

TOKOROA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Kia Orana Talofa Lava Greetings

DEAR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS,

As you are aware attendance at school is a very high priority. In simple terms - you have to be at school to engage in the learning.

We regularly remind parents of this responsibility via our newsletter and I would like to highlight the issue again today. There are two major issues we are aware of at the moment:

1. As winter is on us we notice attendance slips on the wet days.
2. We find that many parents are making decisions about attendance for what the Ministry of Education terms 'unjustified' reasons. Some of these are: going shopping, family members visiting, lack of a part of the uniform, getting up late.

Lateness is also an issue. School starts at 8.50 am and most students arrive at approx. 8.30 am. A significant group of students are regularly late, the most common excuses being 'slept in' or 'had to go to town to get lunch'. Please help us help your child with their learning by getting children to school **every day on time** unless they are sick.

Phil Straw, Principal

SCHOOL FEES

A reminder that any unpaid school donations (\$50.00 per pupil, \$45.00 per pupil if two children attend) will be gratefully received and that outstanding paper fees (\$5.00 per child) need to be paid to ensure your child is eligible for a social invite.

The majority of the school donation is used for Technology resources. This means that instead of students having to bring eggs, cheese, bacon etc before they can cook, the school provides all the ingredients.

Similarly in Materials: instead of students having to bring money to pay for their wood / materials before they start a project, all materials are provided by the school.

BOT MEETING

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

YOUTH CONCERT

Free youth concert tonight at 7pm by Excel Performing Arts at Vision Church (former Apostolic Church), cnr Thompson St & Maraetai Road (finish at 8 pm).

CULTURAL FUNDRAISER

Tomorrow, Thursday 21st May Forest View High School will be hosting an Art and Cultural night featuring Polinetia Fa'atasi, Stage Challenge 2009 crew and the Rockquest Bands. There will also be a static art display in the foyer.

All proceeds from the night will be going to support the year and the Stage Challenge Crew who will be performing in Rotorua in the last week of May.

It starts at 7pm sharp in the FVHS auditorium. Entry is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children 12 years and under.

Bring all the family for a great night out. We would love to see you there.

TURF HOCKEY



The Turf Hockey team had their first game in Rotorua on Friday night. For those who had never played, the turf was a 'daunting' first impression.

However, once the butterflies had settled and were all flying in the same direction, players showed their skills and strengths.

Zak Van den Berg's initiation as goalie saw him save many of Rotorua's scoring attempts.

Jessica Nicholson's first game on the wing showed her prowess for swift running and skilful passing, enabling Theresa Downey to score three goals. The final result was three all.

Many thanks to all the parents who come to support the teams – your presence was greatly appreciated.

The 'Player of the Day Award' went to Theresa Downey.

The team is: Grace Coffin, Ryan Coxon, Theresa Downey, Andre Duyvestyn, Campbell Evans, Bryce McMullen, Rebecca Muir, Taina Nicholas, Jessica Nicholson, Conal Parker, Thomas Ria, Dean Smith-Holley, Zak Van Den Berg and Keegan Willis.

Kitty Moon – Teacher in Charge

NETBALL

The Tokoroa Netball Centre is holding a Year 7/8 development camp this Sunday 24th May from 9.30am to 4.00 pm. Registration for this valuable netball skills based netball camp is \$10. For further information please ring or text Maria on 027 282 4331. The camp will be covering the basics of netball – passing, catching, footwork, defence skills and attack skills. It will suit players of all levels.