

# Te Poi School



**A small school where big things happen.**

## Important Dates – Term 1 Week 1 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015

6 <sup>th</sup> February	Waitangi Day holiday
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Family Picnic at Jarvis Farm
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Room 9 Nutrition Session
19 <sup>th</sup> February	Nutrition Session visit to New World
26 <sup>th</sup> February	BOT Meeting 6.00pm - all welcome
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Life Education visit

### FAMILY PICNIC – THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 6PM:

Jarvis Farm 998B Tauranga Road (follow the driveway to the bottom paddock). An opportunity to meet our school families and get to know each other. Everyone is welcome. Bring your picnic or buy a sausage. Join in the fun with team races and a massive waterslide. More details to come next week.

### READING TOGETHER WORKSHOPS:

Starting 5<sup>th</sup> March. A series of 4 workshops designed to take the stress and frustration out of listening to your child read and turn that into success for all. Limited to 8 families. Please register your interest.

### SWIMMING:

As swimming is part of the school curriculum the children need to bring their togs and towels every day – please ensure these items are named.

### MATUA ERU

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Whaiapu Whanau. Matua Eru was our school Kaumatua, a member of the BOT, drove the minivan for over 2 years and the Maori advisor to the school. He will be greatly missed by staff and students. A mighty kauri has fallen.

These are the words from the students to describe Matua Eru:



School office hours are 8.30 – 12.30. You are welcome to leave a message outside these hours, as teachers are busy in classrooms and can't always get to the phone.

Contact emails for the school are:

Linda – [principal@tepoi.school.nz](mailto:principal@tepoi.school.nz)

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**Coaching** at the Tirau Tennis Club starts Tuesday 17 February at Station Road, Tirau. Adult class at 2.30pm (any keen parents?) and then two sessions for children, one at 3.30 and the next at 4.30. The coaching sessions are for 45 minutes. Cost per child is \$30. Junior racquets are available for use from the coach and can also be purchased from him at good prices. Phone Janet Palmer 883 1452.

You are invited to a Christening at Te Poi Church this Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> February. Rev Bruce Dale (Clare Hitchcock's brother) will be officiating. Please note the time: service starts at 12.30pm. Everyone is most welcome to join in this happy occasion.

### Principal's Comment:

Welcome to 2015 and a special welcome to our 4 new students – Grace, Millie, Jed and Tanaya. This brings our current roll to 50 and we are aiming for 60 students this year. We have another 3 starting in February alone.

We have included a term calendar, as this is a short term jam-packed with activities from family picnics to visits from Harold the Giraffe. Our school wide focus is Turangawaewae - Exploring Our People and Places, and our combined activities are designed with this in mind, a way for us to get to know each other and explore our surrounding area. Your support with stories, family trees and transport would be appreciated.

We look forward to meeting you all at our family picnic evening next Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

Linda Larsen, Principal

Junior Cricket, Yrs 3-6, Starting February 14<sup>th</sup> for 6 weeks. For details and registration Ph: Fiona 07 880 9591 or [fiona@fionabenefield.com](mailto:fiona@fionabenefield.com). Cost \$25, 2nd child \$15

### FRIDAY LUNCH ORDER:

A reminder that ALL lunch orders must be in a named envelope please.

All pies	\$3.30
Sausage rolls	\$2.00
Egg or ham sandwich	\$3.00
Ham or chicken roll	\$2.90
Ham/beef/chicken wrap	\$4.20
Apple or custard pie	\$3.30
Apple or custard square	\$2.50
Choc chip biscuit	\$1.40
Just Juice	\$2.50