

Diary

COMING EVENTS

March:

23rd Y 7 & 8
Technology begins
25th First Aid course
and Teacher Only Day
28th: Whale Tales
Online Learning
30th: Meet the eTeacher
VLN Online
31st School Board
meeting

April:

1st: Weetbix Tryathlon Fun Run Challenge **15th** Holidays start (Good Friday)

May:

2nd 1st day of Term 2

August:

3rd Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge

Tapora Times

Week 7 - Term 1 2022

Office Hours: 8am - 9.30am 1.30pm - 5pm

'Empowering our children to discover their passion and fulfil their potential'

Kia ora,

Happy St Patrick's Day!

Although by the time you read this the happy green day will probably be over. We managed to get away to camp and were lucky to have wonderful weather. The photos shared on Facebook show all the fun learning activities the students and parents took part in. It was 'a full on' experience as evidenced by the number of students that needed the Friday sleep in to recover. Many thanks to the parents and staff who provided support with transport and supervision. Without your help this camp couldn't have gone ahead.



VLN Classes (Virtual Learning Network)

These have started this week for the first semester. We were very fortunate to receive a grant from the Ministry of Education specifically to enable all students old enough to join a VLN class of their choice. We have students in the following classes: Creative Writing; Maths Extension; Biology; French; Astronomy; Korean and of course the usual Rural Schools group for Y7&8 who will be focussing on wellbeing this semester.

A letter is enclosed and will also be emailed to parents (ease of access to links) inviting them to a meet the e-teacher online zoom meeting.

Weetbix Try/Bi Athlon Colour Fun Challenge

We're holding the School Fun Run as a major fundraising event this year! The event will be held on 1st April. We are really hoping to raise lots of money which will help pay for a second teacher. Keep your eyes peeled for the sponsorship forms which have been sent home with your child. Once you have the form, you should sign up for a Student Profile Page at schoolfunrun.co.nz. You'll be able to...

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access online fundraising from here. Students who raise \$10 or more will receive a reward, and the more money you raise the better the reward, and the more you help the school! We're looking for all students to participate and we're organising a great day for our community, so we'd love everyone to come down to support the kids. If you have any questions about the Fun Run please contact the School Fun Run Office on 0800 377 170. Thanks for supporting the school and we hope to see you at the event!

After only launching the event this week it is fantastic to see we have six students already with a profile and starting to receive sponsorship totalling \$430. Remember parents use your social media contacts to spread the message far and wide. And children don't forget to send a thank you message via your profile to those who sponsor you.

All online profiles entered go in the draw for a chance to win a \$20,000 family package and once entered you can earn extra tickets in the draw.

Wellsford Library

For the upcoming school holidays the Auckland Libraries theme is Runga Raro Huripoki / Over Under Upside-down. Wellsford Library will be offering a mixed model of activities for children - online, in the library, and some take home packs. Our display and activities will focus on life under the sea and we will make connections with the World Wildlife Foundation's Whale Tales Auckland 2022 exhibition. Whale Tales is a public art trail featuring 80 Big Broos (large Tail sculptures) and 80 Pēpi (mini Tail sculptures) that have been turned into bespoke pieces of art by well-known and emerging kiwi artists and schools. As part of the school holiday programme, Wellsford Library will be holding a Whale Tales colouring competition. If these are completed early enough they will be displayed throughout the holidays in conjunction with the program.

Whale Tales at Tapora School

On the 28th March Project Jonah will be teaching the children all about our wonderful marine mammals. They believe the more children who know about the amazing marine mammals that are right here by our coastlines, the more they will want to help protect both them and the ocean they call home. They will cover a range of topics from helping at whale strandings, looking after our marine environment and whales and dolphins found in New Zealand. This will equip them with the knowledge they need to help and make a difference for our marine world.

Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge

This year there is a stunning brand-new venue for our Auckland Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge Event!!! Check it out here: https://eventpromotions.co.nz/junior-tough-guy-and-gal-challenge/#aj

The new venue offers hot showers, toilets, changing rooms, covered areas for gathering, hot food and beverages and FREE parking!!. There will also be designated car, van, and bus parking areas available at the venue as space is not a problem. We are excited to be at the Kumeu Showgrounds as it provides us with over 80 acres of land to re-design the course and obstacles! Enter now as there are limited spaces available at this **one-day** Auckland Junior Event.

Check out the venue's website here to learn more about it: https://kumeushowgrounds.com/

We are no longer going to enter as a school group however parents are most welcome to enter their children individually and compete on the day Wednesday 3^{rd} August.

Scholastic Book Club

Children will bring home issue #2 this week. If ordering through school please have them in by 31st March. If you order online as a Loop customer you would have been emailed a \$5 early bird discount. It is so much easier for us if all orders are completed online.

BOT INFORMATION:

Minutes are available on request from the school office.

Meeting: 31st March 6pm Thursday Room 3

Agenda: Approve Strategic / Annual Plan/ Statement of Variance

Policy Review T1: This term we are reviewing **Health and Safety Management** and **Emergency, Disaster, and Crisis Management** topics. These sections sit under the **Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy**, which

will be reviewed at the end of the year.

Board members are encouraged to read this policy at the beginning of the year for context.

REMINDERS:

• Copies of policies for this term's review will not be included with this newsletter. They are all available online and an email will be sent with instructions for the review process. It would be wonderful to have the online review completed by the end of the term. Many thanks.

CERTIFICATES:

ROOM 2

Progress Certificates:

Reading - Ruak (1 PM), Torin (2 PM levels) & Oliver (6 PM levels)

Lexia - Lachlan (Level 1) & Ruak (Level 2)

Class Certificate:

Ruak - For improved confidence in sharing your ideas and giving more difficult tasks a go. Great effort!

ROOM 1

Lexia Reading: Level 9: Ginger

Spelling Essential List Words: List 1-7: Kiara; List 1-3: Maddi & Kayleigh

Basic Facts: moving up levels (assessed weekly) 2 levels: Melody; 3 levels: Kiara

Basic Facts: passing a whole maths stage (assessed only 2x a year) Stage 1: Kayleigh, Kiara

Mangahigh Maths Medal Points (for Term 4 2021): Gold: Connell 54; Silver: Briana 35; Bronze: Liam 31

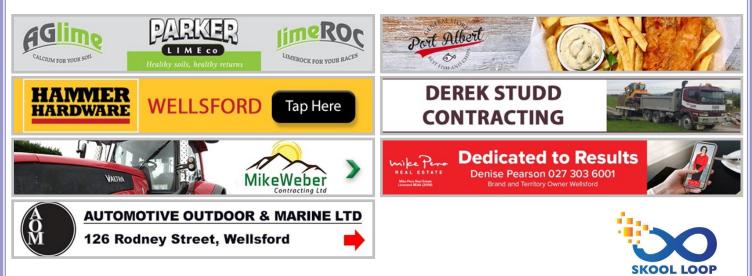
Community

Workplace First Aid Course March 25th

There are still a few vacancies available for this. Contact the school office with your name and email address if you would like a place for either refresher or full/new.

Skool Loop - Thank you to the parents who are making use of this app to report absences, receive notices and to fill out permission forms. It makes life so much easier for everyone. Updates are available through the year

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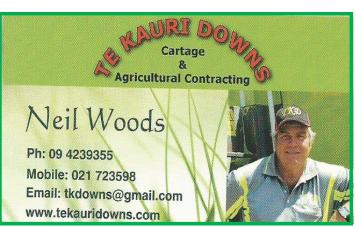
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