

TOKOROA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Greetings

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A warm welcome to all those families returning and new families as we start this year. Like always, we are hoping that the children settle early and we will be looking after their learning in a safe and settled atmosphere.

Rick Rudolph

Board of Trustees Chairperson

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE PLAN

Attached to today's newsletter is the school's Discipline Plan, which is a Board of Trustee Policy. It is important that parents as well as students know, what our Discipline Plan involves.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

Tuesday, 17 February at 7:30p.m. in the Hall. This meeting will provide the opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher.

The Education Outside the Classroom Programme for both Year 7 and 8 will be explained and details available for parents. The "Targets" which are a legal requirement for all schools will be briefly explained.

STUDENT DETAILS UPDATE

Attached to this newsletter is a form with all the contact and personal details we have on file for your child. Please check, correct where necessary, sign the form and return it to school as soon as possible. It is important that all information we hold is accurate and up to date. This is especially important for contact names and numbers in an emergency.

All students who identify as Maori, we require iwi information on the form. This is a ministry requirement, as it is to have each form signed.

BOT MEETING

This will be held next Wednesday, 18th February at 7pm in the staff room.

PE GEAR

A reminder to parents that part of our uniform policy is PE gear. We require students to change into correct PE gear for all PE lessons and sport. The correct gear is:

- Plain black shorts
- Red school t-shirt or a plain red t-shirt

SCHOOL SAFETY IN CARS

Elizabeth Drive: The pedestrian crossing has been placed at the top of the rise to allow clear vision for students crossing Elizabeth Drive. Yellow no parking lines are along the road to also allow clear vision from our gate.

Please keep all students safe by observing this road rule and stopping/parking clear of the yellow lines.

Main Drive: A number of cars are using the footpath along the drive for parking. This is creating a safety hazard. Please only park in the marked spaces or arrange to meet your child outside the Billah Street gate.

GRAFFITI

The school has a 'No Graffiti' policy. This includes school books, bags, caps or anything brought to school.

Please assist us by ensuring that your child does not bring 'graffitied' items to school. Books that are 'graffitied' may be confiscated and replaced at the student's expense.

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.

SWIMMING SPORTS

The school swimming sports were today at the town pools. Results be published next week.



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SCHOOL PHOTOS

These will be taken on Wednesday, 4th March. Envelopes and information for ordering will be sent out before this date.

CANTEEN PRICES

Listed are the canteen prices. Students order their lunch in their classroom as soon as they arrive at school.

Chicken Noodles	\$ 2.00
Steak & Cheese Pie	\$ 2.20
Potato Top Pie	\$ 2.20
Chicken Pie	\$ 2.20
Mince & Cheese Pie	\$ 2.20
Steak	\$ 2.20
Apple & Custard Pie	\$ 2.20
Sausage Roll	\$ 1.30
Murphies	\$ 1.80
Hawaiian Pizza	\$ 1.80
Rapperz	\$ 2.00
Hot Dog	\$ 2.00
Choc Muffin	\$ 1.10
Diced Fruit	\$ 1.20
Calcium Milk Drinks	\$ 1.20
Juicy	\$.70
Fruit Drink	\$ 1.50

VISITORS TO SCHOOL - Must check in at the office

It is important that visitors check in at the office. This includes parents/guardians. Although it may be an inconvenience it is to ensure student safety and welfare.

There are three main reasons for this:

1. There are a number of students attending our school who have protection and court orders against family members having any contact with them.
2. To help us prevent older youths coming onto our grounds and hassling and intimidating our students.
3. To help us prevent people who have no right or authority to be in our grounds mixing with our students.

When you call at the office you will be given a red permission slip.

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.**

JEWELLERY, HAIR, UNIFORM

The school Board has made the following statements:

Jewellery – “The only jewellery that can be worn to school is a watch, signet ring, taonga and, children with pierced ears, a maximum of two studs. With taonga they must be worn inside school uniforms”.

Hair – “Schools are not the venue for showing off the latest fashion and from time to time the Board of Trustees will advise parents of fashion which is not acceptable. Hair must be the student’s natural colour and not have accessories which are a safety concern or make a fashion statement in it”. Children who ignore this policy do run the risk of missing out on socials, sports trips, etc.

Mrs Stobie and Mr Fisher (our Deputy Principals) will be starting checks shortly. Please assist us by ensuring these rules are adhered to.

Unless there are special circumstances all students must follow the uniform policy. If special circumstances do exist please contact the Principal, Mr Straw, or the Deputy Principals, Mrs Stobie for Year 8 students or Mr Fisher for Year 7 students, to discuss the matter. We would appreciate your co-operation.

CELLPHONES



If students need to bring cellphones to school they **must** hand them into the office with a phone slip signed by the student when they arrive at school and signed out again when phones are collected before going home.

If there are extremely important messages that parents need to get to students during the school day, the office will deliver them to students. However, it is not possible to deliver general messages around the school to students because of the time involved. Messages can be put across the intercom system but it then becomes the student’s responsibility to listen to them and act on them.

PIANO TEACHER

Paul Bowers-Mason is at the school on Tuesdays to teach piano. If you would like your child to have lessons, contact him on 883 8116 or 027 364 9274.

MUSIC LESSONS

Music lessons are available on Thursday morning at the Tokoroa High School. Learn the flute, clarinette, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, for only \$5.00 per term. Either provide your own instrument or hire one.

Ring Mr Baker at Tokoroa High School if you are interested on 886 6109.