

TOKOROA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Term 1 - No. 6



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Kia Ora Kia Orana Talofa Lava Greetings

SETTLING IN REPORTS

These will be sent home with students to all parents tomorrow (Thursday). The Settling in Reports are **not** academic reports. They indicate how well each child has settled into Intermediate this year. They do give each parent or the teacher the opportunity to communicate if necessary over the child. Please read them and talk with your child about the report and, if necessary, contact your child's teacher.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

School will be closed for these holidays:

Good Friday 21st March

Easter Monday 24th March

Easter Tuesday 25th March.

School will restart at 8.50 am on Wednesday 26th March.



EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE

The Education Review Office will visit Tokoroa Intermediate in the first week of Term 2. This visit is the scheduled tri-annual visit and part of the normal review cycle. The review team will be lead by Adrienne Fowler from the Hamilton ERO office.

CELIA LASHLIE / NORM HEWITT VISIT

Celia and Norm visited us last week and worked with our students in their ongoing conversations to help our children to 'fulfil their dreams'.

They had a small turnout for the parent / community meeting, but they did stress they will be back at least once per term in 2008 and look forward to meeting with more members of our community.

SHORT DAYS



If the lunchtime is shortened by half an hour because of wet weather, school will finish at 2:40p.m. If parents want to know whether or not we are finishing early, please **phone 886 0804 after 12:15p.m.**

BOT MEETING

The next meeting is on Wednesday 19th March at 7 pm in the staffroom. Agenda will be available from the office on Monday, 19th March.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as House Captains for 2008:

Cobham

Isaac Nicholson, Rm 8

Jacob Draper, Rm 19

Tyler Draper, Rm 14

Gabrielle Mapstone, Rm 14

Freyberg

Daniel Ria, Rm 8

Kody Boyce, Rm 8

Kelcy Dale, Rm 19

Catherine Dean, Rm 5

Grey

Corban Brown, Rm 6

Billy Manthey, Rm 8

Sinoti Levao, Rm 4

Kasey Jones, Rm 8

Hobson

Tyrin Stuart, Rm 2

Anton Milnes, Rm 6

Bayley McIntosh, Rm 5

Jodie Bryant, Rm 5

SOUTHERN UNITED RFC JUNIOR PLAYERS

Weigh-ins and registrations:

Wed 12th March, 5pm - 7 pm

Sat 15th March 10 am - 12 pm

At S.U.R.F. Clubrooms, Mossop Road

Minimum age 5 years. Subs to be paid on registration, please. \$20.00 single, \$30.00 family (2 or more).

New players to be accompanied by parent/caregiver for registration purposes.

For information please contact Rose Steele, Chairperson, Ph 886 4537

TALKING POLES

Room 12 (2007) produced a detailed booklet on the talking poles. A copy of this was presented to Mark Burton at the closing of the carving symposium last Saturday.

Our thanks and congratulations to all the children involved and to Mrs Long.

WAIKATO CRICKET

Yesterday a team travelled to Hamilton to play in the Waikato Intermediate Schools Cricket Competition.

We lost our first game by a substantial amount of runs, but Kyle Ferguson (3 for 13) and Joseph Manu (3 for 19) bowled well. The second game was much closer with Kyle again bowling well (1 for 7) and Brian Turia (2 for 17). Anton Milnes batted extremely well having to retire for 30.

The third game was a nail biter – we needed 2 runs off the last ball for a draw and 3 runs for a win. Connor Wood took on the challenge and hit an awesome 4, giving us the win and him a total of 24. Josh Reichenbach scored a valuable 23.

The boys all enjoyed the day and showed excellent sportsmanship and behaviour. Nathan Belfield worked hard at wicket keeper and some excellent catches were taken in the field.

Many thanks to Larry Sullivan for coaching the boys 2 afternoons a week, driving the van and umpiring. Thanks to Brett McMullen for providing transport and to Josh Reichenbach's whanau for their support and encouragement.

The boys who travelled to Hamilton were:

Anton Milnes, Kyle Ferguson, Logan Flavell, Joshua Reichenbach, Nathan Belfield, Isaac Nicholson, Brian Turia, Connor Wood, Bryce McMullen, Kashon Walker, Curtis Pumphry, Hamuera Lee, Isaac Tiro and Joseph Manu.

Cath MacPherson – Teacher in Charge of Cricket



ACHIEVING POTENTIAL SEMINARS

For High Ability Students at Selwyn College, Kohimarama, Auckland.

3-day course for juniors (Years 4 – 6):

Tuesday 22nd to Thursday 24th April

3-day course for seniors (Years 7-10)

Monday 28th to Wednesday 30th April.

For further information contact the organiser Jean Henty-Harris, Ph. 09-5850111 or 021 389448, e-mail:

info@holidayseminars.co.nz

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND

Are holding meetings for families interested in their housing programme in Putaruru, Tirau, Tokoroa on Tuesday, 18th March at 1.30 pm and 7 pm at Friendship House, Baptist Church, Arapuni Street, Putaruru.

Open to all families who are interested in owning their own home on a no interest and no profit basis. To receive your application form for a Habitat home you need to attend one of these meetings (if couple, both must attend – no children please). Further information on Ph 07 846 2226.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL – REMINDER

It is important parents/guardians are familiar with the policy on 'Administering Medication at School'. Some of the requirements included in the Policy are:



1. All medicine required to be taken at school must be in the original container stating type, dose and frequency, name of patient and doctor.
2. All parents/guardians supplying medication to be taken at school must fill out a form stating that they have requested the school to administer it on their behalf.
3. All medicine must be taken in the Sick Bay under the supervision of a 'specified staff' member and it must not be taken away by the student.

Policies are put in place to protect students as well as staff. Both parents and staff need to ensure the medication is provided to students who need it and that they get the correct dosage at the right time. As well, it is important that medication of any form is not available to students for whom it is not prescribed.

TUI GLEN HORSE RIDING CAMPS

Camp A from 21st March (5 days)

Camp B from 20th April (5 to 7 days)

Camp C from 27th April (5 to 7 days)

Suitable for 9 years and up and especially intermediate and secondary school students.

Registrations now open. Ph 07 323 6457 or 027 4477 957

e-mail: tuiglenincorporate@xtra.co.nz

ATTENDANCE

In last week's newsletter I printed some suggestions on how parents can help their children succeed at school. One of the points was, **attend school regularly**. This is an important factor in student learning. Unfortunately some parents don't always realise how important it is.

Unless a student is sick or there is a family bereavement, students must attend school. Reasons such as shopping, looking after younger brothers or sisters, visiting relatives, it is too wet or cold, etc are not acceptable.

We carry out roll checks every morning and parents are contacted if we are not informed of the reason for the absence. If we are unable to contact parents the South Waikato District Truancy Service visits the homes.

We see attendance at school as extremely important. If a child is away for a day, it is not only the learning that occurs on that day they miss out on, but often learning on subsequent days.

I would like to thank those parents who contact the school when their child is absent. We request all parents do this.