



Tapora Primary School

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Mission Statement: to equip children to be informed, confident, life-long learners.

Wednesday, 8th February 2012

Tena Koutou Katoa and warm greetings to all,

Dear parents, caregivers and friends of Tapora School. Welcome back to the 2012 school year.

As a staff we are excited to embark upon what promises to be another year of fun, authentic and engaging learning for our students and positive partnerships between teachers, parents and students, working together in the best interests of our learners and our learning community. As usual, with the start of a school year, we have a few important notices for your attention.

Absence Procedures: Tapora School has a policy on absences, which is in accordance with the Ministry of Education guidelines. We would like to remind parents that if your child is going to be absent, you are requested to ring or e-mail the school by 9:30 that morning. Our school voicemail is checked regularly, so feel free to leave a message. If we do not hear from you, we are required to contact you to find out why your child is not at school.

School Stationery: Many thanks to parents who have already provided their children with their school stationery. We understand that the start of a school year can be difficult with its associated costs.

BE SUNSMART: New Zealand has some of the harshest UV rays in the world. For this reason, Tapora School has a "no hat, no play" policy for term 1 and 4. We ask that all students wear a brimmed hat during outside play. If your child does not have a hat, gold coin shops have a range of brimmed hats for \$2-\$4. While we have a supply of sunscreen at school, we also encourage children to bring their own personal roll-on sunscreen.

WHEELS WEDNESDAY: This week, we welcome back 'Wheels Wednesday' Children are invited to bring scooters, skateboards, in-line skates or rip-sticks to use on the netball courts during morning play and lunchtime. Children, please remember to **bring your helmet**.

Immunisations: Year 8 girls are being offered a three dose course of Gardasil (Human papilloma virus) vaccination at school (first dose March) as part of New Zealand Immunisation schedule. Your daughter will be bringing home a form shortly for you to complete. You may choose to consent, or not to consent. Your family doctor can also provide this vaccination. For any queries phone our school's Public Health Nurse Robyn Duffy 09) 422-2700.

11 year olds (Year 7 students: boys and girls) are due for Boostrix vaccination (tetanus, whooping cough and diphtheria) as part of New Zealand Immunisation schedule. They will be bringing home a form for you to complete in March. You may choose to take your child to your family doctor or the public health nurse will be offering this vaccination in term 2. For more information phone our school's Public Health Nurse: Robyn Duffy 09) 422-2700

Everyday Families/Keeping Kids Safe Brochures: Being a parent does not come with a user manual and can sometimes be the hardest job in the world. Child, Youth and Family have provided us with two information brochures to accompany this week's newsletter. The brochures provide useful and interesting tips on everyday parenting and keeping our kids safe. Please take the time to read the information brochures. We would really appreciate it if you could send us your comments and feedback. We thought it would be interesting to collate your comments and feedback (anonymously of course). You can send your comments and feedback in an e-mail (subject heading "CYF information) to principal@tapora.school.nz or you could write a note in an envelope (labelled Principal) and your child could bring this to school.

Fonterra Milk for Schools:

Fonterra is piloting a 'Milk for Schools' programme in Northland. All Northland primary schools including Tapora School have been invited to participate. Fonterra will provide one serving of milk to every student (Year 1-6 students initially) every school day as well as a free fridge, to ensure that children can enjoy the milk cold. The pilot of Fonterra Milk for Schools will start towards the end of Term 1. Prior to this, we will send home a parent/guardian consent form allowing your child's participation in the programme. This will assist us in the identification of any students with allergies or intolerance to milk, which is a risk we must manage as a school.

Tapora School Sheep Raffles: Thanks to the generosity and support of the Cotton family, we will be holding two raffles each term, with the prize of a whole sheep (1 for each raffle) up for grabs. Each raffle will have a maximum of 100 tickets sold at \$5 each. Meat can be pretty pricey these days, so we hope these raffles will be popular. Please support this new fundraising initiative by selling (or purchasing) the tickets that your child will bring home over the next week or two. The draw for each raffle will take place in week 9 of each term and winners will be notified by phone.

New Frequency of school newsletter and community notices: Please be advised that this year, the school newsletter and community notices will be sent out fortnightly on a Wednesday or Thursday. The newsletter can also be accessed on the school website, www.taporaschool.co.nz

FOR SALE. Tapora School shirts:

These very smart red polo shirts with embroidered school logo are for sale at \$30. In order to keep our school shirts affordable for families, we have decided to keep the price of shirts at \$30 which is below cost to the school. We often ask students to wear their Tapora School shirts at interschool events and school outings.

To cater for our new students in Year 1, we have recently ordered more the shirts in size 6 and these should arrive in the next few weeks.

On Tuesday the 7th February, Owen from the Northland Soccer Federation came to Tapora School to put our kids through their paces and introduce various soccer skills and drills. As you can see from the photos, a good time was had by all. For more photos, go to the Tapora School website, www.taporaschool.co.nz



Best Wishes,
Duncan Ashby
Principal

Upcoming Events:

If you have any questions regarding dates and times please contact the school office:

Friday March 2nd: Interschool Swimming at Rodney College. Year groups to be advised

Tuesday March 13th - Friday March 16th: Room 1 Camp. Lonsdale Park, Matauri Bay, Kaeo.

Wednesday March 28th: Interschool Athletics. Centennial Park, Wellsford

Wednesday and Thursday April 4th and 5th: Parent/teacher interviews

Friday April 6th: Good Friday Public Holiday and start of school holidays

Monday April 23rd: School resumes for Term 2

Wednesday April 25th: ANZAC Day Public Holiday

COMMUNITY NEWS

School Lunches Price List

Mince Pie	\$2.50
Steak & Cheese Pie	\$2.50
Potato Top Pie	\$2.50
Sausage Rolls	\$2.00
Hawaiian Pizza	\$2.50
Cookies	\$1.00
Apple Pie	\$1.50

Lunch orders are available weekly on a Thursday.
Orders taken Thursday mornings.

Tapora Playgroup Wednesdays 10.30am - 12.30pm

For ages 0 - 5 yrs. Hope to see more kids using this great facility, have fun and make friends.
Please phone Etsuko Whittle 4221 992.

Tapora Community Library

Situated at the Tapora Community Hall.
Open Friday from 9.30am - 11.30am, including school holidays.

Rodney College 50th Reunion

17th-19th February 2012

Book your reunion tickets NOW!

www.rodneycollege.school.nz

email: reunion@rodneycollege.school.nz

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Thanks - See you there

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MultiSport Event

Sunday February 12th 2012

10km Run or Walk

5km walk

10km Run & 14km Mountain Bike

10km Team run (teams of 4)

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2012 DATES

Otago/Southland:
Sun 12th February – Balclutha

Tasman:
Sat 18th February – Greymouth

Aorangi:
Sat 25th February – Oamaru

East Coast:
Sat 10th March – Carterton

Taranaki/Manawatu:
Mon 12th March – Hawera

Waikato/Bay of Plenty:
Sat 17th March – Hamilton

Northern:
Sat 31st March - Waipou



Contact AgrikidsNZ:

Rosie Todhunter

Youth Development Coordinator

agrikidsnz@youngfarmers.co.nz

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COMPETITION

To guarantee your spot, please make sure AgrikidsNZ receives this form **at least one week before** your Regional, with all fields completed.

AgrikidsNZ: PO Box 50, Methven, 7730

OR: Fax 03 303 3058

OR: Scan and email to

agrikidsnz@youngfarmers.co.nz

Team Name: _____

Team Member #1

Name:

Date of Birth:

Home Address:

Email Address:

Contact Phone:

School:

Team Member #2

Name:

Date of Birth:

Home Address:

Email Address:

Contact Phone:

School:

Team Member #3

Name:

Date of Birth:

Home Address

Email Address:

Contact Phone:

School:

We're registering for:

(Please tick to select your Regional)

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Team Supervisor: _____

Supervisor's Email: _____

Supervisor's Phone: _____

(Please feel free to make copies of this entry form.)

Yes! we want to become members of AgrikidsNZ and receive information on AgrikidsNZ and the AgMag - the AgrikidsNZ quarterly newsletter.

(If you do not wish to receive information from AgrikidsNZ please do not tick box).

