

# TOKOROA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Kia Ora    Kia Orana    Talofa Lava    Greetings

Dear Parents / Guardians,

From time to time issues and conflicts happen between children. These are often a result of events outside school and occasionally things that happen in school.

We are charged with providing a safe environment for all children and would ask that you abide by the following:

- If there is a serious out of school instance that may flow over into school, please inform your child's teacher.
- Under no circumstances approach any child other than your own to sort out issues at school, on the way to or from school. Remember that all visitors must report to the school office.
- Please, if you have a concern, approach us. We will follow up on your concern – this includes all sides to what happened.

Phil Straw

**PRINCIPAL**

## SCHOOL TARGETS

Since the start of the year and continuing through the next weeks, students have carried out a range of tests in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy. All of these tests are used to determine the learning needs of our students. Some of the tests are used to set targets that are part of the annual planning and reporting cycle. These targets are important aspects of learning that teachers will focus on in 2008. All Tokoroa Intermediate School targets are in the areas of Numeracy and Literacy, as parent consultation told us that these are important and should be our focus.

We report to the Board of Trustees regarding our 2007 targets and a full report is in our 2007 Variance Report for the school's audit then sent to the Ministry of Education. A copy of this Variance Report is available at the school office.

## SETTLING IN REPORTS

These will be sent home on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March. There will be more information in next week's newsletter on these reports.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED AT SCHOOL?

Parents often ask teachers how they can help their child to do well at school. I believe all parents want the best for their children and for them to succeed at school. Many of the ways parents can help are very simple. I have compiled a list from several articles, which identify common elements found in students who achieve at school:

- They have healthy breakfasts and lunches
- Get plenty of sleep
- Go to bed between 8.30 and 9.00 pm
- Attend school regularly
- Clothes are washed regularly
- Parents/guardians attend School Report and Parent Evenings
- They visit doctors as required (early intervention)
- Homework is completed
- There are books in the home
- Parents know where their children are after school and especially after dark
- Parents spend time with their children and support their activities and sports
- Parents encourage their children's success at school
- Parents have realistic aspirations and expectations for their children's success at school, on sports fields etc
- Parents support the school and their child's teacher

If the first three points identified don't occur, there is a strong likelihood that your child is going to struggle to learn no matter how good the class programme and teacher is. If you can put a tick next to all fourteen points, there is a very good chance your child will succeed.

## CELIA LASHLIE / NORM HEWITT VISIT

Please do not forget that all parents/caregivers are invited to attend the community meeting at Tokoroa Intermediate School Hall at 6.00 pm.

This meeting is to continue the conversation that was started in 2007 with Celia and Norm. Also to explore ideas of how we might use their skills to help our young people in their decision making.

## SCHOOL POLAR FLEECE

Some parents are embroidering children's names onto the polar fleece. We think this is a very good idea. Please, if you are doing this use your child's full name, opposite side to logo and make sure the embroidery is in red.

## WAIKATO INTER- INTERMEDIATE SWIMMING SPORTS

A team of 10 students travelled to Cambridge on a very warm Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March to compete in the Waikato Inter-Intermediate Swimming Sports.



The team was Hamuera Lee, Taina Nicholas, Bryce McMullen, Ozias Tautari, Campbell Tawha, Callum Gott, Corban Brown, Jake Jackson, Danni Glassie-Ryan, Rebecca Muir, Theresa Downey, Leonie Nugroho, Catherine Dean, Rylee McMullen, Tamara Thorn and Cheyenne Hemara.

All swimmers swam very well and of particular note were those who gained places in the finals.

Campbell Tawha:	3 <sup>rd</sup> 100m Freestyle (Snr)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> 50m Freestyle (Snr)
Danni Glassie-Ryan:	3 <sup>rd</sup> 100m Freestyle (Jnr)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> 50m Freestyle (Jnr)
Hamuera Lee:	3 <sup>rd</sup> 50m Freestyle (Jnr)
Rylee McMullen:	1 <sup>st</sup> 50m Breaststroke (Snr)

Our non-championship relay team came 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A special thanks to Denise Lee and Mel Brown who travelled as officials with our team and assisted with transport. Thanks also to Shirley Muir for team support and the many other supporters who followed the team on the day.

***Jeannette Beale, Teacher in Charge***

## ACHIEVING POTENTIAL SEMINARS

For High Ability Students at Selwyn College, Kohimarama, Auckland.

3-day course for juniors (Years 4 – 6):

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April

3-day course for seniors (Years 7-10)

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

For further information contact the organiser Jean Hendy-Harris, Ph. 09-5850111 or 021 389448, e-mail: [info@holidayseminars.co.nz](mailto:info@holidayseminars.co.nz)

## CHILDRENS FREE MOBILE EAR TREATMENT SERVICE

Tokoroa St Marks Community House, Bridge Street (back carpark)  
17<sup>th</sup> March, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 9.30 am – 12.30 pm and 1.30 – 2.30 pm

## 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.**

## SOUTHERN UNITED RFC JUNIOR PLAYERS

Weigh-ins and registrations:

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> March, 10 am – 12 pm

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> March, 5pm - 7 pm

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> March 10 am – 12 pm

At S.U.R.F. Clubrooms, Mossop Road

Minimum age 5 years. Subs to be paid on registration, please. \$20.00 single, \$30.00 family (2 or more).

New players to be accompanied by parent/caregiver for registration purposes.

Rose Steele, Chairperson, Ph 886 4537

## AWARDS

Tokoroa Intermediate School has as part of its Behaviour Management Policy a range of awards. McDonalds / Achievement Awards: these are awarded weekly at Friday's assembly to students. These awards recognise students who have made a particular achievement during the week and are published weekly with the newsletter. Each class will also have its own ways of rewarding positive work / behaviour. At the end of each term we also issue Deputy Principal's and Principal's Awards. These special certificates recognise children for their efforts over the longer time frame.