

NOVEMBER 2016



Diary

School Assembly.

Fridays every fortnight (on even weeks of the term) at 2:30pm.

Wed 9th November

Y7&8 Technology

10th & 11th November

Senior & Junior Camps

Wed 16th November

Y7&8 Technology

Thu 17th November

BOT Meeting

Wed 23rd November

Y7&8 Technology

Life Education Day

Thu 24th November

Interschool Cricket (1st Dec save day)

Fri 25th November

Life Education

Tue 29th November

Basketball 3v3 Zone Day

Wed 30th November

Y7&8 Technology

Thu 6th December

BOT Meeting

Tue 13th November

Awards Assembly & Shared Lunch

Thu 15th November

Prizegiving

Fri 16th December

Last day of school

Tapora Times

WEEK 4 - TERM 4

Cross Country

How lucky were we to have a perfect day of ideal weather with no twisted or sprained ankles.

Congratulations to all students who completed the course, that was an achievement in itself and you should be very proud of yourselves as running is not everyone's cup of tea.

Thank you to all the parents who came along, supported and cheered the students along in their races. Thanks also to those parents who were there to support the students at prize giving as well.

Congratulations to all our winners and place getters. Hopefully official results will be received so they can be announced in the next newsletter.

Telephone Books

Thank you so much to everyone for your time and support in completing the two deliveries this year.

A quick calculation shows that this is equal to a \$535 donation for each student. Based on my previous school's fundraising it is also equivalent to approximately 4 trail bike fundraisers and while a trail bike event is a lot of fun on the day, the amount of organisation that goes into them you would only want to do one a year. I understand that there are a lot of charities and schools just waiting in line to take up delivering phone books so thank you once again for getting the deliveries done and enabling us to hang on to such a brilliant fundraiser for the school.

Ag Day Fundraising

Ag day was also highly successful in raising funds for the school so thank you once again everyone who donated goods and time. A total of \$2956-40 was raised.

Cricket

We are getting our cricket notice out early. With the cross country the office was still sorting transport the day before. We are finding students are not handing important notices to parents but can we also remind parents to ask or check their children's bags on a regular basis. If we don't have the notice back by the time requested then we will assume you are taking your own children.

Basketball

Following on from the visit by Harbour Basketball school co-ordinator and developmental coaches there is a 3v3 Zone tournament being planned for 29th November. This will be held at Snell's Beach School. There are eight students really keen to make up 2 teams of 4. Attached is an information sheet and permission/transport indication to be returned as soon as possible so we can see if we will have the numbers and transport to send over a team or two.

Water Safety

WaterSafe Auckland (WAI) is committed to working with schools and their communities to reduce drowning and develop water competence across Auckland. Of the 113 drowning deaths in New Zealand last year 79% were preventable – the water competence message still needs to sink in, requiring new and innovative approaches to drowning prevention as well as the good practice already in place.

Tuesday 15th November there will be the following sessions at school

- 11.30 AM - water safety session in the pool (Senior class of Year 5 – 8)
- 1.30 PM - Junior class in the pool for water safety session (Year 1-4)

There is no cost for support from WaterSafe Auckland, they are funded by way of Auckland Council's Amenity Fund to work with schools, and community groups to reduce drowning and develop water competence across Auckland.

School Hats

A reminder that Term 1 and 4 are hat wearing terms and the school policy is for wide brimmed hats not caps. Your child is welcome to bring their own hat to school but it must be wide brimmed otherwise they will need to wear one of the school hats.

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ROOM 1 HAPPENINGS

UPDATE FROM MS K & ROOM 1

Room One Happenings

This term the senior class are working through their digital citizenship passports. These are a series of five modules designed to help them become good citizens in the digital world. They have completed their first two modules.

The first module was about communication and subtitled "Twalkers". Students learn why it's important to avoid multitasking with a cell phone. They consider the benefits of focusing on one task at a time.

The second module was about privacy where students evaluate examples of online messages. They decide what information is appropriate to share and when. Students are also reminded that nothing is truly "private" or "erasable" online.

Here are some tips for parents from the module.

What is the issue?

Being able to process several things simultaneously in a media-rich world can be a real skill. When kids are constantly being interrupted by IMs (instant messages), phone calls, and texts, multitasking can help them keep many balls in the air at once without dropping them. But it's also easy for kids to slip into habits with cell phones that put their safety, well-being, and reputation at risk.

Why it matters?

How do you know when multitasking may be a problem for your kids? Here are some warning signs to look for:

Distraction from schoolwork. Can your child remember what she read last night? Does their book report make a consistent argument? If not, their divided attention may have hurt their ability to recall and retain information.

Social costs. Studies show that multitasking doesn't do much for intimate family relationships. We all know that kids' friends trump their parents. So if you were counting on a lovely family dinner, the moment a text or IM comes in from a friend, the connection with the family takes a back seat.

Not paying attention. Kids who walk with their heads down as they text, talk, or play games will have a harder time paying attention to their surroundings. This dangerous habit may linger as kids get older and begin to bike and drive.

Common Sense Says

- Start good habits early.
- Establish boundaries. Start when your kids are young. Turn the phone off during homework.
- Establish consequences for misuse.
- Obvious distraction, cheating, and inappropriate messages are no-go's. Want to make your point? Take your kid's phone away for a week.
- Model what you preach.
- This means no checking your phone while asking your kids how their day was.
- Encourage active listening.
- In our 24/7 media culture, knowing how to turn off devices and tune in to a conversation can be difficult. Help kids understand what it means to give a friend, family member, or teacher your undivided attention.

Congratulations to Jaimee and Zane for passing the first module with 100% and Sasha for the next highest score of 93%.

To Takara and Wiremu for passing the second module "Sharejumper" with 100% and Jaimee Sasha and Xavier with the next highest score of 95%.

To Cassidy for passing List 4 Essential Spelling words
To Liam for passing Stage 3 Basic Facts (first student to get through all the basic facts)

To Takara Whittle for the most dojos in the past fortnight



ROOM 2 HAPPENINGS

UPDATE FROM MRS C & ROOM 2

The students who attended cross-country made me very proud by giving their best effort in achieving a placing or in crossing the finish line. It was not an easy course with many holes and bumps, but you did it!

Small buddy groups have been working together on different tasks to help them write more descriptive sentences in stories. We have been learning about nouns, adjectives, verbs etc. and group leaders have been working especially hard to support their buddies by sharing their growing knowledge.

We had a lot of fun last Friday in our house groups by taking turns to do cricket practise, a colouring competition and to decorate cup cakes. The cup cakes looked awesome! A huge thanks again to Julie for baking the cup cakes and supplying the mountains of lollies and icing. It was great of you to share your cake decorating talent.

We nearly have all the Junior camp forms back, when I do I will send out an update to let you all know information such as which house group our lovely adult volunteers have been paired up with. One of our activities is to have a face painting competition in our house group colours and if students and adult helpers are able to come dressed in their house colour then that will just add to the atmosphere. Parents please look out for this update which will come home on Monday 7th November.

Congratulations to the following students for their hard work to earn these certificates.

Progress Certificates:

Reading – Tyler (1 PM level); Ellie, Ethan, Kate and Mia (2 PM levels).

Class Certificate:

Ellie – Improved confidence in taking a leadership role during writing.



Changes to Year 8 School Based Immunisation Programme for 2017

Following recent changes to the National Immunisation Schedule the School Based Immunisation Programme will be offering Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine to boys as well girls in Year 8.

This is a two dose vaccine programme with a 6 month gap between the doses. Information on the vaccine and consent forms will send home with your child in early 2017, for you to fill out and return to the school. If you would like more information on this important Immunisation Programme please go to <http://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/cervical-cancer/hpv-immunisation>

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Our Public Health Nurse, Maretta Hodgson, is a Registered Nurse who visits our school regularly and is available to discuss any concerns about your child's health, growth and development. This is a free service. Public Health Nurses can help with any health problems including skin and ear infections, bedwetting, behavioural difficulties, nutrition and diet or any other advice or concerns you may have. Maretta is in Wellsford and surrounding areas 2-3 times per week and can make home visits as well as school visits. For more information or for a referral form, you can contact her directly on 021 227 8680. Txt messages welcome.



~ Community Notices ~



HOUSE NEEDED TO RENT SHORT TERM

Simon and Bronwyn Robinson from Pinehill dairy farm are getting married here in Tapora on the 4th January 2017. We are looking for any houses we would be able to rent from the 3rd till the 5th. Please contact: Simon 021 057 0588 or Bronwyn 021 296 4389

HOUSE NEEDED TO RENT LONG TERM

Family of 5 needing a long term house to rent in or near the Tapora area before January 2017.

3 bedroom + garage preferred. References available. Please contact Mandy Gibson 021 0877 6781.



TAPORA GOLF CLUB

Sunday 6th November mixed tournament
Sponsored by Life Members.

Saturday 12th November to Saturday 25th February, nine hole twilight golf, followed by bar b que.

The twilight series this season is sponsored by Judd Contracting. Each members nine hole card gives one entry into a draw for \$500.00. This will be drawn on the 25th February. Must be present to collect. Subs are due before 30th November. Full Playing members \$130.00. Limited members \$50.00 Junior members \$10.00.

Any enquiries please phone the Golf Club on 09 422 1846



KIDS ONLY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SURF PROGRAMME

Get the kids off the X-box and down to the beach these holidays with our Learn to Surf week at Orewa Beach & Omaha

FUN, ACTIVE & HEALTHY

Open to Kids aged between 7 – 17 years old

Surf sessions 10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm

Mon 19 – Fri 23 December 2016

Mon 2 – Fri 6 January 2017

Mon 9 – Fri 13 January 2017

Mon 16 – 20 January 2017

Cost \$45 per session or \$175 for 5 days Limited spaces available, bookings essential. Contact oneillsurfacademy.co.nz.

TAPORA COMMUNITY HALL

Fortnightly Coffee Mornings:

11am. Gold coin. Indoor games available to partake in if you wish. Dates: 14th & 28th November, 12th December. Library also open on coffee morning days. Email ecacott@yahoo.co.nz to join the mailing list. For more info, contact Liz King on 021 024 72053 or 09 422 1953

Wed 16th Nov—Free Community Dinner & Forum.

Bring your family and employees for the wellbeing of your community for conversations on matters that affect us all. 6:15pm start. RSVP 0800 65 65 68 or chris.nell@dairynz.co.nz.

Tapora Playgroup

Anyone interested in attending please contact Robyn Hutchings on either 09 422 1925 or 02040008270 or email – shepheardreach@hotmail.com. Tuesdays from 9.30am to 11.30 Starting Tuesday 11th October. Gold Coin donation.

HOUSE CLEANING SERVICE

One off or regular cleaning. Experienced. References available. \$20 an hour for regular cleaning and one off cleans to be arranged depending on requirements. Phone Kim on 422 1012 or 021 253 6317.

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Great creations, either by
Cutting, Styling, Colour, Foils, Straightening and or Perming
you decide and I will create.

The Wellsford Country Show
Saturday 19th November 2016
10am-4pm

*Games *Food *Santa Parade *Music
*Prizes *Calf & Lamb competition *Kaipara Young Farmers

Competition for Kids

*Colouring Competition *Photography Competition
*Dog Agility Competition *Music and stage performance
*inter - school obstacle course competition to be run by scouts
*Entrant in the Santa Parade

Please email us if you are interested in being part of The Wellsford BIG day out or wish to have more information

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