

TOKOROA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Kia Orana Talofa Lava Greetings

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I have been very impressed with the way most students have settled into school, especially students who are attending for the first time.

During the first six weeks of the year, students sit a number of tests. These help teachers identify not only the students' levels, but also help them plan programmes to cater for their learning needs. Some of the tests are part of the Ministry's Planning and Reporting requirements. Our school will set targets in English and Maths and by testing all students during the year, will be able to determine whether we meet our targets. There will be further information for parents on targets during the year.

Phil Straw
PRINCIPAL

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A warm welcome to all those families returning and new families as we start this year. Like always, we are hoping that the children settle early and we will be looking after their learning in a safe and settled atmosphere.

Rick Rudolph
Board of Trustees Chairperson

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE PLAN

Attached to today's newsletter is the School's Discipline Plan, which is a Board of Trustee Policy. It is important parents, as well as students, know what our Discipline Plan involves.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

Tuesday, 19 February at 7:30p.m. in the hall. This meeting will provide the opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher and to find out about this year's Education Outside the Classroom Programme, other school programmes (Special Needs, Reading Tutors, Extension Programmes, School Targets).

BULLYING

We are endeavouring to reduce and, if possible, eliminate bullying.

We want students to feel safe and enjoy school. We will speak to all students about bullying at our assembly and will continue to re-visit this topic on a regular basis. If your child is being bullied, he/she needs to let the class teacher know so appropriate action can be taken. Students have been told this. If you find your child is being bullied and has not reported it, please let either Brian Fisher or Jan Stobie (Deputy Principals) or me know about it.

STUDENTS DETAILS

Forms have been sent home for you to correct or complete students' and caregivers' details. We would appreciate these being sent back to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. It is important to make sure all our records are accurate and up to date, especially if we need to contact parents/guardians in an emergency.

JEWELLERY, HAIR, UNIFORM

The school Board has made the following statements:

Jewellery – "The only jewellery that can be worn to school is a watch, signet ring, taonga and, children with pierced ears, a maximum of two studs. With taonga they must be worn inside school uniforms".

Hair – "Schools are not the venue for showing off the latest fashion and from time to time the Board of Trustees will advise parents of fashion which is not acceptable. Hair must be the student's natural colour and not have accessories which are a safety concern or make a fashion statement in it". Children who ignore this policy do run the risk of missing out on socials, sports trips, etc.

Mrs Stobie and Mr Fisher (our Deputy Principals) will be starting checks shortly. Please assist us by ensuring these rules are adhered to.

Unless there are special circumstances all students must follow the uniform policy. If special circumstances do exist please contact the Principal, Mr Straw, or the Deputy Principals, Mrs Stobie for Year 8 students or Mr Fisher for Year 7 students, to discuss the matter. We would appreciate your co-operation.

SWIMMING SPORTS

The school swimming sports were held today at the town pools. Results will be published next week.

STUDENT ABSENCES



If your child is away from school, we would appreciate a phone call as we carry out absence checks every day and use the services of Tokoroa Truancy Service. Our school is working with the Ministry of Education on an initiative to reduce absenteeism. There will be further details of this in future newsletters.

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.**

CANTEEN PRICES

Listed are the canteen prices. Students order their lunch in their classroom as soon as they arrive at school.

Chicken Noodles	\$ 1.80
Quiche	\$ 2.10
Mince & Cheese Pie	\$ 2.10
Potato Top Pie	\$ 2.10
Sausage Roll	\$ 1.00
Mince Bite	\$ 1.20
Mince & Cheese Bite	\$ 1.20
Potato Top Bite	\$ 1.20
Hot Dog with tomato sauce	\$ 2.00
Hot Dog with mustard sauce	\$ 2.20
Rapperz Hawaiian	\$ 1.80
Volcanoes	\$ 1.50
Murphies	\$ 1.50
Hawaiian Pizza	\$ 1.50
Muffins	\$ 1.00
Calcium Milk Drinks	\$ 1.20
Juicy	\$.60
Fruit Drink	\$ 1.50

PIANO PLAYER

The school operetta will be in the 3rd term this year. The operetta is the Musical "Dazzle", a space odyssey. We are looking for a piano player who will be able to help with the production during lunch times and to play for the performances. If you are able to help in any way, please can you contact the school?
Many thanks, Ron Creigh-Smith



BOT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 20th February at 7.30 pm in the staffroom.

NETBALL FOR 2008



It's that time of the year again. We will be starting trials in week 5 and will need coaches and managers to help make our netball season successful. Please contact the school if you can help out and watch out for netball notices coming your way soon.

Brady Sheck, *Teacher in Charge of Netball*

SCHOOL PHOTOS

These will be taken on Tuesday, 4th March. Envelopes and information for ordering will be sent out before this date.

PIANO TEACHER

Paul Bowers-Mason visits the school to give piano lessons. If you would like your child to receive private tuition with him, please ring him at 883 8116 or 027 364 9274.

JOIN IN THE FUN WITH THE CADET CORPS

The Tokoroa Squadron of the Air Training Corps is offering 13-15 year olds the chance of fun, excitement and travel with the Corps in 2008.

You start by attending Tuesday night activities at 6.30 pm until 9.00 pm to get bush-craft, firearms safety and team skills. Then use these skills at weekend activities with other Cadets.

Contact Pilot Officer Peter Treanor on 886 5516 in the evenings or call into the Unit on Tuesday evenings from 6.30 pm at Princess Beatrix Avenue, Tokoroa (opposite the YMCA).

SQUADRON CAMP AND RANGE SHOOT

The 34 (Tokoroa) Squadron Air Training Corps is inviting 13-15 year olds to join the Corps and attend a weekend training camping from Friday evening, 29th February to Sunday 2nd March 2008. Activities include live rifle shooting, hiking, navigation and using ration packs. The cost is \$25 per person.

Preparation prior for this camp involves enlisting in the Corps and attending each Tuesday night at 6.30 pm until 9.15 pm from 12 February to develop bush-craft, firearms safety and team skills.

Contact Pilot Officer Peter Treanor on 886 5516 in the evenings or call into the Unit on Tuesday, 12th February from 6.30 pm at Princess Beatrix Avenue (opposite the YMCA), Tokoroa.