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# ARAKURA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



ISSUE ONE

THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2018

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **School Lunches**  
- moosies / juicies  
- \$1.00 ea Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- **EFTPOS** is available in the school office. There will be NO CASH OUT or credit card facilities and there is a minimum purchase of \$2.00
- **Facebook**  
Find us on Facebook and click "LIKE" to get updates from the school.  
[www.facebook.com/ArakuraSchool](http://www.facebook.com/ArakuraSchool)

**Welcome to New Pupils** ~ Trae Bell, Michael Kea, Jackson Whiu, Chevylle Tanirau, Jacob Peeke-Lagaluga, Dylan Tutaki, Dallas Tutaki, Natarla Toa, Trey Marino.

**2018 Stationery** ~ Class packs which are available for sale at the office have been very popular. Lists are available on the school website [www.arakura.school.nz](http://www.arakura.school.nz) (under Our Kura).

**Staffing** ~ Welcome Miss Awhina Waimotu and Miss Katie McAlister to our teaching staff.

Room One - Mr Al Ingham Yr 5/6

Room Two - Mrs Natalie Smith Yr 4/5

Room Four - Miss Awhina Waimotu Yr 4/5

Room Five - Miss Katie McAlister Yr 3/4

Room Nine - Miss Chanelle Maxey Yr 2/3

Room Ten - Miss Louissa Koia Yr 1/2

Room Six - Mrs Cathryn Briggs and Mrs Cherie Tinetti Yr 1

**New Break Times** ~ This year we have made some slight changes to our break times. As part of the PB4L journey at Arakura School we noticed that our students needed a brain break in the afternoon, therefore we now have a shorter lunch break and a new afternoon play: Morning tea 10.30 - 10.50 am, Lunch 12.20 - 1.00 pm, Afternoon break 1.50 - 2.05 pm and finishing at 3.00 pm.

**Buddy Art** ~ Students will be working with their Buddy Class on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd February. **Please make sure children are wearing old clothing.**

## Student Sun Safety

It is **compulsory** for students to wear sunhats this term when they are outside. We encourage the wearing of hats which provide the most protection for the face, neck and ears. Please ensure your child comes to school everyday with a hat in their bags. The use of sunscreen will be encouraged and it is suggested that this is applied at home in the mornings. There will be a standby supply of sunscreen at school to be used during the day as required.



## M.A.N.A. CARD DRAW

Every Friday there is a prize draw for children who have been given a M.A.N.A Card during the course of the week.

This will take the place of the previous Gold Card.

## Pita Pit in 2018

Pita Pit is now available on Thursdays only for your child's lunch.

A reminder to update your child's classroom number for this year by clicking "add/edit members" on your Luncheon account.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 16th February	Room 1/2/4 Bike Fix-up Session
Friday 16th February	Touch Rugby starts / Hutt Park
Mon/Tues 19th/20th February	Bike Safety - Room 1/2/4
Monday 19th February	Meet the Teacher, 4.30 pm
Tuesday 20th February	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7 pm
Monday 26th February	Lucky Book orders close



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DOWNLOADED OUR  
SCHOOL APP YET?

NEVER MISS  
IMPORTANT SCHOOL  
INFORMATION AGAIN!



- \* Events
- \* Notices
- \* Notification
- \* Absentee
- \* Newsletters
- \* Permission Slips



**Simple free download:**  
In the Play Store and  
App Store search  
'**Skool Loop NZ**'  
and choose our school  
once installed.



28th Feb)

## Community Section

**You may have noticed....** The Parent Teacher Calendar App is now..... The Skool Loop App. The same fantastic app with a smart new look.

**Arakura Kindergarten Garage Sale** ~ is coming up..... All donations of good condition Bric a Brac can be dropped off at 192A Wellington Road, Wainuiomata. Thanks

**Wainuiomata Football (Soccer) Club** ~ We are holding Registrations for children aged between 4 and 14 years: Registration days are at Richard Prouse Park Clubrooms: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 6.30pm to 7.30pm, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 4.00pm to 5.00pm, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Final day to register is a club day on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 3.00pm to 5.00pm. **For any information please email Leanne Smith - alsmitty@outlook.co.nz**

**Hutt City Dance Centre** ~ are running two Hip Hop courses for kids who want to give it a try. The 6 week courses will suit 7 - 9 years and each class will run for 45 mins. Two options: Tuesdays at 5:15pm (starting 27th Feb) and Wednesdays at 6:00pm (starting 28th Feb). \$80 for the 6 weeks and no experience is necessary, so come along and have a go!! Kids should wear comfortable clothing and shoes and bring a drink bottle too. Please email lynn.hcdc@gmail.com for further info and/or to register your interest.

**Musical Stars "Giving children the Stage"** ~ Musical theatre classes for young people with an authentic professional stage experience - [www.musicalstars.co.nz](http://www.musicalstars.co.nz) ph 021 410 015.

**Calling all old Mobile Phones to help Sustainable Coastlines look after NZ's coastlines and waterways.**

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

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