

TOKOROA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Kia Orana Talofa Lava Greetings

HEALTH CURRICULUM

During the last two terms we have been carrying out an internal review of our Health Curriculum with particular emphasis on the 'understanding puberty' section.

We have included a review of the school policy and a look at the programme we are delivering – we have made changes to hopefully better meet our students' needs.

The 'understanding puberty' section now consists of six lessons:

Lesson 1:

Introduction, acknowledging embarrassment, establishing ground rules, accepting difference.

Lesson 2:

Hormones, body changes and core needs, health and hygiene issues.

Lesson 3:

(Guest speakers F.P.A., SWPIHC, Raukawa), Learning body parts/names, exploring differences.

Lesson 4:

(Guest speakers F.P.A., SWPIHC, Raukawa), Learning about the internal reproductive system

Lesson 5:

(Guest speakers F.P.A., SWPIHC, Raukawa): Gender specific session – including answering students' questions (these are anonymous questions from question box).

Lesson 6:

Exploring issues, emotions, feelings at puberty.

Lessons 1, 2 & 6 are in the child's own classroom, 3, 4 & 5 are with outside providers as guest speakers. Parents will be able to choose which provider their child attends.

These changes will hopefully place the unit into a more natural and relevant context. I stress that parents have the right to withdraw their child from these lessons (see policy guideline 7). A copy of the complete programme and lesson outlines can be viewed at school. We welcome your feedback.

Phil Straw, Principal

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE

Officers from the review office met with board members to report their draft findings. The review is a positive document at this point with some direction for the future. The contents of the review will be published once the following process is complete:

- 1.) The completed draft report will be with the board in approximately 3-4 weeks.
- 2.) We then have 3 weeks to comment on the document.
- 3.) Once this process is complete the report will be published. – We will place a statement from ERO in our newsletter and republish the ERO website for those interested in seeing the whole report (www.ero.govt.nz).

MUFTI DAY

First Mufti Day will be on Thursday, 29th May.

YEAR 7 VISION SCREENING

Vision Hearing Technicians from Community Services will be visiting our school. The objective of the visit is to identify previously undetected vision defects.

**All Year 7 students will be screened on
Friday 23rd May.**

If any parents/caregivers do not want their child to be checked, or if your child is currently under specialist care for a vision defect, they should let us know.

YEAR 7 IMMUNISATION

The Year 7 immunisations (Boostrix: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis -Whooping Cough-) will take place at the school on the 5th June. The Public Health Nurse will be there from 9 am. Any parent or caregiver is welcome to come along to support their child.

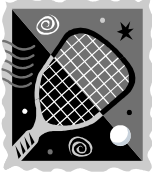
Public Health Nurses:

Maureen Leger, Ph 021 315 647

Raewyn Gavet, Ph 021 227 5388

SQUASH

On Thursday 8th May our school Squash team travelled to Morrinsville to play in the Waikato Inter Intermediate competition. All players were seeded and played 4 games each.



In Boys Division 1 Isaac Nicholson won 3 games and was placed 2nd. Shae Keir played in Boys Division 2. Although he was up against boys many times his size he acquitted himself well, drawing his 4th game.

In the Girls Divisions Kasey Jones and Sarah Hemming both had 3 wins which made them runners up. Overall Tokoroa Intermediate was placed second.

Special mention must be given to the parents who accompanied the team – all four of them! The organiser of the tournament was off sick so these mothers stepped in and greatly assisted with the organisation of the day.

Many thanks to Sue Nicholson, Gail Jones, Brenda Keir and Michele Thornton. Your transport and encouragement were greatly appreciated.

Elaine Long

ATTENDANCE

As you will be aware Tokoroa Intermediate School is part of a district wide drive to improve school attendance. Thank you to those parents who contact the school when their child is absent – it certainly helps us.

We have noticed a trend for attendance to be significantly lower on **Mondays and Fridays**.

Please help us to help your child by ensuring they are at school on time every day unless there is a legitimate reason for them to be away. Please remember that the first requirement for children to learn at school is that they must be there. If a child is away for a day they often miss learning that affects their education on subsequent days. Unless a child is sick or there is a family bereavement, then they should be at school.

Thank you for your support in this area.

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.**



BOT MEETING

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

SCHOOL FEES

A reminder that any unpaid school donations (\$50.00 per pupil, \$45.00 per pupil if two children attend, \$40.00 per pupil if three children attend) will be gratefully received and a reminder 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.

NUMERACY

Maths Professional Development Website:
www.nzmaths.co.nz/Numeracy/ONPD/M1/01.aspx

RADIO RAUKAWA

Every Friday morning two students (usually class councillors) go to Radio Raukawa to speak on air about events occurring at our school.

To hear a roundup of what's happening at Tokoroa Intermediate School tune into 95.7 FM on Friday mornings between 7.30 and 7.45 am.

Come and Join Us!

Do you know a girl who would like to make new friends, have fun and participate in an up-to-date organization that develops life and leisure skills?

If the answer is **YES**
then GirlGuiding has:

Pippins for 5 & 6 year olds

Brownies for 7 to 10 year olds

Guides for 10 to 14 years old

Rangers for 14 to 18 year olds

Leaders over 17 years old



Interested?
Ph Maria
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