

23<sup>rd</sup> of August 2007

Dear Parents and Friends of the School.

**Great results for the recent Methanex Mathematics Spectacular!**

**Yr 8 Group Investigation First Place** Nicole Shearer and Brooke Burch

**Yr 8 Math's in the Work Place First Place** Ethan Roberts and Jordan Groat

**Yr 8 Statistical Investigation Second Place** Sally Mitchell and Elysse Milne

**Yr 8 Quiz Team Third Place** Frank Chen, Nicole Shearer, Ethan Roberts.

**Yr 7 Group Investigation First Place** Olivia Hunger and Jacinda West

**Yr 7 Group Investigation Second Place** Ila Earney and Emily Howatson

It is very significant coming **third in the Yr 8 quiz (after coming 4<sup>th</sup> in 2006)**. We have 13 year 8 children compared with 200 from Devon or Highlands Intermediate! So it is quite an achievement! More than anything to me this is a continuation of a high standard being set in this curriculum area!

#### From the Classrooms

##### Room 1

Room 1 children gave a very good performance of "The Waltz of The Flowers" at the Midhirst Play Day on Monday. We will give another performance at our assembly on Friday. Everyone contributed to the painting of the scenery, and the making of the masks. It was a busy time and everyone worked really hard. Thank you to Emily Howatson and her team in Room 5 who helped us with the flower masks. We will be finishing off our class 'prints' topic and look forward to you all coming in to see them in the hall.



Kyle in Room 3 working on a Technology Challenge!

Keely, Conor and Rowan have worked hard on being able to say all the alphabet at random so we have 3 'graduation' alphabet cakes this week. Lots of fun. (Those two letters b/d get everyone every time!!!) We will be doing lots of x-country training and gymnastics over the next few weeks. Could the girls bring shorts to wear on the days they wear dresses. The hall is nice and warm for our gym time.

##### Room 2

Room 2 has been very busy this week. Our Year 3's have their individual speeches well underway and are putting a lot of effort in to learning their choral speaking pieces. The Year 2's are having a go at choral speaking too; a little early practice ready for next year. We are currently working in groups on our mini topic of insects which is turning out to be quite a big topic. The groups have just decided how they are going to present their information and we are looking forwards to watching plays, powerpoint presentations and listening to informative talks later in the term. We enjoyed our PE focus on Te Ao Kori and are now moving on to training for cross country. We are recording our times 3 days a week so that we can

each track our progress and improvements. Heaps going on here!!

### Room 3

Room 3 is busy getting all prepared for Speech Board Exams. We are reading a lot of funny poems, planning exciting posters, and selling our favourite books. We are also focusing on fractions and decimals for Maths. During the rest of the time we are adding the finishing touches to our printmaking and getting fit for Cross Country. Room 3 children must be exhausted by the time they get home with all this learning going on at school!

### Room 5

The excitement in Room 5 is building with camp just a few days away! The itinerary is action-packed! It should be great fun!

It was great to see all the hard work that was put into the Methanex investigations pay off. The projects from Toko really stood out from the rest of the bunch. They are all now standing proudly on the wall of Room 5. Come in and check them out!

### Toko School Council

A new school council was elected this term, and what a switched-on group they are! They organised a match of netball between the teachers and the winners of the Jones Cup last Tuesday. It was a gruelling match, superbly umpired by Brooke. It was extremely close, and unfortunately we didn't have an official scorekeeper, so both teams are trying to claim victory.

The council are also planning a **Buddy Day** in the near future. This would involve being paired with someone from a different class, and hanging out with that person during playtime and lunch. It will be a great chance for students to get to know each other a little better.

### Rugby and Netball

The Boys played Midhirst School at Toko this week. Congratulations boys on a great win! This now puts the boys in the semi final again! The tentative date for this is Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of September.

The girls played Kaponga School at Kaponga. The girls played very well but went down. Sadly their season finishes! A big thanks to Mrs Shearer for coaching the children so ably and giving so freely of her time!!

The Toko School Staff and Friends played the Toko School Hurlestone Shield team on Tuesday. A tough and exciting match. No idea what the score was but I'm sure the teachers managed a win!

### School Clothing

Could parents please ensure that their children are wearing clothes in which they can move freely for active physical education! For example at the moment the children are doing gymnastics and cross country training. Please have a change of clothes in their bag for these activities e.g. a



Nathan and Nicholas with their mathematics investigation.  
The Toko Staff and Friends celebrating their game against the Toko School Hurlestone Shield team!



### pair of shorts!

#### Year 7 and 8 Camp

Children in Room 5 are off to Whakapapa and learning to ski next week! Many thanks to the parents that are coming along to help with the camp. It is greatly appreciated. We leave school a **little before 2pm this Sunday!** We arrive back approximately 6pm Thursday evening.

**Friday is a normal school day!**

#### Books from the Room 5 Library.

There are still a number of books missing from the Room 5 Library. Could parents please have another look for Toko School Room 5 novels? We've spent \$5000 on these over the last years and cannot afford to "lose" them.

#### Art Exhibition

A wine and cheese evening will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> of

Sally and Elyse Great mathematics Investigations!  
Joshua's exciting Print making



September! Please come along and view the children's art works between 7.30 to 8.30!! This is the result of a Maori art unit across the school. The focus was on print making and telling stories. It should be a great display so please, if you are able, come along for a causal evening! Of course after the official opening on Wednesday night, the Hall will have the children's art displayed and be open to the public for viewing!

#### Cricket

Is there anyone that can raise an Stratford Cricket Club calf, in the same way that many already raise an IHC calf? As you know the Stratford Cricket Club kick started the Toko



### Upcoming Dates 2007!

**31<sup>st</sup> August**  
Peter and the Wolf

**10 September**  
Cross Country

**13<sup>th</sup> October**  
Calf and Lamb Day

**29<sup>th</sup> of October**  
Speech Competition

**19<sup>th</sup> of November**  
Tabloid Sports

#### Assembly Dates for this Term

**Room 1 Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of August**

**Room 2 Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September**

School cricket pitch and we are looking forward to continued coaching from Sam and the club for our budding young cricketers! Please contact Polly Otterson 7622842

#### Fundraising Request

The Fundraising committee have a new venture coming up and they need your old bags please i.e. 25 kg bags or old 40 kg urea bags. These can be dropped off at Vaughan Jones place 933 East Road or Phone 7622926 to speak to Vaughan or Helen. Many Thanks.

Regards  
Richard and the Toko School team