

TOKOROA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Term 1 - No.9



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Kia Ora Kia Orana Talofa Lava Greetings

SEXUALITY EDUCATION

The Sexuality Education Programme for our students starts at the beginning of Term 2. Parents who wish to have their children withdrawn from class must write to the school requesting that their child is withdrawn for the six lessons.

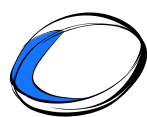
Please ensure that these written requests for withdrawing a students are at the school office no later than Thursday, 9th April.

The withdrawal is for all six lessons; if withdrawn, your child will be required to attend a peered classroom for that lesson. Parents need to understand that on return to their own classroom their may be wall displays, questions etc. that are related to the topic.

If you indicated in the recent survey that you intended not to have your child in this programme, please ensure you still write a letter stating this.

Phil Straw
Principal

WAIKATO INTERSCHOOL TOUCH COMPETITION



On Wednesday 25th March two teams represented our school at the Waikato Interschool Touch Championships. The boys' team placed second in their pool, which enabled them to play in the semi finals. They defeated Matamata in the semi final but lost 3-2 to Peachgrove Intermediate in the final.

The girls' team placed second equal in their pool with two other schools. They missed out on a semi final berth, on a countback of tries scored.

Both teams played very well, their behaviour was excellent and they were proud ambassadors for our school.

Thank you to all the parents who came to support us, especially Mr Nicholas, who was our team referee. Many thanks to Mr Vano for coaching the boys and Mr O'Rourke for coaching the girls.

The teams were:

Girls: Theresa Downey, Leonie Nugroho, Leteesha Dixon, Paris John, Shardaine Wairua, Faith Tai, Dhalear Matthews, Dionne Treadaway, Sheree Treadaway-Hale, Jemma Maraku, Chevell Heke, Chantae Jenkins.

Boys: Chey Riki-Hamana, Hamuera Lee, Malik Vano, Taina Nicholas, Joseph Manu, Nick Redwood, Phayde Daniels, Tyro Hewett, Weyan Hewett, Thomas Ria, Tipene Hansen, O'Neill Zammit.

Written by Theresa Downey & Leonie Nugroho

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.

HEAD LICE

A case of head lice has been reported in one of our classes. Please be aware and check your child's head and treat if necessary. If you need any information about head lice and their treatment, please contact the school office. We have a pamphlet available.

SAFETY AT OUR GATES



Please help us keep our students safe before and after school. The Elizabeth Drive entrance is becoming a hazard for students.

Please ensure that cars are parked away from the gateway and clear of the yellow no parking lines. We have stipulated that students crossing the road must use the crossing but lately our students are putting themselves in danger / being put in danger firstly by crossing Elizabeth Drive in places other than the crossing and secondly by cars that continue to stop across the driveway or on the yellow lines.

Please keep clear of these areas and insist your child crosses at the pedestrian crossing.

We have requested that police patrol that area at key times.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Hamuera Lee on being appointed as a House Captain for Grey House and to Eteta Anthony on her appointment as PE shed leader.

JUNIOR SQUASH

Starting Monday 27th April 2009 at the Tokoroa Squash Club, cnr of SH1 & East Parkdale Street. Non-marking shoes essential. Some rackets available. Beginners welcome – 2 attendances permitted before subs due. Come and give it a go! Times: 8-10 years & beginners 4pm start, 11-18 years: please attend at 5pm for grading into coaching groups. Contact Theo Duyvestyn Ph 886 5149 or Brett McMullen Ph 886 5055 for further details.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

All visitors to our school must report to the school office. If you wish to get a message, lunch or other items to students during class time, please leave it with the office. Office staff will call your child over at the next break to pick up the item or to receive the message. If you do need to see your child as the matter is urgent, please ask the office staff to bring your child to the administration area to see you. This is important so that classes are not disrupted.

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.**

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 South Waikato District Truancy Service.

PACIFIC RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

Junior Grades training for U7 – U15's at Strathmore School on Wed, 1 April at 4.30pm. All new players are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Maree Hawkins on 886 0755 or 027 515 8186.

SOUTHERN UNITED RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Southern United Rugby Football Club will hold its final weigh in for the JAB section for grades eleven for ages 9-10 years old, eight for ages 7-8 years old and six for ages 6-5 years-old on Saturday April 4 between 10am - 12pm at the S.U.R.F clubrooms.

\$20 registration fee per player or \$30 for a family of two or more

For further information please contact S.U.R.F Club J.A.B Committee Chairperson, Rose Steele on 886 4537.

WINTER SPORTS – FAIR PLAY CHARTER

Winter sports teams are preparing for the winter season, which – for most – starts at the beginning of next term. Our netball, hockey and soccer teams have had trials and a number of these teams are already practising. It is pleasing to see so many students actively involved in after school and Saturday sports competitions.

I would like to thank parents who are assisting with coaching and managing some of our school teams. Also to those parents who come along to practices or games to watch.

During the year we will report on the success and progress of our school sports teams. As a school we have a "Fair Play Charter" which is a code of conduct players and supporters must abide by. This enables all children who play sport to enjoy it and develop a positive attitude towards it.



AWARDS

Tokoroa Intermediate School has as part of its Behaviour Management Policy a range of awards. McDonalds / Achievement Awards: these are awarded weekly at Friday's assembly to students. These awards recognise students who have made a particular achievement during the week and are published weekly with the newsletter. Each class will also have its own ways of rewarding positive work / behaviour. At the end of each term we also issue Deputy Principal's and Principal's Awards. These special certificates recognise children for their efforts over the longer time frame.