

TOKOROA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Kia Orana Talofa Lava Greetings

NEW PERIMETER FENCE

Many visitors to our school will notice the new perimeter fence being installed around Tokoroa High School. As we share the same site there is an effect on our grounds as well. Like Tokoroa High School we look forward to the safety advantages that this fencing provides to our students and to our property, particularly out of school hours. It will be pleasing to spend funds on student learning rather than repairs to property relating to incidental vandalism.

There will need to be some changes to the way we operate. I would ask that if you are attending meetings outside of school hours that the Elizabeth Drive gate is used.

Teachers of classes away on EOTC returning late will advise you if the main gates will be open. Please read all information from class teachers very carefully. As we work through the issues relating to access with the High School we will keep you informed through the newsletter.

We still anticipate that our school community will support us in keeping the environment safe. Remember, if you see any suspicious activity or untoward behaviour, please contact the Tokoroa Police.

Phil Straw, Principal

ATHLETICS



Athletics Sports will be held tomorrow, Wednesday 12th November – first event starts at 9am. Parents are encouraged to visit and support their child/children.

SCHOOL SHOES / SANDALS

We have put some slight changes to the uniform policy to the Board of Trustees to consider. The aim of these changes is to help parents by clarifying the situation regarding school shoes and sandals. This has come about due to the wide range of shoes/sandals that are appearing. It is proposed that this change will be effective from the beginning of the new school year (2009). The proposed new policy is attached to this newsletter.

SHORT DAYS



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

after 12:15p.m.

ATTENDANCE

As you will be aware Tokoroa Intermediate School is part of a district wide drive to improve school attendance.

Thank you to those parents who contact the school when their child is absent – it certainly helps us.

We have noticed a trend for attendance being significantly lower on Mondays and Fridays.

Please help us to help your child by ensuring they are at school on time every day unless there is a legitimate reason for them to be away. Please remember that the first requirement for children to learn at school is that they must be there. Unless a child is sick or there is a family bereavement, then they should be at school. Thank you for your support in this area.



LIFE EDUCATION

We have been lucky to have the Life Education caravan visit our school over recent weeks. Each class will have completed three visits to discuss very

important aspects of health education and hopefully you will have taken the time to discuss these with your child. The Year 8 programme entitled "From the Shadows" dealt with the affects of drugs and alcohol on the developing adolescent and the Year 7 programme entitled "Making Choices" was a lead into the Year 8 programme.

We would like to thank the Life Education Trust for their work in providing this programme and in particular our Life Education teacher, Shelly who has fitted into Tokoroa Intermediate School and worked hard to help our students.

BOT MEETING

The next BOT Meeting will be held next Wednesday, 19th November at 7pm in the staffroom.

TERM 4 DATES

18 th November	Waikato Cricket
19 th November	BOT Meeting
20 th November	Mufti Day
02 nd December	Waikato Intermediate Athletics
03 rd December	Year 6 Orientation pm
	Year 8 FVHS Orientation pm
05 th December	Speeches
08 th December	Social Year 7
09 th December	Social Year 8
16 th December	Prize Giving / Reports given out
17 th December	Last Day of Term 4