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ARAKURA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



ISSUE TWELVE

FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST 2018

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **School Lunches**
- Moosies / juicies
- \$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

Kids Art Works Fundraiser ~ This term the children will be creating their masterpieces which you will then be able to purchase as: 2019 Calendar, Pack of 8 greeting cards, 2019 Diary, Mouse Pad or Sketch Pad. Order forms will be sent home on the 10th September and orders/payment will be due by Friday 28th September. Great ideas for Christmas presents.

Student Food Policy ~ In line with our school policy we encourage students to take responsibility for their own eating habits. This includes students bringing water in their drink bottles, as we are a **water only school**.

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.

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. Our **Nitbuster room**, which includes a hairdressers basin is available for use during school hours.

Thanks to KidsCan we are able to send every child at Arakura School, home with a Nit Kit! Please find this enclosed with today's newsletter.

A notice from our students:

Dear Parents/caregivers
This year we are having a School Gala in Term Four. We were wondering if you had any unwanted jars at home including:
Jam jars
Sauce jars
Mason jars
Baby food jars
Or any other clear glass jars.
It would be wonderful if you could get your child to bring the jars to Room Two with their lids please.
Thank you
Students from Room Two :)

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:

Chevylle Tanirau, James Anderson,
Kayden Williams, Emily Smith.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 3rd - Fri 7th September	Tongan Language week
Monday 10th September	Kids Art Works order forms sent home
Mon 10th - Fri 14th September	Maori Language week
Tuesday 11th September	Board of Trustees meeting, 7.00 pm
Tuesday 18th September	Lucky Book orders close
Tuesday 25th September	Arakura Cuppa, 2.30 pm
Friday 28th September	Kids Art Works orders/payments due
Friday 28th September	End of Term Three, 3.00 pm
Monday 15th October	Term Four starts



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Board of Trustees News

Maori & Pasifika Focus Group, Arakura Cuppa

Thank you to those of our whanau who have attended our last Maori & Pasifika Focus Group meeting and the Arakura Cuppa. It was great to hear everyone's thoughts on Parent Teacher Interviews. If you did not get a chance to attend one of these meetings, there is a survey paper attached that we would love you to fill in and send back to school. If you could do this by Friday 21st September, we would really appreciate it.

Maths Evening

It was amazing to see the number of people who came to our Maths Evening last week. We are so grateful to our teachers who spent hours planning and preparing this for us. The Maths Evening was a request made in one of our parent meetings last year so it was great that the teachers heard our call and did such a great job of answering. We all learnt so many ways that we can help our tamariki with maths at home.

Board of Trustee Meetings

Please know that you are most welcome to come along to observe our Board meetings. Next year we will be having elections for Board of Trustees. If you are thinking about standing for the elections, it is a good idea to come along to a meeting and find out what is involved. The next one is on Tuesday 11th September at 7 pm.

Education Review Office

It has almost been a year since we had our last ERO review. It is reassuring to know that the Ministry of Education does not see a need for us to have an intervention. Our Principal Mark is in regular contact with ERO reviewers and they are pleased with our progress as a school community. Keep up the good work everyone.

Community Section

Influenza outbreaks occurring in schools ~ In the last fortnight Regional Public Health has been notified of influenza outbreaks in a number of schools and early child education centres in the greater Wellington region. The symptoms of influenza are fever, cough and sometimes vomiting or diarrhoea in younger children. Influenza spreads quickly in schools. To reduce further spread in schools and communities we advise the following:

- Make sure everyone covers their mouth and nose with tissues when coughing and sneezing and have tissues readily available.
- Make sure students with symptoms stay at home until they are well and free of symptoms. Students can still be infectious even when symptoms improve so ensure they do not return to school until 48hrs after symptoms have stopped.
- Encourage everyone to wash their hands regularly and make sure they have the supplies to do so. Wash hands several times a day using soap and warm water for 15-20 seconds and then dry hands thoroughly. Alcohol-based hand rubs also may be used.
- Clean surfaces that are touched often (door handles, bench tops, toilets, bathroom areas) every day. One of the most effective and cheapest disinfecting solutions to clean these surfaces is a solution of household bleach and water.

Wainuiomata Tennis Club OPEN DAY - Seniors and Juniors Sunday 9th September anytime between 10 am -4 pm, Main Rd, Village. All welcome. We offer Junior Group Coaching & Fun on Tuesdays for 9 yrs +, Junior Aces Wednesdays for 5 - 8+ yrs, Senior events. Come along, have a hit - have some fun. Sausage Sizzle. You can register your child, Senior registrations welcome too. For more info phone Julie on 564 3075 jubesday@gmail.com or see website for contacts: www.wainuiomatatennis.org.nz

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

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.

