

# TOKOROA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Term 4 - No.8



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Kia Ora    Kia Orana    Talofa Lava    Greetings

## KAPA HAKA GROUP

Congratulations to our Kapa Haka group which performed last weekend with credit at the Manu Ariki Kapa Haka Competition. I was very proud of their efforts and my thanks to our tutor Awhina and those parents and staff who travelled to Taumaranui to support the group.



## SOCIAL

The end of the year school socials will be held in the school hall on 7<sup>th</sup> December from 7pm to 9.30pm for Year 7's and 8<sup>th</sup> December from 7pm to 10pm for Year 8's. Socials are by invitations only. Only those invited will be allowed to attend. Social invitations are given to children who have worked hard and kept out of trouble. Social invites **must** be fully completed, with the parent's/caregiver's signature, contactable phone number and details of with whom the student is going home. Without completed invitations children will not be allowed in. Invites will be collected on arrival. These will be used to check children leaving with the nominated caregiver at the end of the social.

Please encourage children to name any jackets. A suitable standard of dress is expected.

Children also need to ensure that they comply with the following before they are eligible for an invite:

- ❖ Paper fees/NIE fees are paid.
- ❖ Library books are handed in or lost books paid for.
- ❖ Children will also have had to pay for any lost/damaged atlases or dictionaries.
- ❖ Children with dyed hair will not be eligible.

Please note that the doors for the social will only open at 7 pm, please do not send children too early.

The school gate (Elizabeth Drive entrance) will be open 30 minutes before the end of the social so that parents can come in the back gate to collect.

Children **MUST** be collected inside the school hall, this is a safety issue.

## ATTENDANCE

As we come to the end of 2009 I need to remind parents that attendance is still important and that if your child is sick and unable to attend school, we still require you to phone the school to ensure we record the reason for your child's absence. Thank you for your assistance with this.

## SCHOOL OF ZEN

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, twelve of us went to Putaruru for 'School of Zen 2009'.

We had a lot of fun and at the end of the day we came out the winners of the intermediate grade.

It was mostly water sport events like a top town competition so the heavy rain just added to our enjoyment. We would like to thank Mr Shaw and Mr Jones for looking after us. Mr Jones was drawn as a wild card parent and helped us win the rowing competition. Well done Mr Jones.

*By Nathan Randall*

## TERM DATES

7 December:	Year 7 Social
8 December:	Year 8 Social
15 December:	Prize Giving
16 December:	Last Day of Term 4

## UNIFORMS – To be donated or sold on behalf of



In January we have a second hand uniform sale, which is always very popular. For Year 8 students who are leaving at the end of this year and have no brothers or sisters coming on to Intermediate, school uniforms can be donated to the school or we will sell them on 'behalf of parents'. We are willing to take winter and spare uniforms now. They must be clean (washed). Year 8 students who are willing to donate or have their uniforms 'sold on behalf' can come to school on the last day of the year in mufti. For inquiries please contact the office.

**Smart Swap # 4**

**Cheese and Fruit instead of Biscuits**

Biscuits contain quite a lot of sugar, even the plain ones. Given regularly to children these may cause dental problems. Try a little cheese, crackers and a fruit platter. You'll be providing your child with a special snack which provides carbohydrates, fibre and protein.



**Bite size!**

