

Tuesday, 30 January 2018

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2018 school year. Welcome to our current students returning, our new students who are starting for the first day, our amazing parents, and those new parents who have joined our community today. We pray that you are continued to be blessed by this lighthouse in Bethlehem!

It is an absolute blessing and privilege for me to be here today serving as Principal of Tauranga Adventist School (TAS). It was only 20 years ago that I was a student here at TAS, on the old site in Bethlehem. Mr Bishop, was my Principal and Mrs Hastings, my teacher. Oh, how time flies!

I have no doubt that over the past 20 years God has led in my life and has been preparing and shaping me for this day.

This term we are looking at how we can count on God, how our God is dependable and reliable. My aim is to be that dependable person that students, teachers and parents can count on. Obviously, there will be challenging situations, but where would we be in life without them. I know that the positives will certainly out weight these challenges.

Over the next few weeks I am looking forward to getting to know our community here at TAS. I am excited to meet our students and begin to see their God given talents. Whanau, I apologise in advance if I ask for your name time and time again, but as you can imagine, there are a few names to learn. I will do my best!

This year let us hold on to Psalm 16:8, "I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken." When we ensure that our eyes are on God, and He is at our right hand, we can conquer everything! Praise God.

This newsletter will be published every 3 weeks. Please ensure you take note of our notices over the next few pages. If you wish to contact myself, please phone to make an appointment or email principal@taurangasda.school.nz.

Blessings,



Mr Ryan Baronian
Principal

Newsletter

Term 1, Number 1

Term 1 Value



Term 1 2018 Dates

Term 1 Commences	30 th Jan
Waitangi Day (Closed)	6 th Feb
Yr 7 & 8 Tech	8 th Feb
Family Fun Night	8 th Feb
Yr 7 & 8 Tech	15 th Feb
Yr 7 & 8 Tech	22 th Feb
Yr 7 & 8 Tech	1 st Mar
Athletics Day (TBC)	20 th Mar
Good Friday (Closed)	30 th Mar
Easter Monday (Closed)	2 nd Apr
Easter Tuesday (Closed)	3 rd Apr
Term 1 Ends	13 th Apr

2018 Term Dates

Term 1	30 th Jan – 13 th Apr
Term 2	30 th Apr – 6 th July
Term 3	23 rd July – 28 th Sept
Term 4	15 th Oct – 13 th Dec

School Pick Up & Drop Off

Please remember that these are very busy times for everyone involved. If you are stopping and coming into the school, please do not park your car in the drop off area – park in the car park or on the grass. If you are wanting to chat with a teacher, you may be asked to make an appointment as they are very busy at the start and end of the day.

Term 1 Teacher Courses

This term Miss Foote, Mrs Abbott and Ms Dacker will be on courses and will be out of the class for a number of days. We have already booked Miss Kate Goldstone in Room 2 & 4 and Mrs Graham in Room 1.

Waitangi Day

Please note that school will be closed next week on Tuesday 6th February.

New Students

I would like to welcome all of our new students to TAS! It is exciting that you have joined us and I look forward to getting to know you all (as of the rest of our students!). We pray for God's richest blessing over you as you enter our school, God's school.

Term 1 Interviews

This term interviews will only take place with students who are new to our school or students who are identified as priority learners. Your child's classroom teacher will contact you over the next couple of weeks if an interview is to take place. Full school interviews will take place at the start of Term 3.

Uniform

Our uniform is currently in a change process. If you are unsure about the school uniform, please contact Mrs Bishop in the office. Please ensure that your child has a hat each day as they are required to wear it when playing.

School Accounts

Mrs Carol Dunlop is preparing your Term 1 account and posting these out today. Please keep an eye out for these and ensure you have a payment method set up. We appreciate your support with this.

Facebook & Communication

It is great to see that our school has a Facebook Group which is active. There are a large number of individual requests going to teachers via the Facebook Group or teachers private Facebook Messenger. It would be appreciated if from here on you communicate with your child's teacher via school email, school phone or in person. Our teacher's emails are:

Miss Sarina Foote

sarinafoote@taurangasda.school.nz

Mrs Adrienne Abbott

adrienneabbott@taurangasda.school.nz

Mrs Di Rappell

dirappell@taurangasda.school.nz

Ms Mel Dacker

meldacker@taurangasda.school.nz

Mrs Marie Hastings

mariehastings@taurangasda.school.nz

Over time our plan is to showcase more of what happens here at school and in your child's class via our School Facebook page. Newsletters will be published to the group on Facebook as well as our school app, school website and email (when I get your email!).

Please complete the attached form and return it to school to let us know what best suits you for communicating our school newsletter and notices.

School Picnic & Family Fun Night

We are excited to be starting our year off with a family fun night on Thursday 8th February from 5:45pm – 7:45pm. The evening will be very relaxed with a bring your own picnic. It is a chance for teachers to chat with parents and for myself, Mr Baronian, to be introduced to the school formally. There will be a bouncy castle for the children to play on over the course of the evening. Please pray for fine weather!



School Readers/ Library Books

If you found and school readers/ journals or library books in the holidays, please return them to school asap!


Marrzipan Drama

Marrzipan Drama is returning this year starting Tuesday 13th February from 2:5pm – 3:50pm. This is an optional after school Drama programme for students. There is a cost of \$150 for the programme. For more information, please visit www.marrzipandrama.co.nz.



School App

Late last year a new app was introduced for you to stay updated with the latest information and news around school. Please indicate on the form below if this is a useful method of communication and if it is something that you will use. If you have not yet downloaded it, give it a try by following the instructions below.


HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR SCHOOL APP YET?
NEVER MISS IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION AGAIN!



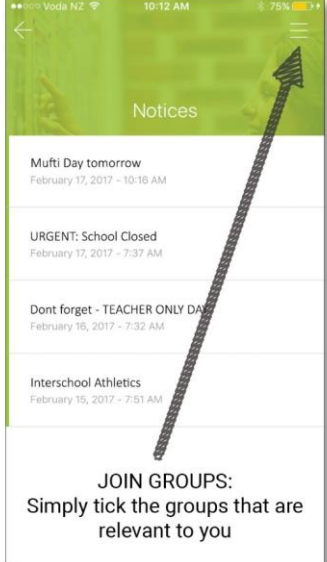
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- *Instant school messages
- *Absentee
- *Newsletters
- *Permission Slips

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How to:
JOIN OUR SCHOOL PUSH NOTIFICATION GROUPS



JOIN GROUPS:
Simply tick the groups that are relevant to you

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School Communication – please return to school office by **Thursday 1st February 2018**

The best form of communication for our family is (please tick one or two):

- Facebook Group - www.facebook.com/groups/tgasdaschool/
- Website – www.taurangasda.school.nz
- Skool Loop NZ App (download via app store)
- Email _____
- Other: _____

Family Name _____

Thank you for your feedback!