



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 25th 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 ~ Guru and Moni Gajendran.

Swimming ~ Last day of swimming tomorrow will be a pool fun day.

Future Fundraiser: Sunday 13th August we will be having Icon Family Portraits, please find enclosed with this newsletter some info and booking voucher which you can return to school with the \$10 sitting fee to secure yourself a booking.

School Photos ~ Orders are now closed however 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) you can call Photolife direct on 0800 501 040.

Attendance ~ Whether absences are excused or unexcused, research shows that they hurt student achievement more than parents might guess. Students with a history of poor attendance are more likely to fall behind their peers in reading, writing and maths. By Intermediate/High School, they are more likely to fail courses and are less likely to graduate on time, if at all. It's no surprise that missing a lot of school hurts achievement. But new research shows even just one or two absences a month make a big difference.

Congratulations ~ To a past Arakura School student, Joseph Tunupopo (Deputy Head Boy of Wainuiomata High School) who has been awarded a Pacific "On Campus" experience Scholarship from the University of Otago. Well done Joseph.

Communities of Learning (CoL's) ~ The local schools continue to work collaboratively around CoL initiatives/direction. There are six schools involved in the CoL working together and will eventually work on an achievement challenge that will hopefully lead to raised achievement across all schools involved. It is important all parents are aware of this government initiative and have some understanding of what CoL's are all about and where school are going with them.

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: Joseph Koloa, Rhett Silvester, Leincohne Smith, Dorothy Li.

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

Friday 26th May	Last day of swimming
Thursday 1st June	Whole School Cross Country
Monday 5th June	Queens Birthday - No School
Tuesday 13th June	Interschool Cross Country
Tuesday 20th June	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7 pm

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

Whanau Focus group Hui ~ Thank you so much to all the parents and caregivers who came to our Hui on Tuesday night. It was encouraging to have so many people attend and speak so positively about wanting to find out how to raise the achievement of our Maori and Pasifika learners. It was also exciting that so many want to be a part of groups that meet every term to have a say in setting the direction for our Maori and Pasifika children in their learning. If you want to see the summary of what was discussed at the Hui or you would like to be a part of the regular discussion groups, please talk to one of your Parent Trustees, send us an email, or send a message with your child.

Positive Behaviour For Learning (PB4L) ~ Did you know that the New Zealand Curriculum has a vision for our students to be confident, connected and actively involved so that they can become lifelong learners? PB4L supports the NZ Curriculum and will help our leaders, teachers, whanau and students to encourage the following:

1. the principles of high expectations and inclusion
2. the values of equity, community participation and integrity
3. the key competencies of managing self, thinking, relating to others and participating and contributing

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.

DASH Under 12's Marching Team ~ are recruiting for the 2017/18 Marching Season. Be part of the excitement of a brand new team. Training in Petone on Sunday's with competitions starting in October and a trip away to Hamilton early next year for the New Zealand Marching Championships. If you are aged between 7 and 12 and would like to try something different come along to our 'Give it a Go' day on Sunday 11 June, 12noon – 2pm at Petone Central School, Britannia Street, Petone. No experience required. Fees are \$100 and can be paid by weekly instalments. Any questions please call or text us on 021 060 0653 or message us via our Facebook Page (DASH Under 12 Marching Team).

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

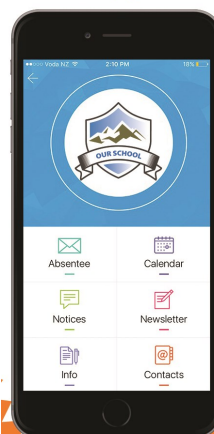


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Arakura School Mission Statement

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

