

TOKOROA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Term 1 - No.4



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Kia Ora Kia Orana Talofa Lava Greetings

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Thank you to those that have returned the consultation documents from the health curriculum.

It is still not too late – you can still have your say. If you require the information again it can be collected from the school office.

Also to those who have expressed an interest in the evenings with the Public Health Nurse – thank you.

Attached to this newsletter is a reply slip for our Te Reo Extension classes. These take place each Friday morning. Please return the attached form to the school office by Thursday 5th March.

Last week we started an enrichment programme for Year 8 students. This programme enabled students to pursue skills in Technology Arts areas or to work in Literacy enrichment in their own classroom. The Kapa Haka group also met for the first time in 2009. We welcome Awhina Stewart to school to tutor the group with Mr O'Rourke.

Phil Straw
PRINCIPAL

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, 5th 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 or phone 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863) or by contacting the Public Health Nurse:

Raewyn Matthew, Ph 886 0020 ext. 856.

TOD – FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

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

SEX EDUCATION INFORMATION EVENINGS

9th March 7.30 pm for parents/caregivers of Yr 7 students

16th March 7.30 pm for parents/caregiver of Yr 8 students

STATIONERY PRICES

Stationery prices will revert back to normal retail prices as of Monday, 2nd March.

AWARDS

Tokoroa Intermediate School has as part of its Behaviour Management Policy a range of awards.

McDonald's / Achievement Awards are awarded weekly at Friday's assemblies 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

These will be taken next Wednesday, 4th March. Envelopes and information for ordering are sent out with this newsletter.

Some important information regarding the photographs:

- The correct money must be placed in the envelope supplied and details filled out (**the school does not handle the money; so change cannot be given**). PLEASE CHECK CORRECT SPELLING OF NAME IS ON ENVELOPE.
- Cheques must be made out to Photolife Studios Ltd
- Envelopes with money must be handed into the school by Tuesday 3rd March.
- Children will only be photographed together (for family photos) if they both attend Tokoroa Intermediate School.



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.

COMING EVENTS

Monday 2nd March

Waikato Intermediate Swimming Sports

Wednesday 4th March

Class Photos

Friday 6th March

Extension English starts

Monday 9th March

Parents Meeting Sexuality Education Yr 7 students

Tuesday 10th March

Waikato Intermediate Cricket Competition

Friday 13th March

Extension ICT & Art starts

Settling In Reports sent home

Monday 16th March

Parents Meeting Sexuality Education Yr 8 students

Wednesday 18th March

BOT Meeting

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 2009. 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 2008 targets and a full report is in our 2008 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.

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 \$250 - \$500 per year.

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

Please return to Mr Fisher

Name _____ Room _____

Would like to learn the following instrument:

GIRL GUIDES BISCUITS

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

There will be stalls around town on Saturday 7th.

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

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.**

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.

FREE EAR CLINIC

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