

Tapora Times

“Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education”

Martin Luther King Jr.



Dates to Remember

1 April	Room 1 Parent/Teacher/Students meeting
2 April	Room 1 Parent/Teacher/Students meeting
9 April	Cluster Schools Athletics
11 April	Athletics Save Day
15 April	Teacher Only Day NO SCHOOL!
17 April	End of Term 1
18 April	Good Friday
5 May	1 st day of Term 2

Trophies

Can we please have all trophies back to school as soon as possible please as we want to begin making a trophy cabinet.

Education in an Election Year!

Kia ora everyone,

No I'm not going to pin my party flag to my sleeve, but I do think the issue is worth considering at this time. It is an important issue and has flow on effects to the industry, and of course your children. I do want to share with you some excerpts from an interesting article I have read regarding Finland's success in educational outcomes, not that they pay as much attention to these results as those looking outside in.

Regarding 5 year olds *“Play is important at this age...we value play”* Emphasis is on play and socializing.

“Children spend far more time playing outside, even in the depths of winter”
“Homework is minimal”

Compulsory schooling does not start until 7 years of age – *“We have no hurry...children learn better when they are ready. Why stress them out?”*

And this I like – teachers are considered on a par with lawyers and doctors, and paid accordingly...but every teacher has to have a Masters Degree! Back to school for me then!

The link to the article is: <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/innovation/why-are-finlands-schools-successful-49859555/>

Have a great fortnight!

Brendon

No Year 7 & 8 Technology on the 15th April due to the Kapa Haka Festival at Rodney College!

Parent-Teacher-Student Triangle Meetings

SENIOR STUDENT PARENTS (Years 4 – 8) will be having interviews on Tuesday 1st April and Wednesday 2nd April. Please complete the attached form indicating your preferred times for an interview and return to school by Wednesday 26th March. We can not guarantee to meet your preferred time but we will do the best we can. You will be notified of your time by Friday 28th March.

Bird Day

Thank you to all those parents and community members who attended the Bird Day on the 7th March. This is a fantastic initiative and the school is extremely excited, and proud, to be involved in this project. It will provide the students with many wonderful learning experiences, as well as engrain in them an awareness of their environment and the sustainability of our native birds and animals.



Phone Books

We very much appreciate everyone's assistance in delivering the phone books. It is an essential, and considerable, fundraising initiative for the school and allows us to continually update our teaching and learning resources, fund teacher aide time, go on trips and excursions, maintain the school buildings and grounds, maintain the community pool and so on.

PLEASE NOTE that due to the stormy weather last weekend the timeframe for deliveries has been extended from now until the weekend ending 30th March.



Personal Belongings at school

I think it's great that the kids can bring their skateboards and other toys to school to 'show off' or play with but please be aware that this is at their own risk and that they must be prepared to share with everyone, as if it is school property. If they aren't prepared to do this it would be best if they left the toys at home, as we don't want to encourage exclusive practices.

School Lunches Price List

19th March 2014

Mince Pie	\$2.50
Steak & Cheese Pie	\$2.50
Chicken Pie	\$2.50
Sausage Rolls	\$2.00
Hawaiian Pizza	\$2.50
Butter Chicken Wraps	\$3.00
Apple Pie	\$1.50
Cookies	\$1.50
Juice Box	\$1.50



Lunch orders now available **Fridays**. Send orders with money in a named envelope to the office on Friday Morning.

Community Notices

Worried about your child's reading and spelling?

Accelerate their reading age by up to 12 months within 7 weeks

See massive improvement from daily 15 min lessons. Proven results with dyslexia. Call for a free trial today.

Guaranteed results or your money back.

0800 777 225 | hello@easyread.co.nz

 **Easyread** www.easyread.co.nz



Kids Only Easter School Holiday Surf Programme

Learn to Surf

Learn to Surf week at Tawharanui, Matakana Coast with O'Neill Surf Academy

FUN, ACTIVE & HEALTHY
Surfing feeds the mind body & soul

- Open to Kids aged between 9 – 17 years old
- Surf sessions run one week 10am – 1pm
- Monday 21 April – Friday 25 April 2014
- Monday 28 April – Friday 2 May 2014
- Cost \$125 per child (\$25 per session)



O'Neill Surf Academy

t 09 4343843 e surf@oneillsurfacademy.co.nz

WELLSFORD TOY LIBRARY

90 Rodney Street, Wellsford (behind Plunket Rooms).
Open every Thursday 9am to 3pm.

We have a variety of toys available for newborns through to eight year olds.

Enquiries to 021 081 77527.

Contact the
TRANSPORT TEAM

LIVESTOCK
PH 09 423 8823

FREIGHT & CONTAINERS
PH 09 423 9300

or Auckland Direct Line 09 377 3620

 **transcon**
WARKWORTH Ltd.

Conventional hay bales for sale

Mainly kikuyu.
\$6.00 + GST per bale located at Wharehine.
Phone Heugh on 423 7373 or 0274 985307.

Community Notices Continued

PUBLIC MEETING ARAPARERA FORESTRY JOINT VENTURE

Convened by
Landowners and Contractors Protection Association Inc

After 26 years of targeted rates the Northern Rodney Ratepayers seeks accountability for this disastrous investment.

We respectfully and publically invite the following key administrators

Mayor Mr Len Brown
Councillor Penny Webster
Mr Geoff Ward (First line Management)
Mr Anthony Hobbs (Auckland Property Ltd)
MP Mr Mark Mitchell
Rodney Local Board Members

**Thursday, 20th March 2014 @ 7pm
Wellsford Community Centre
Enquiries to: Julie Cotton 09 422 1970**

Libraries
Nga Whare Matauranga o Tamaki Makaurau



Do YOU want to be able to draw your favourite comic book character or perhaps create your own fictional character?

Then come along and learn how to draw with cartoonist Andy Griffiths. He is offering a free workshop at Wellsford Library on Saturday 22 March 2014 at 10.30am.

Spaces are limited so be in quick! Suitable for ages 7+

RSVP Rochelle at Wellsford Library

(09) 423 7702 wellslib@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Tapora Community Library

Situated at the Tapora Community Hall.
Open **Tuesdays 10.30am – 12.30pm**



Tapora Playgroup Tuesdays 10.30am – 12.30pm

For ages 0 – 5 yrs. Hope to see more kids using this great facility, have fun and make friends.

Cash For Communities

We'd like to thank the farming community for taking part in the Cash for Communities programme. This year over 1,700 farmers signed up for the programme raising \$50,000 for local communities around New Zealand.

Any farmer who purchases Ballance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser or selected agri-chemicals or seed on their PGG Wrightson account, between 3 March 2014 and 31 May 2014, could earn cash for their local school, St John, IHC or Rescue Helicopter.

PGG Wrightson, in association with participating suppliers, is pleased to donate \$1 for every tonne of Ballance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser purchased and \$1 for every \$500 (incl GST) spent on selected agri-chemicals or seed.

WELLSFORD SQUASH CLUB

Interested in playing squash? Join Wellsford Squash Club. Beginners are welcome.

Primary Juniors – Mondays from 3.30pm
Ph Edwina Came 423-9266

College Juniors – Tuesdays from 3.30pm
Ph Christine Crow 423-7149

Tuesday Mornings – from 9.30am
Ph Megan Gordon 423-8266

Mens Night – Wednesdays from 4.30pm
Ph Andrew Fleming 431-5373

Ladies Night – Thursdays from 4.30pm
Ph Christine Crow 423-7149

Shopping Bags Needed

We need plastic shopping bags for our paper recycling. Please send any spare bags you have into the school office.