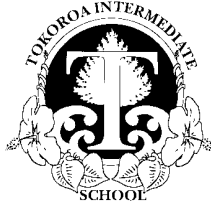


# TOKOROA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Term 4 - No. 4



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Kia Ora    Kia Orana    Talofa Lava    Greetings

## EARLY SCHOOL CLOSING

Tomorrow, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November, school will close early again at 2pm as teaching staff will be taking part in a Mathematics Workshop in the Numeracy Project.

Bus children will be supervised if not collected by parents and will get their normal bus home. Please advise the school if your child is not going to be travelling on the bus. We would ask that all other children go home directly at the earlier time.

*Phil Straw, Principal*

## ATHLETICS



Students are currently involved in lunchtime Athletics. We hold a number of events prior to Sports Day to ensure that we get through all events. All students need to bring PE gear every day to enable us to hold these events.

It is also noticeable that a number of students have notes excusing them from Athletics. Please, only supply your child with a note if they are sick or injured. We are working hard to ensure that students participate in these events and we need your support to achieve this.

**Athletics Sports will be held next Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – first event starts at 9am. Parents are encouraged to visit and support their child/children.**

## 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 being 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. 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.

## **BLIND WEEK APPEAL DOOR TO DOOR COLLECTION**

**MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2008**

Congratulations and well done to all of the 88 students and the staff members who participated in this worthwhile cause.

A total of approx. \$6200.00 was raised on the night by collectors, some rural area collections will be added to this total to bring the final figure to more than \$6500.00.

We hope this amount is able to give heart and assurance to our Blind community, as well as to provide necessary resources to assist members in their daily living.

**A GREAT EFFORT BY ALL.**

As well as this excellent effort there was considerable praise and commendations from the car drivers and community members who phoned in or gave verbal comments regarding the good manners and politeness of our students as well as their general behaviour and presentation.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL INVOLVED,  
Jan Stobie, Teacher in Charge**

## **JUNIOR BASKETBALL – REP TRIALS**

Trials are being held at the Rotorua Events Centre for U15 yrs Rotorua Reps on

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 4 pm**

for those interested, who have been playing in the Tokoroa League. This is for Year 8's only, who are enrolled at Forest View or Tokoroa High School 2009.

Those interested must see Mrs Beale first.

## **SHORT DAYS**

If the lunchtime is shortened by half an hour because of wet weather, school will finish at 2:40pm. If parents want to know whether or not we are finishing early, please phone 886 0804 after 12:15p.m.



## YMCA

A reminder that please all spectators/supporters and their families must not be in the gym area. The courts are for players, coaches, managers and officials. The benches are for players only.

All spectators and players waiting to play must be upstairs or outside. Also there are to be no hangers-on at the YMCA. Last night we had a window broken by people who should not have been at the YMCA (not from Tokoroa Intermediate). If they choose not to play – stay away.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

*Jeanette Beale*

## WAIKATO INTERMEDIATE SOFTBALL

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November two teams travelled to Hamilton to play in the annual Waikato Intermediate Softball Tournament. Resthills Park is the home to Softball in Hamilton.



The weather was not so good, it rained quite hard in the first round. The sky cleared and the sun shone. The boys' team did quite well in the first game against Melville, then lost the next two games. The last game was played on the

skin diamond. A first for the boys to play an international sized pitch – this must of helped them because they won that game, full credit to the boys.

The Girls' team was umpired and managed by Ms J Daniel. The girls played quite well, they won 2 and lost 2. They then played Maeroa for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> position. I had the pleasure of umpiring that game and the 6<sup>th</sup> innings it was called a ballgame, Tokoroa winning 5 – 2. It was very exciting to watch.

Player of the day for the girls was all of them as Ms Daniel could not choose one player. As for the boys - well done to you all. It's a bit hard when you are playing against players whom are reps. Our player of the day is Kody Boyce: brilliant attitude, throwing and catching.

*Brady Sheck, Teacher in Charge of Softball*

### TERM 4 DATES

12 <sup>th</sup> November	School Athletics
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Waikato Cricket
19 <sup>th</sup> November	BOT Meeting
02 <sup>nd</sup> December	Waikato Intermediate Athletics
03 <sup>rd</sup> December	Year 6 Orientation pm
	Year 8 FVHS Orientation pm
05 <sup>th</sup> December	Speeches
08 <sup>th</sup> December	Social Year 7
09 <sup>th</sup> December	Social Year 8
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Prize Giving / Reports given out
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term 4

## FREE EAR CLINIC FOR CHILDREN

Glue Ear assessment, grommet checks, wax/foreign body removal, treatment of discharging ears. The service is to operate as an appointment based service from the Outpatient Department at Tokoroa Hospital on the following dates: 6<sup>th</sup> November, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 27<sup>th</sup> November and 11<sup>th</sup> December. For an appointment please phone 07 886 7239.

## BEST AND MOST IMPROVED BOOKS

Each Thursday the school council looks through books from each class (a different subject each week). They select a best book and a most improved book from each year level to be announced at Friday's assembly.



If a child receives three of these awards they receive a principal's certificate and a \$10 Paper Plus voucher.

## RADIO RAUKAWA

Every Friday morning two students (usually class councillors) go to Radio Raukawa to speak on air about events occurring at our school.

To hear a roundup of what's happening at Tokoroa Intermediate School tune into 95.7 FM on Friday mornings between 7.30 and 7.45 am.

## SPEECHES

An important part of our oral language programme is to develop students' ability to speak in front of an audience. Speaking to a group occurs as a regular part of the classroom programme throughout the year and this programme leads towards the school speech competition. All students are required to prepare an oral presentation through to a full speech depending on the ability level of the students.

Students present their work in class; the best speeches go on to a Syndicate Final, then onto the Year 7 or Year 8 final, which is judged by a staff member of Tokoroa High or Forest View High Schools' English department.

Students are reaching the syndicate final stage of the competition now. The school final, where 4-6 students from Yr7 and Yr8 will be selected to present their speech in front of the whole school, will be held on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> December. Parents are most welcome.

## CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES

It is important that we have our student records up to date, especially phone numbers and emergency phone numbers in case of sickness or injury. If you change your address or phone number, please let us know by either phoning the school office or giving your child a note to bring to school.