



Our focus this term  
is being a  
problem solver  
from our Thinker  
Harekeke

**13th November 2015**

**Empowering children  
for their future**

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

It is lovely to see everyone out and about enjoying the sun. We have had some lovely weather lately, and the children are happily basking in the warmth. Remember that your children need a broad brimmed hat at school. Keeping one in their bags is the ideal plan, as we need to keep them protected as much as we can. We do have sunscreen in all of the rooms, but they should come to school protected from home. We encourage children to take an active part in caring for themselves, but they may need a gentle reminder from you as well.

Thanks for the prompt replies for all the notices lately! I know there are a lot, and there will be more; it is that kind of crazy term. We will try to keep everyone in the loop as much as we can, but there is lots happening behind the scenes as well, so contact us if you are unsure of what is going on!

I have had some great suggestions to consider for our strategic planning next year. Thank you so much for those of you who have thought of how we can make our school a better place. Looking at what we do from a range of perspectives makes a real difference! Any more great thoughts out there?

Thank you to Lisa who has completed round two of the library wall refurb! She is a star! It looks great and Diane is enjoying being able to display books well again. The next step is to recover seating, and some cushion covers, and I think we may indulge in a new couch to contribute to the Fundraising funded refurbishment of the library/withdrawal area. It is so nice to see the library having new life breathed into it!

It has been good to hear of a few people interested in being on the B.O.T. next year. We are looking at some training for those interested and existing B.O.T. members at the beginning of next year, so I will let you know.

Thanks also for the great response for senior camp. I have had to increase the accommodation for parents! So no more! It is lovely to have this sorted early this year. I will wait a few weeks before sending out gear lists, etc. Thank you for your support. It is a great start to 2016! Junior camp planning is underway also.

Darcy is happy to look after the pool again. Thank you Darcy - without you the pool would be closed. We are reviewing the pool opening in the holidays. If you have an opinion that you want to share, give me a ring or write a note by the end of Monday. You know how it works - have a say!

Exciting times, looking at now, and next year!  
Rosemary

***"When he worked, he really worked. But when he played, he really PLAYED." - Dr. Seuss***

## CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

- 16 Board of Trustees Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the school staff room.
- 20 PREP Market Day at school.
- 25 Free mobile ear clinic at St. Joseph's school car park, 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- 27 Sausage sizzle at school.
- 27 Slink Run - thank you B.B.Q. at school.
- 30 Hearing and Vision Technician at school.

### DECEMBER

- 4 Year 5 - 8 Beach Education at Waihi.
- 7 Board of Trustees Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the school staff room.
- 11 Year 1 - 4 Beach Education at Waihi.
- 11 Sausage sizzle for Year 5 - 8 students.
- 15 Last day of school for 2015.
- 16 Teacher Only Day.

### FEBRUARY 2016

- 3 First day of school for 2016.
- 17-18 Year 5 - 8 Camp.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Zoe Kidd whose calf got overall Reserve Champion of rearing at the recent Group Day held at Te Aroha Primary.

### PREP MARKET DAY

On Friday, 20th November is our PREP Market Day. The students will be selling the products that they have made over the last few weeks. It will commence at 11:25 a.m.

Parents who wish to purchase items will need to exchange their NZ dollars for manas (at the school office) before they go into the rooms to buy from the stalls. For every \$1 you will receive 2 manas to spend.

### MORE REMINDERS

Stationery, etc. Accounts were sent home at the beginning of the term. Please pay these as soon as possible. Thank you.

Life Education money (\$3.50 per child) needs to be paid to the school office as soon as possible please.

School T. Shirts that have been borrowed for the District Athletics need to be washed and returned to the school office please.

Beach Education reply slips also need to be returned to the school office as soon as possible so we can sort out transport, etc.

School Banking is on Wednesdays. If you would like to commence school banking with the Credit Union, a starter envelope is available from our school office.

### FUNDRAISING CLUB DISCO

**20th November 2015**

Inside this Newsletter is a notice about a Disco that the Fundraising Club are organising. They need parent help on the night from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. and also from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

They would also appreciate any left over black polythene that anyone might have which will be cut up for the Disco.

Please contact Marieke Latimer (027 445 1959) if you are available to help with either of these.

### TE AROHA SWIMMING CLUB REGISTRATION NIGHT

Registration for the start of the 2015/2016 swim season will begin on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November, at the Te Aroha College Pool. Assessment times for all swimmers are as follows:

- Beginners 5:00 p.m.
- Intermediate 5:30 p.m.
- Experienced 6:00 p.m.

For further information please contact Daniel Cooper on (027) 556 6808 or Steve Darby on 884 4381. For all up to date Learn to Swim course details please see our website:

[www.sportsground.co.nz/tearohaswim](http://www.sportsground.co.nz/tearohaswim)

### LUNCHBOX RECIPES

## PITA BREADS

2 tsp yeast  
1 Tbsp sugar

3 C flour  
½ tsp salt

Dissolve sugar in ½ C warm water, sprinkle yeast on top; leave for 10 mins. Add flour, salt and more water to form a dough. Knead for 10mins until smooth. Leave in covered, oiled bowl until doubled in size (1.5hr). Divide into 16 balls, roll out 5mm thick. Bake at 210°C for approx. 5 mins.

Adapted from thefreshloaf.com

Try these  
with  
wholemeal  
flour

