

TOKOROA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Kia Orana Talofa Lava Greetings

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Thank you to those parents who responded to the survey about the 'Meet the Teacher' opportunity. Every response has been read and the thoughts raised will be considered for future events.

Phil Straw, Principal

CONDOLENCES

John Pye, the school's caretaker up until January this year, passed away last weekend. On behalf of the whole school community our condolences go to John's family.

2010 BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

The Tokoroa Intermediate School Board of Trustees elections will be held on 7th May 2010. Nominations for Trustees will open on 15th March and close on 23rd April.

Trustees are active leaders in our school and we need more people willing to use their skills and experiences for the benefit of students.

Both parents and people from throughout the wider community can be school trustees. As a member of a school board you can make things happen – you can make a difference.

To find out more information, please contact the school office or any board member:

Rick Rudolph (Chair Person)

Denise Lee (Secretary)

Ross Jones (Treasurer)

Vanessa Palea

Jim Thomas

Ava Gardiner

The next board meeting is on 17th March at 7 pm, interested people are invited to attend.

ROAD SAFETY

The safety of our students on the way to and from school is a major concern. Please talk to your child about safe cycling and walking. Please re-enforce the fact that all road rules must be adhered to. Cycle helmets must be worn correctly, stop signs do mean STOP etc.

TE REO MAORI OPTION

A newsletter has been given to students who wish to join the Te Reo Maori Extension Programme. If your child has not brought home a "Te Reo Maori Option" newsletter and you would like him / her to join, please ask your child to bring home the newsletter or contact the school so we can get one to you.

STATIONERY PRICES

Stationery prices will revert back to normal retail prices as of Monday, 1st March.

DYED HAIR

It has been noticeable that a few students are arriving at school with dyed hair. I would like to remind everyone that school policy states hair needs to be the child's natural colour.

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 Tokoroa Truancy Service. Our school is working with the Ministry of Education on an initiative to reduce absenteeism. There will be further details of this in future newsletters.

SCHOOL IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME 2010

This year public health nurses will be delivering two different vaccinations at Tokoroa Intermediate School; one is for all Year 7 students (Boostrix) the other is for Year 8 girls only (HPV). Children who have attended the information sessions at school will have been given a consent form.

If your child is not being vaccinated at school you still need to fill in the relevant sections with your child's name and details on it and return it to school. **Each child's form must be returned to school.**

The public health nurse at Tokoroa Intermediate is Raewyn Matthew, Ph. 021 227 5388 or 886 0020 ext. 856.

Team Energize Hints!

Keep your lunchbox safe!

Hot summer days can make lunchboxes a dangerous place as it's the perfect growing conditions for bacteria and other nasty bugs.

Keeping your lunchbox cool, especially if it has perishable items in it, will help to reduce the risk of these bugs growing.

Try these tips to reduce your risk:

- Keep your lunchbox out of the sun and in the shade
- Freeze drink bottles and use it as an ice-pack to keep foods cold then enjoy a cold drink at lunch time
- Freeze small yoghurt pottles overnight so it will help to keep foods cold but also be a yummy snack at school.

