

# TOKOROA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Kia Ora    Kia Orana    Talofa Lava    Greetings

Dear parents / caregivers,

Attendance at school is a requirement and absence from class is not something that we treat lightly.

We do understand that from time to time things happen that require a child to be absent from school for all or part of a day.

*In these circumstances we require a notification from the parent or caregiver about what is happening. We would prefer this notification in writing.*

**Please do not arrange for another person to pick up your child without informing the school.**

We are not able to let a student leave school with another adult without your written consent.

**Phil Straw, Principal**

## REMINDER

As indicated in last week's newsletter the Family Planning Association will be holding an information meeting for parents **this Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm**.

This meeting is for parents to assist in any way with Sexuality Education for your child.

You will have the opportunity to gain information regarding our proposed programme or to have your questions answered around this important topic.

The meeting will be facilitated by Glenys Wood, an educator with the Family Planning Association.

## YEAR 7 IMMUNISATION

The Year 7 immunisations (Boostrix: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis -Whooping Cough-) will take place at the school on the 5<sup>th</sup> June. The Public Health Nurse will be there from 9 am. Any parent or caregiver is welcome to come along to support their child.

Public Health Nurses:

Maureen Leger, Ph 021 315 647

Raewyn Gavet, Ph 021 227 5388

## 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.**

## 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.

## MUFTI DAY

The school students' council will hold the year's first Mufti Day tomorrow. The cost to students is \$1.00 – more if they wish. We are supporting the Asthma Red Balloon Appeal (held three weeks ago).

Mrs Wiles attended our school assembly on the 9<sup>th</sup> May to inform us about the problem Asthma is in our community and what we can do to help ourselves and others.

We hope to raise about \$400.00 to help in the worthy cause.

Mufti Day is not a day for

- unreasonable fashion statements to be made (it is a day where sensible clothes other than school uniform can be worn.
- Clothes or adornments that may be a safety risk (e.g. jewellery)
- Valuable clothes that may get marked, damaged or stolen
- Clothes (or lack of) that may encourage other behaviour occurring
- Using mufti as an excuse to draw attention to oneself in an unreasonable way.
- Offensive clothing – e.g. T-Shirt slogans, bandanas
- A change in behaviour as a result of the change in dress.

Following are some guidelines to help parents and students to wear appropriate mufti clothing:

- No rings (other than signet ring) or ear rings
- No bare midriff due to low cut skirts/jeans etc or high cut tops
- No mini skirts
- No revealing tops or singlets
- Hoods not to be worn on head, those in hoods not allowed on fields or adventure playground
- Other as per above statements

Mufti Day is a day for sensible, casual clothing to be worn. It is a normal school day and clothing needs to be appropriate for normal school activities.

## SCHOOL CANTEEN AND TUCK SHOP

In keeping with the general cost of living increases that we all struggle with we are sorry to have to inform you of unavoidable increases in the remaining items that we hold in the school canteen and tuck shop.

We will continue to keep our prices very competitive and nearly all items are sold well below the recommended retail price.

We do provide mostly Heart Tick (National Heart Foundation approved) foods and the Healthy Kids Choice foods through the canteen for lunch orders and our tuck shop items are also monitored for fat, salt and sugar content.

The food increases for the items listed below will commence from tomorrow, Thursday 29th May.

These items are available for the lunch orders which can be made only through the classroom orders first thing in the morning when the students arrive at school.

Noodles	\$2.00
Mince Bites, Potato Top Bites, Mince and Cheese Bites, Sausage Rolls	\$1.30
Volcanoes, Murphies, Pizza Hawaiian	\$1.80
Rapperz	\$2.00
Apple Bite	\$1.40
Juicies	\$0.70

From Monday 2 June Hot Chocolate will be available at interval and lunchtime for \$0.80.

Kia kaha, *Jan Stobie*

## CYCLE SAFETY

We will be talking about this at school but we would appreciate your support and re-enforcement at home.

All students riding bicycles to and from Tokoroa Intermediate School must observe all road rules. These include wearing helmets, observing stop and give way signs and other basic rules.

There is also a need to think about safety when cycling, trying to race cars on the school driveway or across intersections are unsafe practices.

As winter approaches there is also a need to ensure children can be easily seen.

Thank you for your help with this.

## SCHOOL FEES

A reminder that any unpaid school donations (\$50.00 per pupil, \$45.00 per pupil if two children attend, \$40.00 per pupil if three children attend) will be gratefully received and a reminder that outstanding paper fees (\$5.00 per child) need to be paid to ensure your child is eligible for a social invite.

The majority of the school donation is used for Technology resources. This means that instead of students having to bring eggs, cheese, bacon etc before they can cook, the school provides all the ingredients.

Similarly in Materials: instead of students having to bring money to pay for their wood / materials before they start a project, all materials are provided by the school.

## WAIKATO INTERMEDIATE GIRLS RUGBY

The Tokoroa Intermediate Girls Rugby team travelled to Cambridge on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May to compete in the Waikato Inter Intermediate competition.

The results were:

Round 1 – win against Fairfield

Round 2 – loss against Maeroa A

Round 3 – win against Maeroa B

Round 6 – loss against Te Awamutu

The girls went into the semi-finals in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and with the very vocal support of Matamata. They earned their place in the finals against Te Awamutu.

Unfortunately team captain Jasmine Hoani was out injured for the finals and this inevitably impacted on the team's spirit.

Te Awamutu once again proved to be the stronger team on the day, winning all of their games and retaining the shield. Our girls did themselves proud by playing hard and fair with outstanding tries by Teata Robinson, Sinoti Levao, Chyanne Hemara, Leah Townsend and Tayla Taikato.

A special thank you to Raymond Lincoln who responded to a 7.30 am call for a referee (lucky he has an understanding boss) and another special thank you to Mrs La'aiva for taking on the role of medic for the day. Your support was much appreciated. Thank you to all other family members who supported the girls on the day.

Mr O'Rourke's excellent coaching was evident in the girls' skilful tackling and teamwork.

*Christine Lee – Teacher in charge*

### **Come and Join Us!**

Do you know a girl who would like to make new friends, have fun and participate in an up-to-date organization that develops life and leisure skills?

If the answer is **YES**  
then GirlGuiding has:

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