

## February 10th 2017

### MEET THE TEACHER MEETINGS

This is an opportunity to meet the teacher of your child for 2017 and learn about how you can help your child be prepared, involved and succeed at school. Teachers will explain class routines, school, class expectations and standards of behaviour. Teachers will inform how they run their class reading, writing, mathematics and homework programmes and tips about how you can help at home. There will be an opportunity at the end of each meeting for you to ask questions about how you can best support your child's learning.

Parents are cordially invited to attend Meet the Teacher meetings held at the school on;

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February (Rooms 1 and 2)**

**at 3.15 pm in Room 2.**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February (Rooms 3 and 4)**

**at 3.15 pm in Room 4.**

We really want to emphasise that we see our relationship with you and your child as a partnership of learning. Parent teacher interviews will be held in Term 2 rather than Term 1 this year. However, your child's portfolio will be available at the end of Term 1 for you and your child to get feedback about their standardised and non-standardised test results collected in Term 1.

### ELGREGO – YOU'VE GOT THE POWER SHOW

On the 10<sup>th</sup> March the children will be treated to a wonderful 'You've got the Power' show. This will be a fantastic show with a strong message of values and to how children can make good social choices. The show cost \$4 per student. Please pay at the school office by Friday 3rd March.

### KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE PROGRAMME

Later on in the term Constable Brett Otto will be working with the staff and students to present the 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' program. This was a very successful program that we introduced to the school two years ago.

### SWIMMING / TRIATHLON / BIATHLON DATES

All swimming dates begin at 9.00 am whether held at school, in Te Aroha (Districts) or Thames (Thames Valley) competitions.

School swimming sports (at school)

23rd February

Districts swimming sports (at Te Aroha College)

2<sup>nd</sup> March

Biathlon and Triathlon (at school)

11:00am.....3rd March

TV Swimming (at Thames Centennial Pool)

15th March



## TEACHER ONLY DAY – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April -

**School will be closed for instruction, children are not to come to school.**

Parents are reminded that there will be a teacher only day on the 13<sup>th</sup> April (Thursday just proceeding Good Friday – Easter). Our teachers will be working alongside all Te Aroha teachers to lift the literacy writing skills of our children in a day long workshop.

### PTA NEWS:

Thanks to all who attended our AGM for 2017.



#### Results of AGM

The following elections were made:

President: (vacant - please see a PTA member if you are interested in this exciting role)

Vice President: Sheree Watkins

Treasurer: Michelle Richards

Secretary: Sheree Watkins

Uniform Coordinators: Robyn Dibble & Anna-Lee Bell

Chicken Release Coordinator: Rachel Megaw

Patron: Jeff Bolstad

Staff rep: Wendy Oliver

Committee members: Allie Andersen, Leslie Berry (life member), Mel Wilson, Heather Tanner, Juliet Dickey.

New members always welcome at any meeting.

Thanks to Debbie Darby for being the BOT rep and overseeing the elections.

#### Upcoming PTA events:

24 Feb: BBQ at school swimming sports

2 March: BBQ and baking sold at Districts swimming sports.

#### Projects:

The PTA again agreed to donate \$5000 to the school for education resources for 2017

We will need helpers for both of the upcoming events. Please support the PTA that supports your children.

#### "The Ocean and Us"

We still have DVD's available to be ordered through the school. Please pay into PTA account \$20.

**COOLING DOWN FOR SUMMER**

## HYDRATION FACTS

Over half of your body is made up of water. We lose water by:

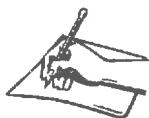
- Sweating
- Going to the toilet
- Breathing

The best drink to hydrate us is water. It's freely available and contains no sugar.

Developed by Sport Waikato 2016

**FROM THE CLASSES:**

**ROOM 3:** Two short weeks in a row has left us really busy in Room 3 trying to complete our set work and meet deadlines. Already I have stars appearing, children who are consistently working at their maximum capacity while modelling positive behaviour. We have welcomed a lovely group of new students who have already settled in and put their stamp on the classroom climate. Our theme for the year is Super Hero's and we are working hard to be just that.. Have a great weekend everyone.



**ROOM 1:** Kiaora Whanau, Welcome back to school! The children have made a great start to 2017. I have been so impressed with their attitude towards school and their learning. We have had a busy 2 weeks at school. We are now getting settled into our routine and we are currently working on a hauora unit all about ourselves, making friends and showing respect. Have a super weekend see you all next week.

**ROOM 2:** Kia ora whanau. This year has definitely started with a hiss and a roar and it's fantastic to see all the children back at school filled with enthusiasm and energy. As usual, the weather has decided to improve just as school begins again which means the children are really enjoying our swimming time each day. This week we have also started cricket skills sessions with Carissa and Dev from Waikato Valley Cricket which the children thoroughly enjoyed! We have started learning about probability and chance in mathematics, while we have begun our writing focused on recount writing. Saturday cricket begins tomorrow for some children, swimming sports and biathlon are only a few weeks away so it promises to be another busy term. Have a great weekend - I have the "pleasure" of taking my daughter to a rock concert tonight!

**ROOM 4:** Kia Ora everyone. Room 4 has got off to a positive start for 2017. We are working on values and work ethic to ensure we can self manage ourselves throughout the year. As our chromebooks are not up and running we will complete our work in our exercise books until they are organised. Some are finding they need to develop a different set of skills using pen and paper for their learning. We have started our Mathematics programme and Reading which are both moving along nicely. Remembering to bring their swimming gear to school is essential. Hope to see you all at "Meet the teacher" afternoon on Wednesday 15 February.

**FREE** to a good home: We have a large number of File boxes which the children's stationery came in. If you would like some pop in to the office.

**# FROM THE COMMUNITY #**

**PIANO:** Would you like a small upright piano? Free? Would suit a learner? Talk to Jocelyn.

**KING SINGLE BED:** There is also a clean and tidy bed, innersprung mattress and base available if you would like that. Contact Jocelyn.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL:** Years 5, 6, 7 & 8 Coaching and 3 x 3 Basketball League. Starts Thurs 23 Feb to 6 April at the Te Aroha Events Centre.  
6 to 7pm – coaching  
7 to 8pm – 3 x 3 games (either make your own teams or we'll put you in a team)

# Teams of 4 or 5 # Runs for 7 weeks # \$30 per player. To register contact Laura Wade 07 884 8250 or lwade@tearohacollege.school.nz

**2017 TERM 1 FUTSAL** This Friday Futsal is a form of indoor soccer. Starting 3/1/17 come down to the new event center. Fees are \$50pp for 10 weeks of skills based training. 4-6 year olds 3:30-4:30. 7-9 year olds 4:50-5:50 10-13 year olds 6-7:15 Come down and have a go at a new sport!! Bring court shoes/ trainers YOU CAN REGISTER AT <https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=65023>

**TE AROHA SWIMMING CLUB** will again be running Learn to swim "Swim Safe lessons". The first assessment session is Monday February 13th at Te Aroha Primary School. Come along between 3.30-5.00pm to sign up and bring your swim suit. Lessons are for children 5 years and older who are water confident Lessons will run Monday to Friday for 2 weeks. Cost is \$50.00. For more information contact Tasha on 0276367619 or Steve on 0279116959.

**PIAKO GYMNASTICS CLUB** all classes start the week of 13th February. See our facebook page for timetable piakogymnasticsclub Enquiries DEE 027-939-9983 [piakogym@gmail.com](mailto:piakogym@gmail.com)

**TE AROHA TENNIS CLUB** Junior Tennis - Tennis coaching has resumed on Wednesday afternoon, from 3.30pm, at the tennis club courts. New members are welcome-\$30 for the term. Contact Clem Apted 884 4548 or Natalie Garcia 027 202 6548

**WAIHOU RIDING FOR THE DISABLED FARMERS MARKET** at the Waihou Tavern carpark on Sunday 12th February 9:30-1:30pm Food, Fun, Stalls, Bouncy Castle and more.

	<b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b>
14th	"Meet the teachers" Room 1 and 2
15th	"Meet the teachers" Room 3 and 4 BOT Meeting 7pm
17th	Lucky Book Orders due back to office Room 2 Assembly
23rd	School Swimming 9:30am
24th	Room 1 Assembly

**FLAVOURED WATER**

Make your own flavoured water! Fill a jug with water and add:

- Ice cubes to keep it cool
- Slices or a squeeze of lemon, lime, cucumber, orange or berries
- Mint leaves

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