



NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING DATES . . .

Term dates for 2016 are on our website

26 Aug: Green Gold Enviro Celebration

23 Aug: Toko School Cross Country

29 Aug: Cross Country Rawhitiara

30 Aug: pp Cross Country

7 Sept : Stratford Cross Country

Sept 12-16: Speech Board

21 Sept: Taranaki Cross Country

Sept 23: Last Day Term 3

Oct 10: Term Four Starts

Oct 15: Calf and Lamb Day

Dates for 2016 and 2017 are on our school website and google calendar

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Check out our google calendar on our website as well.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES START AT 1.40pm

19/8/16 Room 3, 26/8/16 Room 1, 2/9/16 Room 2.

18th August 2016

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Hello/Kia Ora

PAID UNION MEETING

The Government has announced a proposal to dramatically change the way schools are funded. Principals and Boards of Trustees would have to make trade-offs between teaching staff and other costs schools face.

Teachers are very worried that the global budget would lead to:

- fewer teachers & larger class sizes
- less job security for teachers
- lower quality teaching
- fewer hours for teacher aides and support staff
- more complex financial work for Boards of Trustees

The Government's current funding review is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to better fund education. NZEI Te Riu Roa and PPTA are the unions that represent more than 60,000 teachers and support staff, working with children from birth to year 13. They have asked all members at our school to attend meetings in September to hear more about the proposal and help determine the education sector's

Our school roll: 148 students

response.

The meetings are paid union meetings, which means our school will be open but closed for instruction, **On the 15th Sept from 12.30pm.** while staff attend the meeting.

It is important for union members in our school to attend these meetings to have a say about how we get better funding, not bulk funding. We encourage you to collect your child/ren from school at 12.30 on this day. If this is impossible, please contact the school as early as possible so that we can make appropriate arrangements for your child.






AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

If arrangements change for your child after school can you please write a note or send an e.mail to: office@toko.school.nz. If parents don't notify the school of changes we will always default to the usual plan. With winter sport upon us it can get very confusing after school and as a result we need to be informed of changes.

STREP THROAT

We have had quite a few cases of this in Years 4—6. If your child has a sore throat it is advisable that you take them to the doctor to get their throat swabbed. If this returns positive, children are not allowed at school until 24 hours after you first administer antibiotics.

TOKO SCHOOL LEARNING STARS

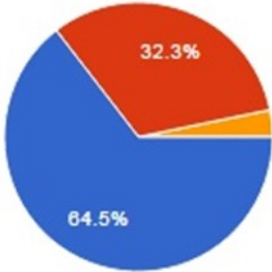
Challenging Curriculum	Personal Best	Learning to Learn	Connected	Well Being
Mason Billy Matthew L	Arlo Jessica Declan Bianca Amy P Shakira Sierra Amy S Lexi	Judah Xanthe Arnika Isabel Aylah Jordan Blake	Amelia Ephraim Matt	Matthew T Zara
				

BOT UPDATE

2015 Bi-Annual Community Survey: Executive Summary Commentary: As part of our school self review process, we surveyed our school community in Term 3 of 2015.

We consider the review process to be a valuable part of our continuing growth and certainly in line with our Vision Statement. *"Quality learning for all in a caring community"* The Board have decided that each fortnight, we will publish one part of the survey, rather than giving it out. A full copy of our survey is available at the office and on our website.

16. The Board of Trustees are committed to providing the best possible educational outcomes for my child/ren.



96.8% of respondents Strongly Agree or Agree that the Board of Trustees are providing the best possible educational outcomes for the children of Toko School.

16a. Do you have any additional comments to make?

Board members don't really consult well

RECOMMENDATIONS:

To continue to communicate via the newsletter school reviews that occur termly encouraging community input.

Seek ways to encourage a greater attendance at parent information workshops and Community Meetings held throughout the year.

Please add comments below if there is any further feedback you would like to give to the Board of Trustees?

On the whole I think the school goes out of its way to build a culture of "family" both within the school and with the wider school community. I have some concern about the amount of sports/cultural exchanges the older children seem to be involved in. Toko school has a sports uniform, school polar fleeces and now school hats - could the possibility of having a school uniform be investigated i.e. simple toko polo shirt with black shorts, pants, or skirt. Grandparents day has been a wonderful initiative - the children love to show off their school. Top athletes at cluster athletics are recognised in each year level but this is not done for cluster swimming - where is the consistency? If you are having championship races at school swimming then the winning swimmers should be swimming in these races not sharing it around among swimmers (pc?) - (My apologies if this isn't the correct forum to express this but we do not have an opportunity to feedback with regard to cluster school sports events). Uniforms?? Just remember that making the parents feel welcomed is as important as making the kids feel welcomed.

DRY SKILLS DAY: THURSDAY 18TH AUGUST - TOKO SCHOOL

Toko School hosted a 'Dry Land Survival Skills Day' on Thursday 18th August for Years 1-8 free, as part of our Kiwi Swim Safe Programme.

The Dry Land Water Survival Skills Day involved experts visiting our school and working with students and teachers, covering the following elements:

Briefly discuss safety at the beach (understanding waves and rips).

Life jackets (fitting them properly, HELP position, huddle)

Mock rescues (using sticks as if in a river, the importance of safety first, looking after themselves).

Scenario cards (group work brainstorming survival strategies and water).

A variety of dry land exercises focusing on all the muscles used in swimming, including survival skills.

All students will need comfortable clothing to complete their session on this day. We improved our skills and had fun.

LEAD LEADERSHIP STUDENT CONFERENCE— FRIDAY 19TH AUGUST—LEAVING AT 8.00AM!!!!

A group of Enviro, Student Council and Sports Leaders at Toko School have been selected to take part of the LEAD student leadership conference held at The City West Church in New Plymouth on Friday 19th August. The conference features a range of influential adult leaders sharing their experiences and how they came to get there, We are looking forward to this experience and learn from it.

GREEN-GOLD CELEBRATION

On Friday the 26th at 11.00, the school will be receiving their Green-Gold recognition. We have invited people who have helped us with our journey to this assembly. **As a special treat for the children, the PTA are providing all the children and adults with a sausage in a bun and an ice block for lunch.**



GARDEN RAMBLES CAME TO VISIT OUR SCHOOL

Kim Waite & The Toko Team

Our senior chess team were second in the Stratford District competition on the 5th August. Both our Primary and Intermediate teams will go through to the Taranaki Regional competition, on the 26th August in Oakura.



CHESS



From the Sports Desk

TARANAKI TROPHY RUGBY AND NETBALL COMPETITION - YEAR 7 & 8

Just a reminder, the Year 7 & 8 rugby and netball teams at Toko School will be playing their third sports exchange of the term against St Joseph's Stratford, at Toko School, on Monday 22nd August, with a starting time of 12pm. All are welcome. Wishing the teams all the best of luck. Go Toko!

TARANAKI TROPHY RUGBY AND NETBALL COMPETITION - YEAR 7 & 8 - RESULTS

After a great first match of the season away to Opunake Primary last Friday the results were as follows. Toko won the netball 24-15 and Toko won the rugby 90-10. A great day had by all.

Our next match was a home match against Oakura School on Tuesday 16th August with two great results the netball was won by Toko 22-26 and the rugby was also won by Toko 89-38.

RURAL CLUSTER CROSS COUNTRY - MONDAY 29TH AUGUST - RAWHITIROA SCHOOL

Just a reminder the Rural Cluster Cross Country will be held on Monday 29th August with the postponement day being Tuesday 30th August. This cross country is held at Rawhitiroa School and the races will start at 11.40am with the 5 year old runners moving through to the 12 and 13 year old runners. Please come at the start of the cross country to avoid any disappointment of missing a race. All students will need to be wearing their Toko t-shirts and black shorts/leggings. More information will go out in next week's newsletter. All are welcome.

TOKO SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY TUESDAY 23RD AUGUST

Toko School Cross Country Reminders: Start time: 1.30pm

Start time - 1.30pm beginning with the 5 year olds and making our way up to the 12 & 13 year olds. Please come at the start of the Cross Country to avoid any disappointment of missing a race as the starting times will depend on numbers not time.

All students from 6 years old up have the option of wearing suitable shoes while running as we are not sure of the content in the paddock. All students need a large drink and appropriate clothing to wear eg, t-shirt and shorts etc.

EASTERN DISTRICT HOCKEY

Congratulations to the Eastern Districts Mini Hockey team for coming first in the finals for the season on Saturday with a 3 - nil win. After playing 8 games through the season the team was tied for first place with St Josephs 1, having won 6 games, drawn 1 and lost 1. The team consists of year 3-4 players from Toko, Huiakama, Ngaere and Marco schools. Most of the players were new to hockey this season and juggling netball commitments on training nights so have done extremely well!



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