



## Special Points of

### Interest:

- School Lunches ~ moosies/juicies \$1.00 ea Tuesdays/Thursdays
- EFTPOS is available in the school office. There will be **NO CASH OUT** or Credit Card facility and there is a minimum purchase of \$2.00
- Board of Trustees email address: [bot@arakura.school.nz](mailto:bot@arakura.school.nz)
- School Cellphone 0278193283
- Find us on Facebook and "LIKE" to get updates from the school - [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)



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## Newsletter Date

Thursday 14th September 2017

### "The Best for All Students"

**Greetings** ~ Kia Ora, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Malo E Lelei, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Ni Sa, Bula Vanaka, Taloha Ni and Welcome!

#### Dear Parents/Caregivers

**Wainuiomata Marae Trip** ~ Unfortunately our senior trip to the Marae has been postponed due to a Tangi being held there tomorrow. We will let you know once a future date has been organised.

**Varilrix (Chicken pox Immunization)** Chickenpox vaccine eligibility from 1 July, Varilrix on the routine Immunisation Schedule - One dose

- Children born on/after 1 April 2016 will be eligible to receive one funded varicella vaccine dose when they turn 15 months
- Children born on/after 1 April 2016 who have previously received one purchased varicella vaccine dose are eligible for one funded dose.
- Ensure the purchased varicella vaccine dose as administered a minimum of 4 weeks earlier before administering the Schedule Varilrix and M-M-R II doses.
- Children born 1 July 2006 to 31 March 2016 will not be eligible to receive a funded varicella vaccine dose until they turn 11 years of age IF they have not previously had chickenpox immunisation or disease (determined by clinical history, serology is NOT required).
- Children born before 1 July 2006 are not eligible for a funded varicella dose unless they meet the eligibility criteria for one of the 'special groups' described in the Pharmaceutical Schedule.

The special conditions are those with immunocompromised illnesses, or in house holds that have others who are immunocompromised. Organ transplant, HIV positive patients. Recommended, But not funded: One Dose for all susceptible healthy children aged under 13yrs who do not meet the eligibility criteria for the funded dose.

**Room Two and Four Trip** ~ Thanks to our parent helpers who assisted with our trip to Te Papa last week to participate in sessions in Hinatore - Learning Lab. This was a very enjoyable hands on session for everyone involved.

**Public Health Nurse** ~ We have a new nurse Kere Bennett who will be at school every Tuesday around morning tea time, she can be contacted on 570 9131 or 027 273 0416.

**Contact Details** ~ Please ensure that you keep all your contact details up to date at the school office, this is vital especially in an emergency. If your child is away from school you can leave a message on the answerphone 564 6920 or txt 0278193283.

### Dates to Remember (See our website [arakura.school.nz](http://arakura.school.nz) for all dates)

Thursdays	Pita Pit Lunch Day
Monday 11th - 22nd Sept.	Bee Healthy Dental Van onsite
Tuesday 12th September	Board of Trustees meeting, 7 pm
Wednesday 13th September	Lucky Book orders close
Friday 15th Sept.	Arakura's Got Talent Heat 4
Tuesday 19th Sept.	Interschool Ripa Rugby
Thursday 21st Sept.	School Disco, 6 - 7.30 pm (No door sales)
Saturday 23rd Sept.	General Election Polling Booth in School Hall
Friday 29th Sept.	Arakura's Got Talent Final
	End of Term Three
Monday 16th October	Term Four starts

## School News

**Kidscan Nitbuster Programme** ~ We are very fortunate this year to be continuing with the Nit Buster programme, thanks to funding from Kidscan. We have a dedicated champion who is very keen to have every child in our school signed up to the programme, whether it be opting in or out of the programme. The percentage of consented children in our school is 84%, Kidscan believe for this programme to be as effective as possible consent numbers need to be over 80%. **Please ensure that you complete a consent form for your child, so this valuable programme is not lost.**

**ASB School Banking** ~ Banking day is every Wednesday. If you would like your child to start banking you can pick up an enrolment form from the school office.

**Mark Kibblewhite, Principal**

## Board of Trustees News

**The General Election** is on Saturday 23rd September. There will be a polling station in our Arakura School hall which will be open 9am - 7pm.

Have you enrolled to vote? You can enrol right up until the day before the election. Did you know you can go to the Wainuiomata Library to enrol and vote now?

**Maori & Pasifika Focus Group** ~ A great big thank you to those parents who came to our meeting on the 31st of August. It was great to see the openness of the discussion and the positive attitude of everyone who was there. Thank you also to those who sent their apologies. We will be having our last hui/fono of the year next term. Watch this space!

“At Arakura School we focus on the individual needs of the student”



### Arakura School Mission Statement

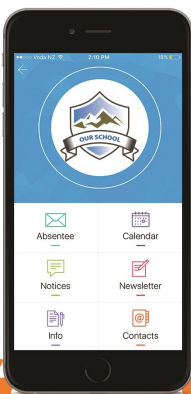
In partnership with our community, we will provide a caring, educational environment which will recognise uniqueness; provide opportunities and encourage co-operation.

### \*EVENTS

### \*INSTANT SCHOOL MESSAGES

### \*ABSENTEE

Download Our School Calendar App



HOW: In Play Store and App Store search "Parent Teacher Calendar" and choose our school once installed.



**Congratulations** Chanelle Maxey on being the joint winner of Netball Hutt Valley School Coach of the Year award. You share this trophy with Natalie Dornan from Eastern Hutt School. This is a well deserved award and shows the appreciation of everyone involved with school; in the time and effort you put into our school teams. Thank you and well done.

## Community Section

**Free School Holiday Kids' Activities** ~ Jump into the fun at Te Papa this school holidays – see the emergency services in action, create a balloon animal, watch a heart-warming play, and much more! These family-friendly events are for children accompanied by adults. Suitable for ages 5–10. **Sat 30 Sep – Thu 12 Oct, various times**

**Wainuiomata Softball Club Junior Registrations** ~ Wainuiomata Mall 16th/17th September. \$30 per child, \$50 for two or \$70 for three or more per family. Season starts 28th October, for more information please contact Vanessa 027 2588347 or Matt 021 08170182.

### **WETA Workshop School Holiday Programme OCTOBER 10th – 12th 2017**

In the upcoming school holidays, Weta Workshop is opening its doors to give kids a chance to make movie magic! We warmly invite the children of Arakura School to come along. From drawing to prosthetics and chainmaille, our workshops for ages 7 – 12 years old will excite and delight! Don't miss out. Book online now at [www.wetaworkshop.com/school-holiday-programme](http://www.wetaworkshop.com/school-holiday-programme)

**El Rancho Spring Kids Camp** ~ for 8-12 yr olds ..... Sootopia is the them, join in for an animal adventure like never before 2nd - 6th October, OSCAR/WINZ subsidies available head to [www.elrancho.co.nz](http://www.elrancho.co.nz) to register.

