

TAPU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Well, here we are at the end of another busy week! We are now down to four weeks till the end of the school year and not many more until the big guy in the red suit does his thing. Next week is a particularly busy week with Hearing and Vision testing on Monday along with Constable Mary-Anne the Police Education Officer in to work with the students. She will be looking at Safe Walking in particular which is a really important aspect to cover in light of the busy roads around us. Constable Mary-Anne will be here from Monday through to Wednesday in the mornings.



On Friday it will be the turn of the juniors to head over to Hikutaia for

their Athletics day. We wish them luck as they go to compete in a fun day of activities with other local schools.

CAR BOOT SALE – DECEMBER 3rd 9am -12 noon

You will see at the end of the newsletter this week an advertisement for the up-coming Car Boot Sale that the BOT have planned. This will be an excellent opportunity to clean out the house before the summer holidays or to nab a great bargain in time for Christmas. We would love you to come along and hire a site for the event. Sites cost \$10 – payable on the day.

Wednesday night this week we held our Tapu School Community Meeting. We were delighted with the response from the community to this meeting and their interest in our school which was evident by the good turnout. There were some good suggestions put forward which the Board of Trustees will look at over the coming months. If you missed the meeting or have had any other thoughts over the last few days that you want to add, please pop into the office to see us or drop a note in the letter box for us. As a newcomer to the Tapu Community it was great for me to meet some of the locals. It was also great to find out about some of the groups in the community. Living so close to the Fire Station I am well aware of their presence (funny that!) but was not aware of some of the other groups. Please remember, if you have school age children and are interested in finding out more about the Computers in Homes programme, to come and

see Mr Pilcher who can give you more information about this great programme.

The field has been sprayed for the Onehunga weed and the pool is slowly filling up – sure signs that warmer weather is nearly here. I know I talk about this each week but it seems to be still a bit variable at the moment and I am sure we will be basking in the hot summer weather before too long.

This week Room 3 made lamingtons (admittedly the sponge was purchased from the supermarket). A student from Room 1 had been doing a study about coconuts so Lorraine had brought along a coconut – compete with a hammer to open it – a tin of coconut milk and a packet of shredded coconut. It seemed a shame not to show the students something we used the coconut for in the end. All the students came to watch Lorraine first drained the coconut and then broke it open. The lamingtons turned out well and were delicious for morning tea.

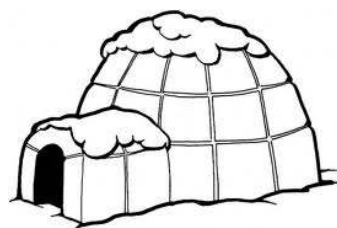


Room 3 also made play-dough this week. After years of cooking my play-dough I have discovered the most wonderful uncooked play-dough recipe. It is so simple that the students are able to make it almost by themselves. If anyone wants a copy of the recipe at any time please let me know.

The highlight of the week for Room 1 must have been the trip to Rainbows

End. A big thank you to Lorraine, for taking the time to travel with the group to assist with supervision of the group. Everyone came back to school bubbling. Well done to the students for their efforts to fundraise for this trip as well. Room 3's end of year trip is almost sorted so we will let you know the details shortly.

Do you use 3 litre Milk Bottles? The local Kindy are asking for these to help make an igloo. Please can you drop any clean bottles off to them. I have seen photos of one made at a school and it was fantastic so please support the Kindy if you can.



Regards
Judy Carroll
Principal