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# ARAKURA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



ISSUE THIRTEEN

FRIDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2018

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **School Lunches**  
- Moosies / juices  
- \$1.00 ea Tuesdays and Thursdays (see below)  
  
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 ~** Ariki Richards.

### **Kua Tae Te Wa Update ~**

After months of negotiations with the Ministry of Education and more talks since the strike on August 15th, we still have no confirmed offer.

Our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, continues to negotiate in good faith, but the Government says it will take time to fix the issues.

However, time is the one thing we do not have. Around the country we are seeing:

- 40% reduction in teacher trainees
- Zero applicants for some teaching jobs
- More children entering school
- More children with additional learning and behavioural needs
- Teacher are burning out and leaving the professional, often within a few years of graduating.

The staff at our school want your children to have the very best education we can provide. We are standing firm in that commitment and believe the time is now to ensure that schools can offer every child the education and support they need, and that we have a sustainable teaching profession into the future. Our children cannot wait. We will not wait.

We appreciate your support. Please talk to your child's teacher if you have any questions, and consider signing this petition to the Minister of Education in support of teachers <https://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/petition-teachers-and-principals/>

**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 were sent home on Monday 10th September with orders and payment due by Friday 28th September. Great ideas for Christmas presents.

**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.

### **!DISCO!**

Disco! A retro theme  
Buy a ticket for \$5.00  
For one ticket.

You can socialise with your friends. Redeem your tickets for a disco pack.

Lollies, Drinks and Glow sticks included in your disco pack!

Thursday 27th September  
5.30pm until 7.30pm



### **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.**

### **MOOSIES AND JUICIES**

We are considering stopping the sale of these items due to littering in the playground and the packaging blocking our drains. Please talk to your child about putting their food rubbish in the bins provided or in their lunch boxes to bring home. Thanks we will keep you updated.



## **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:

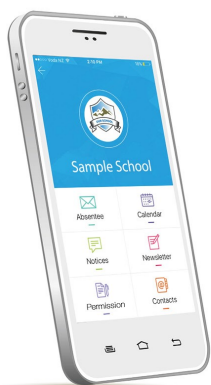
Chey Burgess, Zyrus Tagud, Kaysha-Lee Peeke, Jeremiah Sakalia, Ringakaha Rameka-Hemi, Claire Puletau, Liceth Osoria Garces and Sydney Roma

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

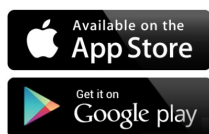
Mon 10th - Fri 14th September	Maori Language week
Tuesday 18th September	Lucky Book orders close
Tuesday 25th September	Arakura Cuppa, 2.30 pm
Friday 28th September	Kids Art Works orders/payments due
Friday 28th September	End of Term Three, 3.00 pm
Monday 15th October	Term Four starts

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## Board of Trustees News

### Casual Vacancy

You may have noticed that we advertised a casual vacancy on our Board of Trustees. We would like to acknowledge and thank Rachel Norman for the time and effort she put into our Board of Trustees. We have filled the vacancy by the process of selection and welcome Susan Quickfall as the newest parent trustee to our Board of Trustees.

### Parent Teacher Interview Survey

Thank you if you have already returned the paper survey about Parent Teacher Interviews. Remember that you can still return it by Friday 21st September if you have not already done so. Please take the opportunity to have your say.

## 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.

**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.

**Unwanted mobile phones to donate to Sustainable Coastlines Mobile Phone Appeal** ~ we ask for your support by bringing into school any unwanted mobile phones you may have and dropping them into the collection box located at reception.



**Dont forget to  
SPRING  
FORWARD**

Clocks go forward 1 hour at 2am  
Sunday 30th September




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