

# TOKOROA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Kia Ora    Kia Orana    Talofa Lava    Greetings

Dear Parents / Guardians,

## SEXUALITY & HEALTH EDUCATION CONSULTATION

Thank you very much for the positive response to our consultation. We received 138 responses and 96% were in favour of the changes and programme.

A reminder to those who indicated a wish to withdraw their child from the programme that forms will come out regarding this aspect of the curriculum early in Term 2. Please ensure you note your wish for your child not to participate on those forms.

Phil Straw

**PRINCIPAL**

## TDD – FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Most Tokoroa schools will be involved in Professional Development relating to the revised curriculum. **There will be no classes on this day.**

As North School is not participating please ensure that your child does not visit this school.

## HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS VACCINATION (HPV) FOR YR 8 GIRLS

The HPV Vaccination Programme is commencing in school early 2009. This vaccine is available FREE to girls and young women aged 12 to 18.

At school, information will be given to Year 8 girls on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March about the HPV Vaccination Programme. The session may include viewing the Ministry of Health DVD titled 'Cervical Cancer Vaccine', specifically designed for this age group.

At this information session your child will be given a consent form to bring home for you to choose whether or not to have your child immunised at school by the Registered Nurses who will be working with the Public Health Nurses.

There is full information regarding the HPV Vaccination Programme on the consent form or you can obtain further information on [www.cervicalcancervaccine.govt.nz](http://www.cervicalcancervaccine.govt.nz) or phone 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863) or by contacting the Public Health Nurse:

Raewyn Matthew, Ph 886 0020 ext. 856.

## SETTLING IN REPORTS

These will be sent home on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. There will be more information in next week's newsletter on these reports.

## SEX EDUCATION INFORMATION EVENINGS

A reminder to parents that the Sex Education evenings for parents begin this Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm. Many parents have returned the attendance slip from the recent newsletter indicating they will be attending which is very heartening. Parents who have not returned the slip are also welcome to attend one or both sessions:

9<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 pm for parents of Yr7 students:

*"Growing up" – What your child needs to know"*

16<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 pm for parents of Yr8 students:

*"What teenagers need to know to keep sexually safe"*

Both evenings will be conducted by Glenys Wood from Family Planning in Hamilton who is an excellent speaker and will provide parents with a wealth of information in an interesting manner.

## POLICE COMPETENCY TEST COMPETITION

The Police Competency Test Competition for Years 7 & 8 was held last Wednesday in Hamilton.

For the first time Tokoroa Intermediate School sent a team to compete. The team members were Taina Nicholas, Hamuera Lee, Theresa Downey and Danni Glassie-Ryan.

The course was very challenging and the whole team had to race against the clock to complete the course. Time penalties were given for incorrect placement or errors.

Peachgrove Intermediate won with a time of 2 mins 21secs. Tokoroa Intermediate did very well with a best time of 2mins 50 secs.

There were more than 28 teams competing (28 entered and more turned up on the day). A special thanks to Anna Glassie for transporting and managing the team and the support of family before and during the event. The team enjoyed the experience and it would be great to participate again next year.

*Written by Hamuera Lee and Mrs Beale*

## 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.

## WAIKATO SWIMMING SPORTS REPORT

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March our Swimming finalist qualifiers travelled to Cambridge to compete in the Waikato Intermediate & Middle Schools Swimming Tournament.

Denise Lee, manager of the team, spoke highly of our students' performance and behaviour throughout the day. We were not entered into the non-championship relay team but through Denise Lee's management successfully entered our school into the competition and we won. Well done to all those, who participated and brought home a winning stroke. As Denise commented "The relays were very, very exciting. They won by three strokes!" Awesome!

It has been reported that our swimmers were cleaning their heats. Big congratulations to the following students who achieved in the finals for their events: Tiana Hill 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Junior Girls 50m Freestyle and 50m Breaststroke, Danni Glassie-Ryan 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Senior Girls 50m Freestyle, Hamuera Lee 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Senior Boys 50m Freestyle and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Senior Boys 50m Breaststroke. We would also like to acknowledge our other qualifiers O'Neil Zammit, Brooke Sullivan, Natalya Short, LaQuisha Ratai and Bryce McMullen for representing our school with enthusiasm.

We would finally like to acknowledge Denise Lee as manager/official for our students, Melita Zammit for being the driver/supporter, Wendy Hill for being an official/supporter and all those parents who went along and supported our students. Thank you and congratulations to everyone for being high level achievers. AWESOME!

*Teacher in Charge: Ms Daphne John*

## 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.**

## FREE EAR CLINIC

Clinics available for children in Tokoroa on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. For an appointment at Tokoroa Hospital Outpatient Department phone 886 7239.

## BUTCH FAMILY DOG SHOW

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 11 am at the Memorial Sports Grounds. 11 Categories, Butch Dog of the Show. All dogs need to be registered and on a leash. \$8.00 per dog. Sausage sizzle, cold drinks, lolly scramble, raffles, scavenger hunt.

## TOKOROA SURF RUGBY CLUB

Weigh in and registrations at Surf Clubrooms, Mossop Road on the following days:

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 09 10:00am – 12:00pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 09 05:00pm – 07:00pm

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 09 10:00am – 12:00pm

Minimum age 5 years, subs to be paid on Registration Day  
Single - \$20.00 / Family - \$30.00 (2 or more)

New players must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver for signing of registration forms

## 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.

## GIRL GUIDES BISCUITS

On sale from 7<sup>th</sup> March. Girls will be selling door to door on Sat 7<sup>th</sup>, Tues 10<sup>th</sup>, Wed 11<sup>th</sup>, Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>

There will be stalls around town on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>.

They will also be available at Lichfield Poultry Farm, Putaruru Information Centre & Felton Hire.

Any enquiries please Ph Maria Paterson 883 6813

Please support our Guiding movement

## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Artspace After School Programme is now running Monday to Friday 3.15 – 5.15 pm daily. OSCAR subsidies apply. OSCAR is an 'out of school care and recreation' WINZ subsidised programme. Subsidy application forms can be completed at Artspace who will then forward to WINZ. We are limited by Child Youth & Family to 20 positions a day. Contact Andrea on 886 4881.

## MUSIC LESSONS

Damian Baker, a teacher at Tokoroa High School, is offering music lessons for our students. Between 6-9 students are offered the choice of wood wind instruments (clarinet, saxophone, obo) or brass instruments (trumpet, trombone, cornet, French horn). Tuition will be from 8.50 – 10.50 on Thursdays at a time that does not cut across important curriculum areas.

Students who are already in the Tokoroa High School brass band will be given preference. If students are not in the High School band the cost of hiring an instrument will be between \$125 and \$295 per year. *(Please note: prices published in last week's newsletter were incorrect)*

Parents can contact Mr Baker on 021 2401234 if they require further information or Mr Fisher

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**Please return to Mr Fisher**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_

Would like to learn the following instrument:  
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