

Tapora Times

*“Education is not the filling of a pail,
but the lighting of a fire”*

William Butler Yeats



Dates to Remember

6 March	Year 8 Girls imunisations
7 March	Community Bird Day, Tapora School
9 April	Cluster Schools Athletics
11 April	Athletics Save Day
15 April	Teacher Only Day
17 April	End of Term 1
18 April	Good Friday
5 May	1 st day of Term 2

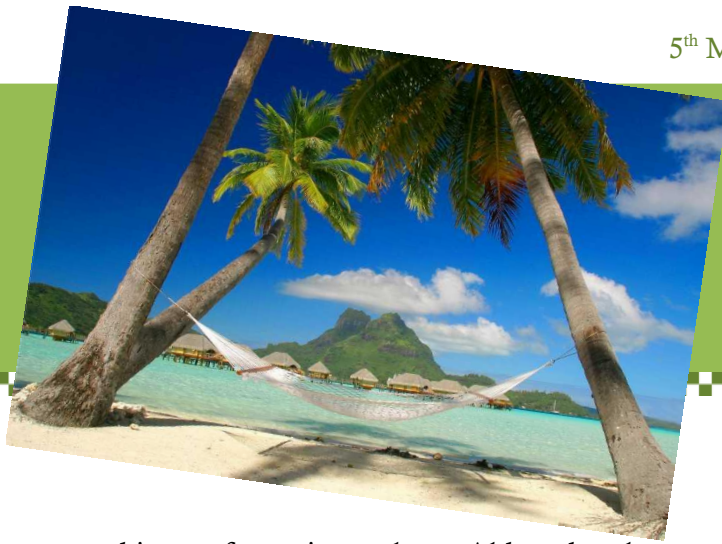
Cluster Schools Sport

Another wonderful day at the swimming sports last Friday! Well done to all our senior students who competed in the event, you all represented the school with pride and distinction. I was especially proud of those who attempted the 2 length races and the younger ones who did the width races! We had some wonderful results with several first, second, and third placings. Many thanks to all the parents who came along to support and help out with the management of the races. Again, I think the students achievements very much display the results of our focus on swimming instruction during this first term from Deb Green and Del from the Te Hana Swim School. Next year I know we will have 100% participation from our senior students!

We now look forward to the next major sporting event on Term 1's calendar, which is the Athletics Day on the 9th April. Training for the track events has been progressing well so far. It will be great to see you all there!

Brendon

Year 7 & 8 Technology commences Tuesday 25th March.



School Camp

Please note that there will not be a full week long camp this year for senior students. Although a sleepover at a venue yet to be decided may occur in the fourth term. We will let you know. However, a camp will certainly be happening next year, and a great one at that - possibly overseas! Please start putting an affordable amount of money aside on a regular basis now in order to fund this camp. Further details will follow in due course.

Bird Day

This Friday, 7th March in the Community Hall, commencing at 9.00am.

This is an exciting new initiative for the school to be part of and Friday is an introduction to what is involved. We welcome a range of guests and will be participating in some fun activities.

Students, please wear your school shirts on this day.



School Gardens

Recently, the students have really been enjoying the fruits (or should I say vegetables?) of their labour by having wonderfully, healthy lunches cooked from vegetables straight out of the school garden – thank you Kim. The children thoroughly enjoy tending to their gardens as well as eating the produce. Each House Group has a garden to tend to but the vegetables are all gathered together and shared by all the students. Included in the bounty have been potatoes, tomatoes, courgettes, corn, and pumpkins among other things. We are now thinking about what winter vegetables to plant!

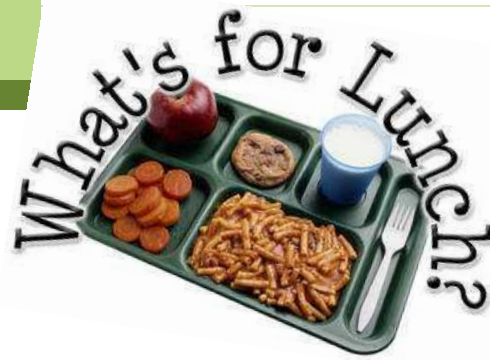
We do ask that you don't help yourself though please as the vegetables are for our students, but I'm sure if you ask nicely the kids would let you pop in at lunch time and share their food with you!



School Lunches Price List

5th March 2014

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



Community Notices

WELLSFORD SQUASH CLUB

Primary Juniors every Monday from 3.30pm.
College Juniors Tuesdays from 3.30pm.
Beginners Welcome.
Enquiries to Edwina Came 423-9266 (Primary)
Christine Crow 423-7149 (College).

WELLSFORD TOY LIBRARY

90 Rodney Street, Wellsford (behind Plunket Rooms).
Open every Thursday 9am to 3pm.
We have a variety of toys available for newborns
through to eight year olds.
Enquiries to 021 081 77527.

Conventional hay bales for sale

Mainly kikuyu.
\$6.00 + GST per bale located at Wharehine.
Phone Heugh on 423 7373 or 0274 985307.

Shopping Bags Needed

We need plastic shopping bags for our paper recycling.
Please send any spare bags you have into the school
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Kids Only Easter School Holiday Surf Programme

Learn to Surf

Learn to Surf week at Tawharanui, Matakana
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- Open to Kids aged between 9 – 17 years old
- Surf sessions run one week 10am – 1pm
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PUBLIC MEETING ARAPARERA FORESTRY JOINT VENTURE

Convened by
Landowners and Contractors Protection Association Inc

After 26 years of targeted rates the Northern Rodney Ratepayers seeks accountability for this disastrous investment.

We respectfully and publically invite the following key administrators

Mayor Mr Len Brown
Councillor Penny Webster
Mr Geoff Ward (First line Management)
Mr Anthony Hobbs (Auckland Property Ltd)
MP Mr Mark Mitchell
Rodney Local Board Members

**Thursday, 20th March 2014 @ 7pm
Wellsford Community Centre
Enquiries to: Julie Cotton 09 422 1970**

Tapora Community Library

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



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.

Cash For Communities

We'd like to thank the farming community for taking part in the Cash for Communities programme. This year over 1,700 farmers signed up for the programme raising \$50,000 for local communities around New Zealand.

Any farmer who purchases Ballance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser or selected agri-chemicals or seed on their PGG Wrightson account, between 3 March 2014 and 31 May 2014, could earn cash for their local school, St John, IHC or Rescue Helicopter.

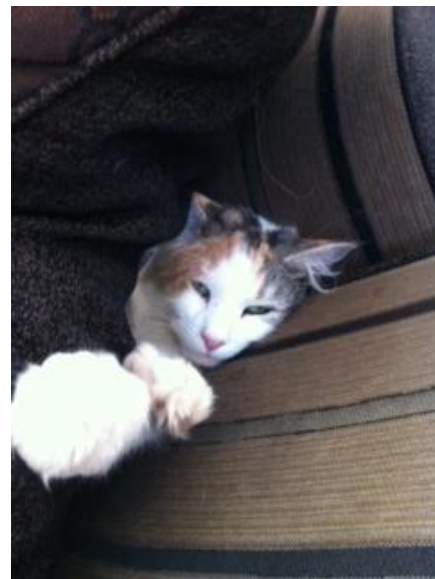
PGG Wrightson, in association with participating suppliers, is pleased to donate \$1 for every tonne of Ballance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser purchased and \$1 for every \$500 (incl GST) spent on selected agri-chemicals or seed.

Cat Missing

From Okahukura Road since mid-February, fluffy tortoise-shell Maine Coon.

Phone Sarah 094221868

Answers to Tinka.



Sharing the road with horse riders

Please show courtesy when sharing the road with horse traffic. Horses can take fright easily, so adjust your driving as soon as you see horses on the road ahead of you.

Safe driving near horses

- Slow down and pass carefully, giving the horse and rider plenty of room.
- Don't sound your horn, rev your engine or pass at speed, as this could frighten the horse.
- If the horse and rider are on a bridge or narrow road, be very careful – slow down or stop.
- If the horse appears frightened, stop.
- At night, dip your headlights when approaching a horse.
- Two vehicles should avoid passing near a horse.