

## Calendar Term 4 2017

Cool Bananas..... Nov 21  
Kaphaka Festival..... Nov 24  
R4 Camp..... Dec 5-7  
Awards Evening ..... Dec 13  
School Finish ..... Dec 13  
Road to Bethlehem..... Dec 17-20

**"The goal of education by the grace of God is to create self-governing people who live under the Law of God for the glory of Christ."**

**Tim Yarbrough**



Dear Parents

It's that time of year where everything seems to be happening as the countdown begins towards the end of the school year and onto the Christmas rush!

### SWIMMING

Our recent swimming programme for Rooms 1 to 4 has now come and gone and hopefully our students are better prepared for the coming summer season in and around water. We are reviewing the future direction of our swimming programme in light of the fact that no subsidies were made available to us this year and the Board was required to underwrite the cost of the tutored sessions. Any comment or feedback from our parent community in regards the swimming programme (past or future) is welcomed.

### R5 CAMP

A very successful and enjoyable camp was experienced by our Room 5 class a couple of weeks ago when they headed towards Ohope Beach where they were based for three nights. Their activities included a visit to Fonterra which saw them making their own cheese and butter and learning about the dairy industry; a visit to a working dairy farm and getting up close and personal to the dairy cows in the milking shed; taking surfing lessons and learning to surf; Cooking damper over a fire on the beach and trekking into the crater of a live volcano on White Island. It was really encouraging to have received very positive feedback from various guides and organisers regarding the polite and well-behaved students in our group. I'd like to thank our parent helpers for their role in contributing the success of this camp.

### R4 CAMP

Our Room 4 students will be

departing for their own two-night camp on Tuesday December 5 and will be also be heading for Ohope Beach. They too have a range of great activities planned and the students are looking forward to this experience.

### COOL BANANA'S CHRISTMAS

Tomorrow (Tuesday), Cool Bananas are presenting their interactive Christmas show for our students in the Hub.

### KAPAHAKA FESTIVAL

The week has finally arrived for our Kaphaka group! Friday is the day of the Kaphaka festival which our group have been preparing for all year. This event is going to be a really special event as it marks the 25th anniversary of the Tauranga festival and this year, the festival will be held at Waipuna Park, Welcome Bay. Please note the following details:

The Kaphaka group will travel by bus to the venue from School, departing 10:00am. All other non-participating students will be given the opportunity to support our group by attending the festival and witnessing their performance. All non-Kaphaka students will be transported by bus to and from the venue departing the School at 11:00am and returning to School around 2:00pm. The bus will return for our performers and return them to school at the conclusion of the event and should arrive back at school at around 3:00pm. Mrs Dacker will send out further details shortly including other transport options for parents wishing to collect their own children after the event. I'd like to invite parents to come and witness the performance and support our group. Our school is scheduled to perform at 12:30pm.

You will need to give permission for your child to attend the festival as either a

participant or a spectator. (Mrs Dacker has already sent out permission forms for participants) All other students are required to have a formal permission form returned to the School. (Either form attached or electronically through our new school app as explained below)

### NEW SCHOOL APP

We are constantly looking at ways to improve School communication with our school community. As you are aware, we have a new website where you can send in an absentee notice and if you have signed up to receive any electronic notices and newsletters, you will receive these notifications by email. Only a small number of you have signed up for this service. In addition to the website services, we now have our own school app which will provide additional features. The main advantage is that you can access information / notices directly from/to your smart phone. The new app has the following features: Sending an absentee notice (currently also available through the website); Synchronisation with the School Google Calendar (Currently available through the website); Instant notifications and reminders (Also available through the website); Electronic permission forms (You can sign permission forms instantly from your smart phone). As it would appear most parents have a smart phone, this might well be the most effective way for you to receive (and send) information from / to the School quickly and easily. To this end, I encourage every one of our parents who have a smartphone to download the free app. This can be done by going to the app store on your phone, search for "Parent Teacher Calendar" (PTC) and follow the download instructions. You will be asked to click on the region (Bay of Plenty) and School (Tauranga Adventist School).

As an initial test of this, we are requesting that you give permission for your child to attend the Kapahaka Festival on Friday as outlined by downloading the app and sending in the form electronically. (we will still accept paper forms permissions if this is preferred for whatever reason. Just handwrite a note giving permission for your child

to attend as outlined if you prefer this method)

### 2018 TERM DATES

The 2018 school calendar is now available on the website / school app for your information.

### SCHOOL FEES AND DONATIONS

Just a reminder to parents to ensure all school donations and

fees are finalised before the end of the term.

### FOODBANK

Many thanks to those of you who contributed some items to the recent Foodbank Appeal. Your generosity will make a difference to those in need in our community.

All the very best and Blessings to All

R.Bishop

PRINCIPAL



**Room 5 Camp  
November 2017**

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