

### Term Dates 2012

**Term 1** :31 January—5 April 2012

School closed Monday 6 February for Waitangi Day

**Term 2** :23 April –29 June 2012

School Closed 25 April for ANZAC Day

School Closed 4 June for Queens Birthday

**Term-3:** 16 July-28 September

**Term 4:** 15 October-14 December

School closed 22 October for Labour Day

### Important Dates for your Diary

2 February	BOT meeting 7.30pm Staffroom
6 February	School Closed Waitangi Day
8 February	Mix & Mingle Evening 5.30pm-7pm Lower playground
22 February	Camp Meeting 6pm
29/1/2 March	Y7/8 Camp
15 March	Fashion Show @ Meow
24 March	Aro Valley Market Day
30 March	Race Relations Day
5 April	End of Term 1



### News from the Principal's Desk

#### *Nga mihi ki a koutou - Greetings to you all*

Tena tatou katoa e te whanau. Dobar dahn, Nabad, Hola, Ciao, Ni hao, Namaste, Talofa, Bonjour, Konnichiwa, Kia orana

Xin Nian Kuai Le

Happy New Year

Welcome back. A very warm welcome to our new students and their families who joined the Te Aro School whanau this week.

The summer holidays have flown by. I do hope you and your family enjoyed a relaxing break together and found some sun during the festive season or over January. My family and I had our first Christmas at home in eleven years. It was just lovely being out on our deck on Christmas morning soaking up the sun and then enjoying a walk along Island Bay beach before Christmas lunch.

Over the holidays I enjoyed getting out in my garden, reading lots and spending time with both friends and family. I especially enjoyed having my Mum down from Auckland and bringing her up to see the school for the first time.

Over January I read and considered carefully the parent, whanau, staff and student feedback I received at the end of my first term as principal last year. The feedback I received on what we are currently doing well and what we need to strengthen as a school has helped me shape our annual plan and will support the development of the school's next three year strategic plan.

This term is shaping up to be a busy one for us all with most classes booked in for swimming lessons; the seniors going to camp at Camp Kaitoke; and the school community having an increased presence at the Aro Valley Community Centre's March Market Day.

We are having our school assemblies this term on a Friday afternoon at 2.15 pm in Matai. This week however there is no school assembly as there is a meeting planned for each of the school's four houses to elect their house captains.

To get the school year underway we hope you will join us in the lower playground next Wednesday 8 February for a **Meet and Greet** evening with other school families, the staff team and members of the board of trustees. Please bring your picnic dinner or some nibbles and join us between 5.30pm and 7.00pm. Or you may prefer to purchase a sausage, a bowl of salad, some dessert or a drink as part of the senior school's camp fundraising. There will also be two raffles – one for children and one for adults.

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**A BIG part of our city community**

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## News from the Principal's Desk continued

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who have completed all our beginning of the year paper work and have returned it to the school office or to your child's teacher. Thank you too to the families who have sent along a non perishable food item for our emergency supplies.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries that you have about the school or feedback which you would like to share with myself, the staff group and/or the Board of Trustees.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou,

Sue

Tumuaki/Principal



### After School Art Classes

Arsight Term 1 Art Programme

Artsight offers inspiring after school and weekend art classes for kids and teens. Classes include drawing, painting, printmaking, and sculpture and are taught by registered Visual Arts teachers. Classes are held at Toi Poneke, 65 Abel Smith Street. For more information visit [www.artsight.co.nz](http://www.artsight.co.nz) or phone Fiona 3862908 /021786629 or email [Fiona@artsight.co.nz](mailto:Fiona@artsight.co.nz)

### After School Language Clubs

Languages are taught in French, Spanish, Mandarin, German and Italian. For more information please contact Annick Withinshaw 4763098 Or 021462042 or visit [www.lcclubs.co.nz](http://www.lcclubs.co.nz) or [www.teachinglanguages.com.au](http://www.teachinglanguages.com.au)

### Brooklyn Northern United Junior Football Club

#### 2012 Football Registration

Registration for 2012 will be held on Wednesday 15 February 6-8pm at Brooklyn Primary School, Washington Avenue, Brooklyn. For more information please contact Ian Paterson 3841938 or email [ipaterson@clear.net.nz](mailto:ipaterson@clear.net.nz)

### Stationery & Fees Payments

Thank you too all our families who have paid their child's stationery and fees.

Please use internet banking if you are able to— the bank account is detailed on your child's stationery invoice and return the invoice to the school office with *paid via internet* written on it. Receipts will be issued once we have received the bank statements detailing your payments.

### MUSIC LESSONS

#### Piano Lessons

Gabrielle will taking piano lessons again at school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, if you would like your child to have piano lessons please call her 9774839.

#### Encore School of Music

Excellent teachers offering a variety of instruments including piano, singing, bass guitar, drums, clarinet, saxophone, flute, recorder and violin. Also offered are band and music therapy classes. For more information visit [www.encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz](http://www.encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz)

#### Saturday Morning Group Lessons

Fun, exciting, Music Teaching Studio located in Aro Street. Enrolments are now open for 2012 for children interested in learning keyboard in Saturday morning classes. Classes start Saturday 11 February 2012. For more information please phone Chris 93445822/0212363100 or email [chris@aromusiclessons.com](mailto:chris@aromusiclessons.com)

#### Guitar Lessons

Experienced, enthusiastic tutors that come to your house! All practising, professional musicians experienced with beginners. Half hour or whole hour lessons, during term time or holidays. All enquiries to Paddy: [homegroundmusic@gmail.com](mailto:homegroundmusic@gmail.com)

