you want for your child's learning. If you want to know more, please ring the school, or email the Board of Trustees. We look forward to seeing you all there!

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 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).

Maori Basketball Skills Camp and Mini Tournament ~ The New Zealand Basketball Academy in partnership with Ora Toa PHO, Maori basketball and Hoop Club New Zealand will be running a skills camp follow by a tournament on Saturday, 27 May 2017 at Te Rauparaha Arena starting at 12.00pm and finishing at 9.00pm. The object of the tournament is to identify and upskill potential players to represent Hutt Valley, Wellington and Porirua at the Maori Nationals in the near future. Contact Voldi Simi 021773703 for more information.

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

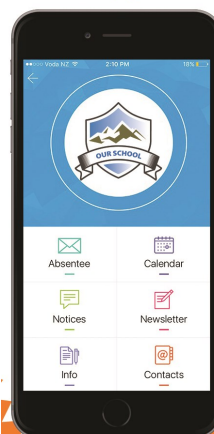


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Arakura School Mission Statement

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

