

# NEWSLETTER

## UPCOMING DATES . . .

- Feb 24: Country Fair
- Mar 10: Teacher Only Day
- Mar 13: Taranaki Anniversary
- Mar 15: Cluster Swimming Sports
- Mar 20: PTA Meeting
- Mar 21: BOT Meeting 7pm
- Mar 23: School Tryathlon
- Mar 27-31: Yr4,5,6 Camp Konini
- Mar 29: Weetbix Tryathlon
- Apr 5: Science Road Show Y7-8
- Apr 6: Rural Cluster Athletics
- Apr 7: PP Athletics
- Apr 13: Last Day Term One
- May 1: Term 2 Starts

Term dates for 2017 are on our website.

Check out our google calendar on our website as well.



## 23rd February 2017

### Dear Parents and Friends of the School Hello/Kia Ora DEVELOPING LEADERS @ TOKO SCHOOL

At Toko School we are working really hard to develop leaders within and across our school. Personal qualities include:

- Displaying what it means to be a Toko School Learning Star.
- Showing respect, responsibility and making the right choices.
- Working hard to be the best they can be.

Over the next few newsletters we will feature our leadership groups and they will share with you what's involved with their responsibilities. It is with pleasure that I would like to announce our school councillors. These students were elected by their peers and will meet regularly with Miss Jury to assist in planning fundraisers and fun events for the school. Our councillors are as follows: Olivier C, Hollie E, Abbey S, Gus W, Meg B, Ephraim I, Mackenzie C, Sam H, Jared T, Amy S, Jamie H and Charis H.

### PTA LUNCH ORDERS

Please note that we can not accept late lunch orders. The PTA have to order the food each week and they order only enough for orders. We are getting orders handed in on Friday (the day we have brought lunch) and we don't often have spares, so children will have no lunch.

Our school roll: 144 students

### BUS ROUTES

Parents of children that go on the bus home are reminded that children **cannot switch buses**. The Douglas Bus is full to capacity and can take no more children. If your children are going to someone's house after school you must collect them and take them. Your assistance with this matter is appreciated.

### SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

I will be working on these over the next few weeks and will get them out as soon as possible. If any families want to start paying off their accounts, before they are sent out, that is fine. Please just ensure if paying by internet banking that you put your family name in the reference.






Many Thanks Annette.

### TOKO SCHOOL TRYATHLON

The annual school tryathlon is coming up on us quickly. We have moved the date for this event and it will now be taking place on Thursday the 23rd of March, with Friday the 24th of March scheduled in as our postponement day. Now is the time to make sure that you are prepared for this event. Your bikes or scooters are in good working order, as well as making sure that you have organised yourself a helmet that is in good condition.

### NO LUNCH ORDERS ON FRIDAY

## TOKO SCHOOL LEARNING STARS

Challenging Curriculum	Personal Best	Learning to Learn	Connected	Well Being
NO Learning Stars this week				
				

## Portfolios of Learning

Our students in Year 4—8 will no longer be bringing home Learning Journey Portfolios in Term 2 and 4. Our students learning journey will now be recorded as an e-Portfolio on their individual school Blogs. **We ask that each parent signs up to their child's blog and their class Blog.** Each class blog will have a short video clip that will show you how to do this. This will be up on class blogs at the beginning of next week. Ask your children and they will be able to show you where this is on the class blog next week.

Each time students post a new learning item you will receive an e.mail. It is hoped that you will view this in their blog and then provide a comment to support their learning.

### What is an e-Portfolio?

An e-Portfolio is an electronic format for them to:

- ⇒ Record of their work, goals and achievements
- ⇒ Reflect on their learning
- ⇒ Share their learning and receive feedback and feed forward.

### Why use an e-Portfolio?

- ⇒ A blog immediately reflects the student learning process and progress.
- ⇒ Technology enables the use of a range of media—video, sound and images—as well as text to show both the learning process and final products.
- ⇒ A student's teacher, peers, parents and whanau can participate and provide immediate feedback on their learning.
- ⇒ Students can take increasing responsibility for their own learning by recording and reflecting on their learning in their blog.
- ⇒ Students can carry their portfolio throughout their learning journey and use it to record, assess, evaluate and reflect at any time.

At Year 1—3 students will bring their learning journey portfolio book home in Week 9 of each term. We will be reviewing the format of this for Year 1—3 during the year.

### PPP DAY

On Friday 3rd March the School Council are holding a Pink, Purple and P day for Renee.

Children are asked to bring a gold coin donation and can wear anything pink and purple or dress up as anything that starts with the letter P.

Pink is Renee's favourite colour, Purple is the colour of the Epilepsy New Zealand Association and P is for those who aren't too keen on wearing either colour.

The School Councillors will be running some activities for the children to enjoy during lunchtime.

Money raised from the day will be used to send a care package of goodies to Renee and her family during their stay in Texas.

# From the Sports Desk

## SCHOOL EVENTS AND TRIPS AWAY

Just a reminder that it is expected that children wear their Toko t-shirt and black bottoms for all school events and trips outside of school. Please make sure your child still fits their t-shirt, that it is named and you know where it is.

## CLUSTER SWIMMING SPORTS

Year 1—3 are not involved in this event. Students will begin Cluster Swimming from Year 4.

### **Year 4—5 Participation only Year 6—8 Participation or Competitive**

This will be held at the Stratford Swimming Pool on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am - 1.30pm (approximately) **(Please note: this time is to be confirmed closer to the event)** with 10.30am race starting time. Children will travel to this by bus. Students will complete in a range of strokes from freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, medley and team relays.

Please note: There is NO FREE Swim this day. We all look forward to seeing you there! Supporting our amazing swimmers!

**REMINDER: Turnbull Cup Swimming Competition 6.30pm Stratford Pool on Wednesday 15th March—A note will be sent home today for those students participating in the Turnbull Cup.**

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES** It is our intention to have assemblies at 2.30 each Friday.

Assemblies will be outside, on the grass in front of Mrs Waites office.

If it is wet assembly will be on the next fine day.

## FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL

If you shop at New World Stratford and eat any of the specially marked Kelloggs cereals, you can help us get books for our school library. All you need to do is keep your receipt and attach it to two Kelloggs box labels, then drop it in the Toko School box at our local New World. Every time you do this we will be gifted a new book for our library.

# TOKO SCHOOL COUNTRY FAIR

## FRIDAY 24th February

### 5pm onwards



The Toko School Fundraising Committee presents an evening of family fun and entertainment!

Raffles	Pony Rides	Bouncy Castle
Mystery bottle	Fun bikes	Water Walkers
Bumper balls	Silent Cake Auction	Dunk the teacher
Food for sale		

And much more . . .  
Looking forward to seeing you there!

**Cake Auction** -Could school families please contribute to our Silent cake Auction by making a cake/slice/muffins. This can be dropped off at school prior to the Country Fair starting.



The Roster for parent help at the Country Fair is coming home with the children today, please check their bags.

**CHILDREN ARE NOT TO BE LEFT AT SCHOOL ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON UNTIL THE COUNTRY FAIR STARTS. THE ONLY CHILDREN THAT SHOULD BE AT SCHOOL ARE THOSE WHO HAVE PARENTS SETTING UP FOR THE COUNTRY FAIR.**

## ROOM 7 CAMP

### EATING YUMMY MARSHMALLOWS

More class photo's on our facebook page and the Room 7 Classroom blog.





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