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# ARAKURA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



ISSUE ELEVEN

FRIDAY 17TH AUGUST 2018

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **School Lunches**  
- Moosies / juices  
- \$1.00 ea Tuesdays and Thursdays.  
  
Pita Pit - Thursdays only.
- **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 ~**  
Christian Quickfall.

**Teacher/Principal Strike ~** Strike action was held on Wednesday, sorry for any inconvenience, we appreciate your support.

**Get Crazy for Kidscan Day ~** We raised \$186.10 for Kidscan, thanks for supporting this organisation who supply us with jackets, shoes, health care items and food for children in need.

**Maths Evening ~** Come along and learn about Maths at Home and School. **Tuesday 21st August at 6 pm** in the school hall. Refreshments will be provided. Go in the draw to win a \$50 voucher for the Mad Butcher. Let your child's classroom teacher know if you will be attending by Monday 20th.

**Parking ~** When dropping off and collecting your child please be considerate of our neighbours, and refrain from parking over their driveways. If this continues parking wardens will be notified.

**Parent Teacher Interviews ~** Thank you to all those parents/caregivers who made appointments to meet with their child/rens teacher/s last term. If you were unable to make these interviews, you can still contact the class teacher to make a time to meet this term.

**Headlice ~** The Kidscan Programme using Nit Buster Champions is no longer available at our school. This means families must be responsible for regular checking for headlice. The school has **free** access to products and nit combs to assist families. Please ask for this at the school office. Our **Nitbuster room**, which includes a hairdressers basin is available for use during school hours.

## ARAKURA SCHOOL

### TWILIGHT GALA

Coming up in November, we welcome any donations for our Bric a Brac

Eg. Clothing, Books, Homewares.

Send along to the school office.



## 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. Last fortnight winners:

Savea Tupou, Hendrix Sakalia, Troy Walsh, Kyla Stewart-King, Azalea Wormington, Kylee-Jade Douglas-Birch, Coralee Mei-Tattersall, Matekitawhiti Rameka

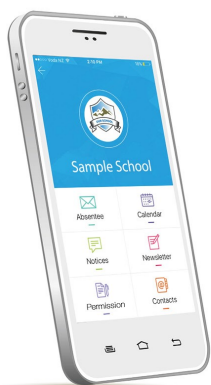
## DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 21st August	Maths Evening, 6.00 pm School Hall
Wednesday 22nd August	Lucky Book orders close
Tuesday 28th August	Maori & Pasifika Focus Meeting, 6.00 pm
Mon 3rd - Fri 7th September	Tongan Language week
Tuesday 11th September	Board of Trustees meeting, 7.00 pm
Tuesday 25th September	Arakura Cuppa, 2.30 pm
Friday 28th September	End of Term Three, 3.00 pm
Monday 15th October	Term Four



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



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and choose our school  
once installed.



## Board of Trustees News

**Arakura Cuppa** ~ Thank you to whanau who came to talk about their experiences on Parent Teacher Interviews. This will be shared with the teachers for them to review the school's processes around these Interviews. Our next Arakura Cuppa will be on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2.15 pm. It would be great to see more faces there to chat about what we want for our tamariki at Arakura School.

**Maori & Pasifika Focus Group** ~ This will be Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August at the new time of 6pm. Children are welcome and dinner will be provided. Be ready for your tamariki to bring home the notice and return it to let us know how many people are coming.

**Playground** ~ You will have noticed that one of our playgrounds has been dismantled. The school is in the process of consulting everyone about what they want in a new playground. Any feedback would be greatly appreciated.

**Board of Trustees Vacancy** ~ We have a casual vacancy on our Board of Trustees for an Elected Parent Representative. You may have noticed an advertisement in this week's Wainuiomata News stating that fact. The Board is looking to fill the vacancy by selection. If you have an interest in this, please get in touch with the Board of Trustees by 12th September.

**Maths Evening** - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August ~ The teachers have organised a maths evening where we can learn about maths at home and at school to help our children. This was a request from parents last year. We are grateful to the staff for preparing this evening for us. Please show your support and come along with your tamariki at 6pm for a fun evening.

## Community Section

**Massey University – Child Asthma Study** ~ Massey is conducting an important research study looking at the different types of **asthma in children** aged **8-18**. The aim of the study is to improve understanding of childhood asthma and develop better treatment options for all asthmatics. The study involves a lung function test and a short questionnaire. If your **child has asthma**, the researchers would be very grateful if you would consider being part of this study. They would also love to hear from you if your child doesn't have asthma and is interested in the study. Please contact: Jean Feary McKenzie **05 08 asthma (278462)** or [asthma@massey.ac.nz](mailto:asthma@massey.ac.nz)

**Hutt's Got Talent** ~ This week over 150 musicians, dancers, comedians, jugglers and more will hit the stage. They will compete for the chance to hit the big stage in the finals this Friday and win a share of over \$3000 worth of amazing prizes. You are invited with your family to attend the finals Friday 17th August, 7 pm (doors open 6.30 pm) Lower Hutt Events Centre, Laings Road, Lower Hutt - Koha entry (all proceeds go towards the Goodtime Foundation which provides free music scholarships and mentoring to Hutt Valley kids that would not otherwise have the opportunity). Hutt's Got Talent is part of the Hutt Winter Festival, check out the website: <http://huttwinterfestival.co.nz/>

**New to the Wellington Region Mobile LaserTag Birthday Parties** ~ Are you looking for something new and exciting for your child's next birthday? We have the perfect answer... Mobile LaserTag Birthday Party Packages. That's right we bring the party to your home or chosen venue. Our Russian made Tag system is LaserTag as you have never seen it before. With our Cordless/Bluetooth Laser Taggers and headband sensors this is the perfect fun, safe non-contact game suitable for any age/ gender or ability but one this is guaranteed your child's party will be totally FUN... LaserTag suitable for ages 5-12. LaserWar is suitable for ages 13 and up. Lay-by Available. Contact Dani on 022 (laserme) 5273763 [www.laserwar.nz](http://www.laserwar.nz)

**Wainuiomata Fruit and Vege Co-op** ~ Bringing healthy food to our neighbourhood for just \$12 per week. \$12 gives you a fresh pack of seasonal fruit (3-4 varieties) and seasonal veges (3-5 varieties). Pay in advance and then collect on Tuesdays from the school. Forms at school office. Check out the Facebook page Fruit and Vege Co-op.



