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Dear Parents & Caregivers

**Tēnā koutou te hunga pānui o tō tātou hāpori.
Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa**

Welcome back to term two to everyone. It seems like a very long time ago since we had the last newsletter and so much seems to have happened.

This week the big excitement was the Aoraki Hub completing their STEM Arcade activity. STEM is an approach to learning and development that integrates the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Through STEM, students develop key skills including: problem solving and creativity. It encourages critical thinkers, increases science literacy, and enables a platform for our next generation of innovators.

The hub arcade activity was opened up to the other hubs and the community to participate in as the children were so proud of the work they have been doing. They decided to run it as a camp fundraiser for the hub and \$815.40 was raised which the children were stoked about.





This week is NZ Sign Language week. Paris, Declan, Harry and Beth are teaching Room 7 how to sign colours and finger spell their names in NZSL.



Mason and Lexi ran the NZ Sign teaching station at lunchtime.

Autumn leaves have proved a hit this week.



Hockey Half Timers



The amazing Anchors hockey team had a visit from the Unison mascot yesterday. They were nominated for a half-time heroes' award. Sponsored by More FM and Unison, the children won some individual prizes and a team PaknSave voucher of \$150.00. How cool.

Pool Keys

The pool is now closed. This is a great time to return your pool key for your refund.



Feed the Bus is back again this year on Thursday 20th May.

This is such a good cause that we have supported for the Napier Community Foodbank for many years now. Can you please send tinned or dried goods along so the children can feed the bus. Goods can be sent to the office and are very much appreciated.

Napier Libraries

Napier Libraries currently run Storytimes at Taradale Library every Tuesday 11am-11.45am, with the first Tuesday of each month being a themed Storytime along with crafts and/or activity. Sometimes if there is a celebration of a certain author or book there may be another Tuesday within the month where they add in a special Storytime. The themed Storytime sessions for Term 2 are:

- Tuesday 1 June - Pirate Day
- Tuesday 22 June - Celebrating Matariki
- Tuesday 6 July - Teddy Bear's Picnic Day
- Tuesday 27 July - Beatrix Potter Day (first week Term 3)



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Author Visit

Weng Wai Chan and Tessa Duder, are two authors who visited at the end of last term. Our amazing Blue Caps: Olivia, Maggie, Jake and Hudson met them at the gate and made sure they were welcomed and guided them around the school. It was a wonderful experience for the tamariki to meet with these famous authors whom they had researched and read some passages of their novels prior. Both of our visiting authors mentioned that the tamariki were wonderfully interactive and had good quality questions to ask them.



Sports Tops

A reminder to please return all sports tops to the office if your child is not playing school sports this term.

Outdoor Education Day

Next week is national outdoor education day on Thursday 20th May. The children will be in mixed whanau groups and will be outside all day from 9.00 am. Can they please bring warm clothes that will be appropriate for the day. Feel free to pop over anytime during the day to catch up with the children and see what they are up to. If it's raining or too miserable, we'll postpone it to another day.

Pick Up Zone

The school pick up zone works particularly well when we all recognise that it is a pickup zone and not a convenient parking place. Early this week it became difficult to operate with people parking and waiting to collect their children which meant that those who were trying to do a pickup couldn't get in. I was made aware that there was an issue when a number of people were asked to 'go around again' and unfortunately did not respond well. This is a council approved pick up zone and the two-minute timeframe has been approved by them. Please do not use it as a parking zone as it doesn't work when we do that. Please let's recognise that staff are out there doing things to help keep all the children safe and it is unfair to respond in a negative manner towards them.

Important Dates / School Events

26 May	Coastal Cluster Rugby
2 June	Coastal Cluster Technology Challenge
7 June	Queens Birthday Holiday
16 June	Coastal Cluster Netball
24 June	Pukemokimoki Marae Visit – Whole School
28 – 30 June	Parent Interviews
11 July	End of Term

Koina ngā kōrero mo tēnei wā

Kia pai ō koutou wiki

Nāku nā

Glenn

Dental Services

Due to restrictions with Covid-19 and staff being redeployed into lower decile areas in mobile units to recover patient back logs, we will be inviting whanau direct into the clinic again this year for their annual dental checks. This is approximately the time of year Port Ahuriri School would normally be seen, so please contact us to make an appointment at the clinic for your children.

Tamatea Intermediate School Community Dental Clinic
06 8734 864 | Extn 8640

Braden and Fletcher Johnson went to the Halberg Games in Auckland on the 23rd - 25th April. The Halberg Games are for young people aged 8 - 21 who have a physical or visual impairment. Braden tried out a number of different sports including athletics, discus, shot put, taekwon-do and archery. His favourite was the discus with a best throw of 10.66m Braden competed with a team of 7 athletes from Hawkes Bay and the team took home the Best Regional Team award!

The photos are the team with supporters and the boys taking part in rowing supported by Olympian Eric Murray.

