

TOKOROA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Kia Orana Talofa Lava Greetings

DEAR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS,



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Last week we notified you of staff development relating to the upgrade of First Aid qualifications. Unfortunately we published the wrong date.

This course will be held on Monday 15th June – next Monday. School will finish early at 2 pm on that day.
School will finish at the usual time on Monday 22nd July.

Phil Straw, Principal

BOT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th June at 7pm in the staffroom.

INFLUENZA A (SWINE FLU)

We have had many communications from both the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education regarding this issue. There are simple steps that we need to take to ensure we keep children safe:

- Children with flu or flu-like symptoms should stay home until they are well.
- All families should promote basic hygiene measures:
 - regular hand washing
 - Covering coughs and sneezes
- Students who have travelled overseas to countries with spread of Influenza A should stay at home for a week upon return, even if they have no symptoms.
- Please communicate with school if your child has flu-like symptoms. *You may be asked for more information when ringing in to advise that your child is away.*

As a final request, if a problem arises it could happen very quickly. We need to ensure that our communication to you is well thought out and prepared. Please, if you have changed any contact phone numbers in recent months, contact the school office to ensure we have your correct details. Please also complete the attached data form so we can update our data base before the end of this week.

NETBALL

The Waikato Intermediate Netball was cancelled due to inclement weather.

ELIZABETH DRIVE GATE

Police have been checking the speed and parking outside our back gate. Please help us to keep all children safe by driving with extra care near this exit and parking well clear off the yellow lines. It is my understanding that a number of tickets were issued last week.

SCHOOL SOCIAL

The first of this year's socials will be held on Wednesday 24th June from 7pm – 9.30 pm.

Socials are by teacher invitation only. Only those invited will be allowed to attend. Social invitations are given to children who have worked hard and kept out of trouble. Social invites **must** be fully completed, with parent/caregivers signature, contactable phone number and details of with whom the student is going home. Without completed invitations children will not be allowed in. Invites will be collected on arrival. These will be used to check children leaving with the nominated caregiver at the end of the social.

Please encourage children to name any jackets.

A suitable standard of dress is expected. This will have been discussed in classes.

Children also need to ensure that they comply with the following before they are eligible for an invite:

- Paper fees / NIE fees are paid.
- Library books are handed in or lost books paid for.
- Children will also have had to pay for any lost/damaged atlases or dictionaries.
- Children with dyed hair will not be eligible.

Please note that the doors for the social will only open at 7 pm. Please do not send children too early.

The school gate will be open 30 minutes before the end of the social so that parents can come in the **back gate (Elizabeth Drive)** to collect. Children **MUST** be collected from inside the school hall.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

These will take place on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th June 2009.

At mid-year we combine the issuing of a midyear report with parent interview. A special newsletter will be issued next week detailing the system. Please respond promptly.

While we endeavour to organise interviews to suit parents we must operate on a 'first in – first choice' basis.

As interviews start at 2.30 pm, school will finish at 2.00 pm on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th June to enable teachers to make the necessary preparations for their interviews.