

TOKOROA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Term 1 - No. 4



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Kia Ora Kia Orana Talofa Lava Greetings

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Thank you to all those parents/caregivers, who have returned the updated information sheets. This is very important as we need to keep our records very up to date.

Phil Straw
PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL PHOTOS

These will be taken next Tuesday, 4th March. Envelopes and information for ordering are sent out with this newsletter.

Some important information regarding the photographs:



- The correct money must be placed in the envelope supplied and details filled out (**the school does not handle the money; so change cannot be given**). PLEASE CHECK CORRECT SPELLING OF NAME IS ON ENVELOPE.
- Cheques must be made out to Photolife Studios Ltd
- Envelopes with money must be handed into the school by Tuesday 4th March.
- Children will only be photographed together (for family photos) if they both attend Tokoroa Intermediate School.

TE REO MAORI OPTION

The Te Reo Extension option starts Friday 7th March 2008. If you have not sent your reply slip in and you wish your child to take part in this option, please send the permission slip or a note to your child's teacher.

CELIA LASHLIE / NORM HEWITT VISIT

Next week we are lucky enough to have Celia Lashlie and Norm Hewitt visit Tokoroa.

As part of this visit they will work with large groups of students from a range of schools in Tokoroa (it is the first of four visits in 2008). As the year progresses, they will hopefully visit most primary schools once, each high school twice and the Intermediate each time. They will also hold a community meeting on Wednesday, 5th March at 6 pm in The Tokoroa Intermediate Hall. This meeting will continue the conversation held last year and decide what our community would like to see happen for future meetings / visits.

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.**

TAINUI JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUB 2008

Season starts up on 3rd March at 7th Day Adventist Church, Tokoroa from 4.30 – 6.30 pm on Monday nights. For ages 7 to 14 years. Rackets will be available to those who don't own one.

Enquiries to Hayley Keeble, Ph 886 4846 or 021 1124818

BUTCH FAMILY DOG SHOW

Sunday 2nd March, Memorial Sports Grounds at 11 am. 11 Categories & Butch Dog of the Show. \$8.00 per dog. Sausage Sizzle, Lolly Scramble, Scavenger Hunt.

TOKOROA LIONS FUN RIDE

Hey kids, ride 20 km with mum, dad or your teacher. 2nd March, Trees Tavern carpark @ 9.45 am. \$10 pre-entry, \$15 on the day. Entry forms from your school. In aid of Ronald McDonald Family Retreat House.