

Tapora Times

“I have never let schooling interfere with my education”

Mark Twain



Dates to Remember

6 February	Waitangi Day
11 February	Health Nurse visit re. imunisations
28 February	Cluster Swimming Sports, Rodney College
7 March	Community Bird Day, Tapora School
27 March	Year 8 Girls imunisations
9 April	Cluster Schools Athletics, Centennial Park
11 April	Athletics Save Day
17 April	End of Term 1
18 April	Good Friday

Welcome back

Hi everyone,

It's fantastic to be back at school and it is great to see everyone again! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year break. The pool and grounds look great, thank you Pete! We start off the new year with five new students and we welcome Patrick, Vincent, and Liam into Room 1 and Liam and Leo into Room 3. The seniors also welcome Cassidy and Ashley to Room 1 – we know you'll love it in the senior room! At this stage it looks like we will commence 2014 with 35 students, which is fantastic!

As always, we welcome parents and community members joining us at school to help out with classroom activities, we really do love having you here! For your information I have enclosed in this fortnight's newsletter guidelines and expectations for parent helpers and Teacher Aides when on school grounds. Please read through the literature and if you have any questions please feel free to ask when you're next in to help!

Have a wonderful fortnight

Brendon



Wide Brimmed Sun Hats are compulsory, no exceptions, no excuses!



The Senior Programme

TOPIC:

This term Room 1's integrated topic study is all about 'Heroes' and 'Role Models'. In conjunction with our C.A.R.E. programme that we initiated last year, the student's will be researching and studying a Hero of their choice, be it Nelson Mandela or one of their parents. Using an inquiry process the students will gather biographical information on their chosen character in order to write a biography of that person. The students need to identify characteristics, attitudes, and circumstances that resulted in their hero being labeled as such. This includes the time and environment

in which they lived, events that transpired around that time that required action and so on. The heroes personal attributes will then be related back to the CARE criteria (Citizenship, Achievement, Responsibility, and Effort) as well as other important values and principles. Finally, these attributes are then related back to our own lives and how we may display these same characteristics. Impromptu role playing activities will be played out in class to provide examples of some of these characteristics. The completed biographies are to be presented in class.

This topic incorporates reading, writing, social studies, critical

thinking, researching skills, the key competencies, and drama.

MATHS:

We begin the term with Measurement to see how fast and far we can run, or how far we can throw and so on. As well as speed and length, we will also explore the measurement of area, volume, height, time, and angles. Later in the term we will work on our numeracy knowledge and skills.

SPORTS:

It's all about swimming and athletics this term, get out there training!

School Lunches are now on Fridays, commencing on the 7th February.



School Lunches Price List

Mince Pie	\$2.50
Steak & Cheese Pie	\$2.50
Chicken Pie	\$2.50
Sausage Rolls	\$2.00
Hawaiian Pizza	\$2.50
Butter Chicken Wraps	\$3.00
Apple Pie	\$1.50
Cookies	\$1.50
Juice Box	\$1.50

Lunch orders now available **Fridays**. Send orders with money in a named envelope to the office on Friday Morning.



Fundraising Group Meeting

Anyone interested in joining our "Friends of Tapora School Fundraising Group", we are having a meeting on Tuesday 4th February at 3.30pm in the staffroom. All welcome. For more information, please contact Kim on 422 1012.

Clubs

One of the initiatives we want to trial this year is afternoon club days twice a week, whereby the students have a choice of various activities throughout the year. We've come up with a selection, being: Dance, Singing Art, Languages, Science, Sewing, Photography, and Gardening. If there are parents out there willing to help out in any of the aforementioned activities, or who would like to volunteer to lead an activity of their own choice please let us know!

Health Nurse Visit

The health nurse will be here on the 11th February at 11.30am to discuss with parents the immunisation of Years 7 & 8 students. For those it concerns you are welcome to attend. Please note, this is an educational visit only, after which permission forms will be sent home which need to be filled in and returned to school ASAP.

Community Notices

Top of the ROCK

Multisport Event
Sunday 9th February 2014

- * 5 or 10km run or walk
- * 10km run + 15km mountain bike
- * 30km mountain bike route

Lots of spot prizes – including a mountain bike!

Entry forms at www.kaiwakasports.co.nz

Children welcome! (under 15's accompanied by an adult please)

At the KSA after the events: bouncy castle, food & drink, swimming pool open & prizegiving

queries contact Cheryl Anderson on 4312 051 or kaiwakasports@gmail.com

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Here at Dance Dimensions we are committed to providing quality dance instruction in a warm and friendly environment. We are dedicated to passing on our passion and lifelong love of dance to our students. Whether you are a beginner or have a dance background of any type, you will find you have a place in our dance family.

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- * Dance Fusion * Teeny Boppers * Tiny Dancers

Our pupils spend the year working towards our spectacular annual dance extravaganza in which they get to show case their hard work by performing professionally choreographed routines. This show is a fantastic experience, extremely entertaining and well worth the dedication.

Please contact us for more information.

Tapora Playgroup Tuesdays 10.30am – 12.30pm

For ages 0 – 5 yrs. Hope to see more kids using this great facility, have fun and make friends.

Come on a Great Family Adventure in Nepal

11th April – 3rd May 2014

- Experience the simplicity of life in the Himalayas
- Trek in stunning scenery
- Abseil, rock climb and zip line close to the Tibetan border
- Explore the lakeside town of Pokhara
- Go on an elephant back jungle safari
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Tapora Community Library



Situated at the Tapora Community Hall.
Open **Tuesdays 10.30am – 12.30pm**

We are looking for donations of board games for the school library. Please contact the office if you can help!