

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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ARAKURA SCHOOL



Newsletter Date

Thursday 16th June 2016

"The Best for All Students"

Board of Trustees Elections

Congratulations to our new Board

Toni Binks
Katrina Barclay
Steve Edger
Carol McMillan
Rachel Norman

Greetings ~ Kia Ora, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Malo E Lelei, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Ni Sa, Bula Vanaka, Taloha Ni and Welcome!

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Wig Wednesday ~ The Child Cancer Foundation is running New Zealand's first "Wig Wednesday" on **Wednesday 22nd June**, and our school will be taking part in this national event. Students and staff are encouraged to wear a wig or wacky hair and to help raise funds for the Child Cancer Foundation by bringing a gold coin donation.

Fruit in Schools ~ If your child has **allergies** to any fruit please ensure you have notified the school office. Any surplus fruit at the end of the week will be put out for families to collect at 3.00 pm.

Absences ~ We encourage parents to give written notice to the classroom teacher if children are leaving early or have to go somewhere different after school. This also includes times when your child is going to be absent from school for any period of time.

Activities Charge 2016 ~ \$35.00 per child will cover swimming transport, Move and Improve Gym programme, Life Education visit, Pool fun day and one school trip. This can be paid at the school office, EFTPOS or you can setup an automatic payment to pay it off during the year. A **reminder** that the Swimming component of \$10.00 is now **overdue, please pay immediately**.

Asthma Action Plans ~ If you have identified your child as being an asthmatic on their enrolment form please read on. Our Public Health Nurse has advised that we need an "Action Plan" for each student with asthma. Please see you doctor and arrange for an Action Plan to be completed and bring to the school office.

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

Friday 17th June	Cross-Country, 1.35 pm
Monday 20th June	Hutt City Council, Dog Safety Visit
Tuesday 7th - Friday 24th June	"Keep Ourselves Safe" Programme with Constable J Orr
Tuesday 21st June	Interschool Cross-Country
Wednesday 22nd June	Wig Wednesday / Wacky Hair
Monday 27th June	Lucky Book orders close
	Board of Trustees meeting, 7 pm

Parking ~ When dropping off and picking up your children please observe the following rules:

- Do not park over or in neighbours' driveways
- Do not park on the yellow lines, this obstructs our Road Patrollers view
- Do not drive up the school driveway (staff only parking)
- Please be good role models and use the pedestrian crossing

Kidscan Nitbuster Programme ~ Our Nitbuster Champion Ali will be in the school on Thursday's from 9 am - 2.30 pm. Please complete the necessary form to opt in/out of this programme, we need 100% response for the programme to continue at our school.

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: Hosea Hawira for making positive choices during Kapa Haka, Damien Walker-Davies for making a great choice when getting off the bus, Amber Mayhead for respecting other peoples learning by working quietly, Montana Cavill-Fowler for helping others. Last weeks winners: Tessa Walker-Davies for great listening skills during KOS, Trey Symonds for handing in money, Blake O'Connor for picking up rubbish and not expecting a reward, Charlotte Brosnahan for being a great "go-to" helper for Mrs Grant.

Mark Kibblewhite

Community Section

Entertainment Books ~ are on sale at Arakura School again this year. Fundraising is for the cancer society in Wellington. Last year we raised \$240.00 and we are hoping to increase our sales this year. Every book sold gives the cancer society \$12.00. The book pays itself off within a month if you are taking your family out occasionally - e.g. Zoo, Staglands, Strike bowling, Phoenix games, Junglerama are just a few to name offering buy one get one free for admission. Also there are numerous cafes in Petone, Wellington and Lower Hutt offering two mains for the price of one. There are also coffees at McDonalds and Westfield offering buy one get one free and the cinemas Lighthouse and Event cinemas offering discounted tickets. The entertainment book can be used as far as Palmerston North and the Wairarapa. There is also a prize when you have registered your entertainment card for a trip for two to Melbourne.

Bonnie has books available at the school now for purchase. You can also contact Maree Dickson by texting 0272787149.

Calling all old Mobile Phones to help Sustainable Coastlines look after NZ's coastlines and waterways ~ After \$2.5 million donated to the Starship Foundation from the sale of unwanted old mobile phones it is time for a new multi award winning NZ charity - Sustainable Coastline to benefit from this scheme.

It would be great if you could rummage around in your drawers and toy boxes and bring into School any unwanted mobile phones you may have.

Phones collected help our School gain valuable rewards and also the environment benefits by 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 reception area at School.



El Rancho Camp ~ 11th - 15th July, The magic of Christmas is something to celebrate...join us for this AWESOME midwinter party!! Our camps are an awesome opportunity for kids to make new friends, learn about life and experience the fun activities that El Rancho has to offer. Oscar/WINZ subsidies available.

The last camp sold out, so be in quick to secure your spot!

Head to: <http://elrancho.co.nz/Camps+and+Events/Kids+Camps.html>

"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.

