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## Newsletter ~ Tuesday, 25 July 2023

Kia ora,

We have had a fantastic first week back. Hopefully the children have been telling you about our new learning; if they haven't, please ask them.

Next week is the Tararua Sevens for those children in Years 5 to 8 who wish to take part. There are still a few teams short of a manager so if your child is in one of those teams please consider volunteering to manage. This usually just includes substituting players and giving them some encouraging words. If you are able to manage, let me know as soon as possible. Letters will be coming home today with those children who will be taking part.

We still have the usual winter bugs going around school. If your child is absent for any reason please notify either myself or the school office to let us know why your child is not at school. If we don't hear from you, we will assume that they are truant. Telling the bus driver that they won't be on the bus that day is not notifying us. You can contact school via email or phone.

A whole school visit to the Marae in Pahiatua has been arranged for Tuesday 19th September, please put this date into your diary. We hope that as many of our families as possible will join us as we spend the day taking part in a range of learning activities and fun events at the Marae. More information will follow nearer the time.

Last week I sent every family a survey - Our Effectiveness as a School. Thank you to those who have already returned it. Please return them to school as soon as possible, definitely before the 4th August. The Board will be discussing the feedback at their meeting on 8th August. The results from the surveys will help us as we prepare our next charter and strategic plan.

Have a great week.

Nga mihi nui  
Alison

### **Dates for your Diary**

2nd August Tararua Sevens (Year 5-8)

15th August Tree Planting Afternoon in the Native Garden

16th August Teacher Only Day - Staff in Palmerston North at a training workshop led by Dr Melanie Riwai Couch

18th August Bush Volleyball (Year 6-8)

29th August School Speech Competition

6th September Pahiatua Lions Speech Competition

19th September Whole school Marae visit

21st September Year 8 Formal Dance

10th October Year 5-6 Epro 8 Tournament

11th October School Photographs

3rd November Pets Day  
9th November Bush Ag Day  
23rd November Y8 Moving Forward Conference at Tararua College  
24th November Rural Schools Athletics  
29th November Riversdale Beach Life Saving (Whole School)  
1st December Bush Athletics

### Term Dates

Term Three: 17th July to 22nd September

Term Four: 9th October to 15th December

### Technology Dates (Year 8)

3rd, 17th, 31st August, 14th September

Please make sure that covered footwear (not gumboots) is worn and long hair is tied back. Bush Primary Tech has its own Facebook page where you will find more information about what the children are learning and see their successes.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069563117443>

# TARARUA 7S



## 2023



**WHERE:** BUSH MULTISPORTS PARK, PAHIATUA

**WHEN:** WEDNESDAY 2ND AUGUST 2023, 9AM-2.30PM  
(POSTPONEMENT DAY: FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST 2023)

**WHAT:** THE TARARUA SEVEN-A-SIDE MULTISPORTS TOURNAMENT, IN ITS TWELFTH YEAR, WILL HAVE 18 PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE TARARUA, OVER 70 TEAMS, OVER 700 TAMARIKI, FROM YEAR 5 TO 8 STUDENTS TO PLAY 240 GAMES OF NETBALL, RUGBY, FOOTBALL, AND HOCKEY

**COME AND SUPPORT THIS COMMUNITY EVENT**

## Classroom Awards



## Readers of the Week



## Welcome to Alfredton School



### FROM THE CLASSROOM

In Tui Class last week we learnt about the Maori Myth *The Seven Fish of Matariki*. We retold the story in our own words:

Once upon a time there was fish in the sea. They didn't listen and they went to the moana. Tataraimaka caught the fish in a net.

By Katie

Once upon a time there was 7 little fish and one day the mummy fish told the little fish to stay home because a fisherman was going to be hanging around.

By Leala

Once upon a time there was a mum with her 7 babies. The mum said to stay by the rocks because I am going to get some food but the baby fish didn't listen to the mum and went into the open water and saw a shadow above their little heads and then they saw a massive net come towards them. They cried Mum Mum but their mum was nowhere to be seen. Tane came to help them. He threw them in to the sky and then they were stars.

By Ben

Long long ago the seven fish of Matariki were by the rocks. The mum said I need to find food for you so stay here and don't forget it's the day Tataraimaka goes fishing. The mum went away but the fish didn't listen so they went in the sea and played and then a big shadow covered them and they cried for their mother. Then Tane grabbed the bag and threw it in the sky and they turned in to stars.

By George

Long long ago 7 fish and their mum lived in the sea. One day Mummy Fish told the 7 little fish to stay by the rocks. The little 7 fish forgot and went out of the rocks and a couple of minutes later Tataraimaka came with his net and caught the fish. The fish were sobbing for their mum. Tane God of the Forest felt sorry for them and came out of the forest and fought for the net and threw the net in the air and it opened and the fish turned in to the stars of Matariki.

By Levi

The mum said to the little fish stay near the rocks. The little fish forgot so they went to the open sea. They got caught by the giant. Tane snatched them and threw them up into the air.

By Colton

Once upon a time there was a mother fish and seven little baby fish. They were gathered all together near the rocks. One day mother fish told her baby fish to stay near the rocks because today is the day if you go out in to the big moana Tataraimaka will be waiting for fish to come their way. The baby fish forgot all about what their mother had told them and went in the moana and saw a big dark shadow and got caught in the net of Tataraimaka. They cried for their mother but Tane was out that day and saw the fish caught in the net and he went over and snatched the net out of Tataraimaka's hand and threw the net with the fish in it into the sky and the fish turned into the seven Matariki stars.

By Jorja

*“The Government's national road safety plan has identified the need for safer speed limits around all schools by the end of 2027. In response to this, Tararua District Council has developed a proposal to address these required changes within our district. This proposal is now open to community engagement and TDC would love to hear from you.*

*It's crucial for Council to hear your thoughts and opinions on these proposed changes. As the local governing body, Tararua District Council is responsible for overseeing all roads in our district, excluding state highways. Therefore, please note that these proposals do not include speed changes on state highways. Waka Kotahi/NZ Transport Agency, will handle those changes separately at a later date.*

*An information flyer detailing the changes to the proposed speeds around our school will be sent home and also available at the office. If you would like to make a comment on the proposal, please fill out the feedback form and return it to the office.*

*Your feedback will be taken into consideration by Council's elected members. They will carefully review your input and make the final decision regarding these proposed changes. Once a decision has been reached, the interim plan will be sent to Waka Kotahi/NZ Transport Agency for certification. TDC aims to implement the first phase of these changes by June 2024.*

*We encourage you to take this opportunity to make a difference in ensuring the safety of our school community and the wider district.*

*Thank you for your involvement and support in making our roads safer for everyone.*

*For more information visit the TDC website [www.tararua.govt.nz/saferspeedsproposal](http://www.tararua.govt.nz/saferspeedsproposal) or follow Tararua District Council on Facebook.”*

## **BOT UPDATE**

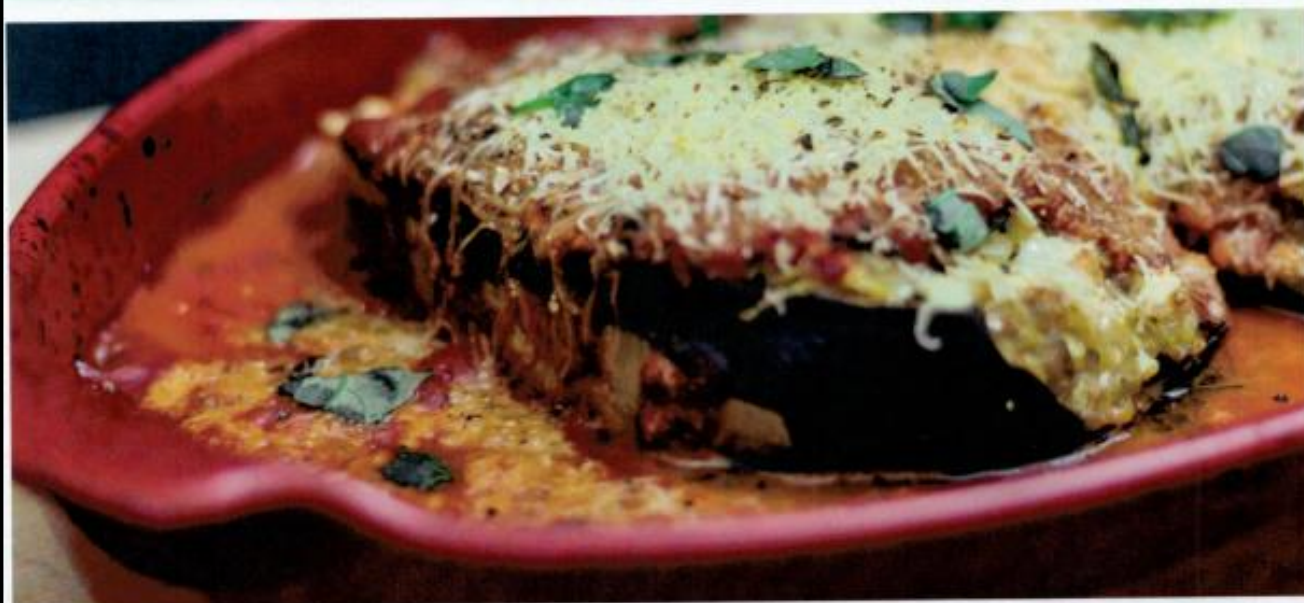
**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 3.30pm

## **ASCA**

ASCA meeting Tuesday 25th July, 7.30pm Huia Room.

# Cheap & Easy Meal Making

## Starting Wednesday 2nd August



Build your confidence in the kitchen and develop skills to cook nutritious meals at home.

**Code:** #WAI-41796  
**Dates:** Wednesday Mornings, 2nd August - 23rd August (4-weeks)  
**Times:** 10:00am - 12:00noon  
**Cost:** \$0 Fully subsidised by REAP Wairarapa & Tararua Community Services

**Venue:** Pahiatua Marae Kitchen, Riccarton Road, Pahiatua  
**Tutors:** Mary Bollard & Emma Elliot

**To Enrol:** Online: [www.reapwairarapa.nz/cheap-easy-meals/](http://www.reapwairarapa.nz/cheap-easy-meals/)  
Phone: 0800WAIREAP

**Enrol by:** 26 July - Class numbers are small. Enrol now so you don't miss out.

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