



# TE POI SCHOOL

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

**Te Rangatahi:  
Together We Grow**

**Important Dates: Term 2 Week 5: 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

29<sup>th</sup> May  
3<sup>rd</sup> June  
4<sup>th</sup> June  
5<sup>th</sup> June  
6<sup>th</sup> June  
14<sup>th</sup> June  
20<sup>th</sup> June  
21<sup>st</sup> June  
24-25<sup>th</sup> June  
1<sup>st</sup> July  
5<sup>th</sup> July

NZEI Strike – NO SCHOOL  
Queen's Birthday  
Space Centre Trip  
Arbor Day gardening  
Rippa Rugby tournament  
Teacher Only Day  
School Photos  
EPro8 Challenge  
Parent Interviews  
Whaea Linda goes on Study leave  
Term 2 ends

## SCHOOL NEWS

### **NZEI Strike**

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May (Tomorrow)  
School will be CLOSED

### **Te Awamutu Space Centre Trip**

Permission slips need to be returned for every child please. This is an amazing learning adventure for all our students. Please return the slips to your class teacher

### **Netball**

Come down to the Matamata Netball courts Thursday 5:00pm to cheer on Te Poi Tui's.

### **Hockey**

No Hockey this weekend.

### **Teacher Only Day**

A reminder there is a Matamata combined TOD on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June

### **Room 9 Fundraising Opportunity**

Fieldays Skellerup gumboot packing – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June from 3pm. Let Whaea Linda know if you can help

### **Arbor Day**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

To mark Arbor Day the whole school will be out working on our grounds and gardens. Come down and join us from 1:30pm

### **FRIDAY LUNCH ORDERS:**

Order and money in a named envelope or secure plastic bag to the office.

Pies	3.40
Sausage rolls	2.10
Lasagne square	2.00
Egg or ham sandwich	3.10
Ham/beef/chicken wrap	4.30
Apple or custard pie	3.40
Apple or custard slice	2.60
Choc chip biscuit	1.50
Just Juice	2.50

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **FREE CHILDREN'S EAR CLINIC:**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Matamata Primary School  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Firth Primary School  
9.30 – 2.00pm – no appointment necessary. Phone 07 838 3565 for any enquiries.

### **Principal's Comment:**

We greatly appreciate the community support that we have already received following the decision by teachers and principals to strike on Wednesday 29 May. The decision to take further strike action was not taken lightly by any on us. For the first time, both primary and secondary teachers are striking together because the crisis in education hits us all very hard and we need the Government to understand how serious it is. Schools are grappling with the fallout of a 40% nosedive in the number of people training to be teachers between 2010 and 2016, even while the population grew by 400,000. While the situation improved a little last year and the Government has announced an urgent \$95m package to recruit teachers, this is not sufficient to address the crisis. Schools struggle daily to find enough teachers to meet their relief teacher needs and this will worsen as winter approaches. There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs. The fact is that teaching is no longer considered an attractive profession due to long-term under-funding of the education sector. A significant pay jolt is part of the solution, alongside significant improvements to our heavy workloads. Otherwise our school will end up with larger class sized and more teachers leaving. Tomorrow we hope you will join us at our local public event, outside Vodaphone from 10am wearing Fluro. We would love to see you and your children standing with us- together we are a community and we can make a difference.  
**Linda Larsen, Principal**



### **Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

Tauranga - Years 3-6 - \$25 per student  
We are entering through the school again....but we need to know numbers asap (final day for entering will be Monday 22nd July)  
If your child/ren would like to give this a go please let Hayley know.  
Please note: This is a parent/student event so there will be no paperwork etc from the school apart from the payment.