

TOKOROA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Greetings

YEAR 7 VISION SCREENING

Vision Hearing Technicians from Community Services will be visiting our school on Thursday, 18th June. The objective of the visit is to identify previously undetected vision defects. All Year 7 students will be screened. If any parents/caregivers do not want their child to be checked, or if their child is currently under specialist care for a vision defect, they should let the school know.

RELIEF CLEANER VACANCY

We have a vacancy for the position of a relief cleaner. Work would involve cleaning classrooms from 3:10 p.m. to 5:50 p.m. approximately whenever one of our permanent cleaners is absent. Please phone Brian Fisher, Deputy Principal, if interested.

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 like regular hand washing and 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. Last week we sent out forms with the contact details for your child for you to update. If you have not returned this form, please do this asap. If you have not received one, please contact the school office.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES ADVICE ON SWINE FLU

With term holidays approaching and a number of families planning to travel, both overseas and around NZ Tokoroa Intermediate School is aware of the threat posed by the swine flu epidemic, particularly the risk posed by travellers returning as potential carriers. At this stage, the Ministry of Health's advice is that if staff and students are well and

symptom free after returning from an affected area overseas, they can return to school and do not need to remain at home for any period after arriving back in the country, or back to the home town/city. However, this may change in the coming weeks and families need to plan for this possibility. The risk is that if an infected student returns to school and is in contact with other students and staff for even a day, Tokoroa Intermediate School could be closed for a week. The school board asks you to carefully monitor your family's health closely as you return from overseas, or your trip within New Zealand, and if there are even the slightest flu symptoms, do not send your son or daughter back to school until you have first telephoned to check with your doctor, or alternatively check through the MOH Healthline 0800 611 116.

PARENT INTERVIEWS / REPORTS

Interview dates are Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th June. School will finish at 2 pm on both days. Interviews start at 2.30 pm.

Before the end of the week your child will bring a form home for you to complete, requesting an interview. Please return this form to school as soon as possible. Teachers will book interview times on a first come – first served basis and you will receive a letter confirming your interview time. You will also receive a sample report along with an explanation page to help you appreciate your child's efforts for 2009.

BOT MEETING

The next meeting will be held tonight at 7pm in the staffroom.

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. 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.