

TOKOROA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Kia Orana Talofa Lava Greetings

INTERIM REPORTS / PARENT INTERVIEWS

In week 9 we are providing an opportunity for parents to start or to continue the learning conversation about their child. This will take the form of a brief written report in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, a Settling-In-Report, Technology Report and Language Support Programme Report, if applicable.

It is important to note that the reports are interim, this means they have been prepared after knowing your child for only a brief period (about 6-7 weeks). They will give an indication of how well your child is progressing towards the National Standards for their year level.

I have enclosed an MOE brochure about National Standards with this newsletter. I have also attached a key statement on what the National Standards are with a diagram showing how these levels relate to the year of schooling.

I appreciate the amount of information you are being asked to read, but hopefully it will all help you understand the reporting process at the end of this term.

You will note on the sheet explaining the standards I have included the standard for the end of Year 6. This is the standard that each Year 7 students would have been judged against prior to enrolment at Tokoroa Intermediate School if National Standards had been in place in 2009.

The diagram is from the Curriculum and many parents would have seen it before. Please focus on the Year 7 & 8 section and you will see, how these year levels relate to Curriculum levels 3 & 4.

Phil Straw, Principal

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.

Nomination Forms will be sent out within the next week. With this newsletter we are sending out some information for you to consider in becoming a board of trustee member. If you would like to see the board in action and have questions answered you are welcome to attend the next Board Meeting on Wednesday, 17th March at 7 pm in the staffroom.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

These will be taken on Wednesday, 17th March. Envelopes and information for ordering will be sent out before this date.

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.

WAIKATO INTER SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the Inter School Swimming Tournament held in Cambridge on Monday, 1st March: Cullen Glassie-Ryan, Shayden Taylor, Riley Neil, Danielle Lamont, Tiana Hill and Brooke Sullivan. They all performed well in the morning heats and five qualified into the finals.

Shaydon Taylor 7th in 50m Breaststroke, Rylie Neil 4th in 50m Freestyle and 2nd in 50m Butterfly, Cullen Glassie-Ryan 2nd in 50m Backstroke and Tiana Hill 5th in 50m Breaststroke and 3rd in the 100m Freestyle - a personal best for her.

We also would like to acknowledge and thank Maria Lagas-Tanirau for managing the team, Beryl Billington and Mandy Neil for assisting as officials throughout the day, Wendy Hill for transport and all parents for supporting the team. Thank you to all involved for making it a successful day.

NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive our newsletters on e-mail please contact the school office on 886 7687 or send an e-mail to office@tokoroa.school.nz

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.

SELF REFERRAL CLINIC

Tokoroa Intermediate is offering a Student Health Clinic on Tuesday afternoons during school terms.

The purpose of the clinic is primarily one of providing young people with a space at school where they can safely and privately ask questions about things that are bothering them. Students will be able to access the clinic by making a booking through the school office. Parents wanting advice about their child's health and development are also welcome to book an appointment.