

TOKOROA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Kia Orana Talofa Lava Greetings

REPORTING/PARENT INTERVIEWS WEEK 9

By now you should have a letter outlining the procedure for arranging your interim report interview. Please return the time request slip as soon as possible as interviews will be allocated on a first in first served basis.

Remember that your child's education is a partnership between the school, the child and you as parent or caregiver. To give the child the best opportunity to be successful all parties must contribute. As such we want children to be at the report interview to hear what is being said and to contribute to the future actions that may be required.

These points below will assist to make this a successful time for all:

- Arrive early, read the reports that have been handed to you (15 minutes before the interview).
- Please ensure other children are not at the interview, it is a short time and we would like the focus to be on the student concerned.
- Come prepared to listen and to contribute, the judgements made are interim, teachers have known your child only for a short period of time. Their comments are made based on the first seven weeks at school. The aim is to begin / continue the conversation with you to help your child make the most of his/her educational opportunities at Tokoroa Intermediate School.
- Remember, these reports are only relating to the curriculum areas of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Teachers will share ideas relating to effort and attitude orally. The mid-year report will cover these aspects and other curriculum areas in more detail.
- The interview is of 15 minutes duration, please do not be offended if you are asked to contact the teacher to arrange a further time.

The role of:

1. The teacher:

- Will share the report with the parent and student.
- Will seek the student's and parents' thoughts on aspects of the report.
- Will assist with the setting of realistic next steps and home/school tasks.

2. The student:

- To share honest thoughts and reflections about their work so far in 2010.
- To help set / acknowledge the next step in learning and to commit to these and the home tasks.

3. The parent:

- To listen positively, to encourage and support the child.
- To help set and agree to realistic next steps and home tasks.

This is an official school event and students need to be in correct uniform.

SCHOOL UNIFORM & SAFETY

Please note that students are required to wear full school uniform to and from school as well as at school. We have had several reports of students (particularly girls) changing into mufti clothing on the side of the road after school. I am sure I don't need to point out the dangers of this to you as parents. Please help us to keep our students safe. Remember – no child needs to bring any mufti clothing to school.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

We are looking for parents, grandparents, families or friends who would be willing to assist with the sewing of costumes. Nothing fancy will be required. If you have a sewing machine and are able to help us we would be very grateful. Please ring the office and leave your contact details.

STUDENT LEADERS ANNOUNCED

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

Cobham

Dionne Treadaway
Sophie Goodhue

Jayme Walker
Conal Parker

Freyberg

Jessica Nicholson
Brooke Sullivan

Ryan Coxon
Nathan Stead

Grey

Chloe Punton
Braiden Allen-Vano

Andre Ashton-Duyvestyn
Cody Chesterman

Hobson

Stacey Gurr
Katarina Hodgson

Sasha Te Whare
Matthew Bullock

WAIKATO INTERMEDIATE CRICKET

The Inter Intermediate Cricket Competition was held last Thursday. The team played three games in the C grade. Each game was 15 overs. The boys were successful against Melville with Ryan Coxon retiring, not out making 30 while the team won by 14 runs. The team later was heavily defeated by both Peachgrove and Berkley, regular Saturday competing teams.

A special thank you to Gavin Coxon for his umpiring skills.

Vicki Petherick, Teacher in Charge of Cricket

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION 2010

STRONG LEADERS MAKE STRONG SCHOOLS

Trustees are active leaders in our schools and we need more people willing to use their skills and experiences for the benefit of students. Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can be nominated for election.

Trustees have an important role supporting strong professional leadership and effective teaching for all students through informed governance.

Trustees:

- Work with the principal and consult with staff, students and the community.
- Set the educational goals and strategic direction of the school.
- Monitor progress and let parents know how the school is progressing against annual targets and how well students are achieving.
- Decide how the school's funding will be spent.
- Select the school's principal and support the development of all staff.
- Oversee the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.

Are you interested in becoming a Board of Trustee member?

For more information please contact Phil Straw or any board member on Ph 886 7687

Don't forget - if you are interested in becoming a trustee, you are welcome to attend Board Meetings. The next one will be held tonight at 7pm in the staffroom. Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

The following dates have been set for the Board of Trustees Election:

Closing of Roll:	7 th April (noon)
Closing of Supplementary Roll:	21 st April (noon)
Closing of Nominations:	23 rd April (noon)
Closing of Poll:	7 th May (noon)

Nomination forms have been posted. Extra forms are available from the school office.

NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive our newsletters on e-mail please contact the school office on 886 7687 or send an e-mail to office@tokoroa.school.nz

SELF REFERRAL CLINIC

Tokoroa Intermediate is offering a Student Health Clinic on Tuesday afternoons during school terms.

The purpose of the clinic is primarily one of providing young people with a space at school where they can safely and privately ask questions about things that are bothering them. Students will be able to access the clinic by making a booking through the school office. Parents wanting advice about their child's health and development are also welcome to book an appointment.

WINTER UNIFORM

The end of the first term is not very far away. At the beginning of Term 2 students are required to be in winter uniform. There is a two-week change-over-period.

Winter uniform is as follows:

Boys

- white roll neck skivvy or white polo type short sleeved shirt
- grey summer shorts or grey winter shorts
- plain black leather lace up shoes (not track shoes) and grey socks with two red bands

Girls

- Grey skirt or culottes in same pattern as the summer uniform
- White roll neck skivvy or white polo type short sleeved shirt
- Plain black leather lace up shoes (not track shoes) and plain white socks (above ankle, below knee)

Optional for boys and girls

- Red and grey wet weather track suit, available from the school for \$115.00 (jackets \$75.00, pants \$40.00, can be purchased separately)
- Red V-neck woollen/acrylic jersey
- School monogrammed red polar fleece top as supplied by Tokoroa Men's and Boys' Wear.

Watermelon Pop Stars

Summer Recipe 2

Try these **Watermelon Pop Stars** to keep you cool over summer!

Ingredients:

- Watermelon
- Star shaped cookie cutter
- Popsicle sticks

Method:

1. Use a cookie cutter to cut juicy star shapes from 1 inch thick slices of seedless watermelon.
2. Insert a popsicle stick into each star, then set the pops on an aluminium foil-lined baking sheet.
3. Cover the stars with another sheet of foil and freeze for 1 hour or until firm.

Alternative: You could also try other fruit like pineapple, kiwifruit or mango to make your pop stars

