



# Tapora Times

MAY 2017

## Diary

## WEEK 1 - TERM 2

### 8th-13th May

Y7 & 8 Camp

Welcome back to Term 2. Hopefully everyone has had a wonderful holiday break.

This is a shortened newsletter, being put out in the first week of term due to the fact that I am away with Year 7 & 8 students in Wellington on a school camp next week. The remaining students will be having a wonderful time here at school with camp like activities (without the overnight stay) and a trip to Auckland zoo instead.

### 10th May

Y1-6 Zoo Trip

This term we welcome four Year 4 students into the senior class. This has been due to the rising numbers in the Junior class. There are no set requirements as to which year levels go into which class as this will vary from year to year. In 2011 and 2012 when Tapora School went down from three teachers to two teachers the classes were Year 1-4 and Year 5-8 because that made a good balance of numbers in each class. At the moment there are now 19 students in the senior class and 11 in the junior class with more new entrants expected before the year is over.

### 25th May

Junior Tabloids

We also welcome Tilly Dodd to the junior class and Lillian Hutchins to our staff as newly appointed school cleaner. We hope you both enjoy your time with us at Tapora School.

### 5th June

Queen's Birthday  
Holiday

#### Thank You

To Alicia Holmes for wonderful supply of tissues for the classrooms.

Danny and Heidi Burchett for digging the trench ready for the wiring to enable our pool and sewerage system to run at the same time.

### 7th June

BOT Meeting

#### Attendance

Many many years ago there was a very tragic situation where a young girl never made it to school. Her mother thought she was being dropped off at school and the school just assumed she wasn't attending that day. It was felt at the time that if there had been a communication system in place then perhaps knowing early enough something could have been done to save her.

### 8th June

Soccer/Hockey

Schools now are expected to have in place a system where if they haven't been contacted or notified that a child is/will be away then they will get in touch to find out.

### 5th July

Technology

In a small school like ours, where the government funding does not cover the employment of an office person full time, the quickest way we can check up is with an automatic message through our electronic school attendance register. The best way you can leave a message with us is on our telephone because when Aya is away (Mondays) that is the first place we go to.

### 7th July

Last Day of Term 2

#### Three Way Interviews/Reports (seniors)

Due to camp this term our three way interviews to discuss goal setting and reports (senior class) have been moved until after camp is over.

Mrs C and myself will be in touch early in week 3 with notices to arrange times for these which will be held in week 4.

Keryl Lee

Principal



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## *~ Board of Trustees Update ~*

Meeting 2nd May This meeting was brought forward due to camp being next week and Principal and Chairperson having a School Trustee Association workshop on the Wednesday 3rd.

Being so close on the heels of the previous meeting and over two weeks of holidays in between it was a very quick meeting reporting mainly on the wonderful progress being made with property issues.

During the holidays the remaining carpentry issues were sorted with an improved gate and wonderful looking seats at the front of the school.

The plumbing behind the school was sorted with the pipes being put underground and as mentioned earlier the electrical issues have been resolved.

We look forward to further work in the future including resurfacing the entranceway into the school, adding a new slide to the playground and work on the swimming pool.

The school's 10 year property plan is due for renewal and currently electrical, roofing, drainage and heating reports are being obtained for this purpose.

As we are coming to the end of our current supply of Tapora School shirts we are looking at updating the design, style and material. We hope to consult soon with school parents on the preferred designs.

Funding has been received this year for three programmes to accelerate children's learning: Positive Behaviour for Learning, Accelerated Literacy Learning and Accelerated Learning in Maths.

Next Board meeting is 7th June at 6:30pm

## *~ Community Notices ~*

### **TAPORA FARMING COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLY ASSOCIATION LIMITED—NOTICE OF MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Tapora Community Hall on Tuesday May 16th, 2017 at 10:00am

Signed—G Wright

Directors Secretary

### **TAPORA PLAYGROUP**

Starting Thursday 18th of May at the Community Hall. 10:30am-12:00pm. Free! Any questions, phone Eliza on 09 423 8769.

### **DRY FIREWOOD FOR SALE**

Kanuka/Gum/Blackwood mix. Can deliver. \$110 per cubic metre. Phone 422 1969

### **GRAB YOURSELF A RIPARIAN PLAN—LEARNING TO FARM WITH LIMITS (KAIPARA FARMERS)**

Is water quality on your mind? Do you want to prepare for farming with limits and do something to help your farm? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, come along to a free training day in riparian practices. Learn more about the new award-winning "Riparian Planner" - an easy tool for farmers to use to map out their farm and decide on what actions you want to take that will help improve water quality.

The day is aimed at Kaipara farmers but all are welcome—DairyNZ, Beef & Lamb NZ and the Integrated Kaipara Harbour Management Group will be on hand to help. You'll come away trained in the free online tool and with a plan you can work on to prepare you for farming with water quality limits. Please bring your laptop and lunch. Coffee, tea and some refreshments will be provided. No registration needed. Just turn up.

Event Details            Region: Northland  
                                 Start Date: 22/05/2017  
                                 Time: 10:30am-1:30pm  
                                 Venue: Wellsford Community Centre, 1 Matheson Street, Wellsford

Learn more about the riparian planner here: <https://www.dairynz.co.nz/environment/waterways/riparian-planner>

To learn more about the day contact: Earle Wright (Kaipara Farmer and organizer)

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