

NEWSLETTER

- UPCOMING DATES . . .**
- Feb 7: Swimming Lessons at School Start**
 - Feb 15: Initial Learning Journey Meeting 3.15-4.45**
 - Feb 16: Jubilee Com 7pm School**
 - Feb 20-21: Room 7 Camp**
 - Feb 21: BOT Meeting 7pm**
 - Feb 22: Camp Meeting Y4-Y6**
 - Feb 24: Country Fair**
 - Mar 6: World of Maths Day**
 - Mar 10: Teacher Only Day**
 - Mar 13: Taranaki Anniversary**
 - Mar 15: Cluster Swimming Sports**
 - Mar 17: School Tryathlon**
 - Mar 20: PTA Meeting**
 - Mar 21: BOT Meeting 7pm**
 - Mar 27-31: Yr5-6 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.

9th 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 Bus Monitors:

- Wawiri Road:** Sam C, Abbie S.
- Toko Road:** Troy P, Charna P, Abbey S.
- Douglas :** Meg B, Dorian H.
- Stanley Road:** Libby K, Izzy K Ryan K.



All Year 7 & 8 students have had a bus safety workshop with Constable Erwood. It is the role of the bus monitors to ensure that all bus safety practices are carried out by all students. They share issues and concerns with the Principal on Friday afternoons and assist new children as they learn to become familiar with using the school bus.

Our school roll: 144 students

Prior to starting the school year the staff Teacher Only Day involved planning and preparation for Term 1. In the afternoon Jude Mortlock—Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour ran a workshop on Circle Time. We will be introducing this to our weekly programme across all classes. Below is a description about Circle Time:

CIRCLE TIME
 In our school this is something that will be used regularly in our classrooms. Circle time provides the ideal group listening system for enhancing children's self esteem, promoting moral values, building a sense of team and developing social skills. It is a system that involves all children and gives them equal rights and opportunities. Circle time offers children a practical opportunity to discuss concerns, practice positive behaviours and work out solutions and action plans in an enjoyable, fun context. Have a talk with your children over the next couple of weeks and find out what they are learning and discussing.



TOKO SCHOOL LEARNING STARS

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

A BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW TEACHERS



Hi! I am Rebecca Jury and this year I am teaching Year 7 & 8 in Room 4. I am extremely excited to return to Toko School after spending a bit of time relieving here throughout 2013. I studied a Bachelor of Health Science at Massey in Wellington before moving to Hamilton to complete my Graduate Diploma of Teaching at Waikato University. After I completed my studies, I spent some time relieving throughout a number of schools in Stratford, Hawera and Inglewood. I then ventured off to England for 2 years on my big OE and taught in London. I absolutely love to travel and enjoy exploring and learning about new and different countries. Within my 2 years in England, I managed to visit around 34 different countries! I have been back in New Zealand for just over a year now and love being home

around family and friends. I taught at Marco School last year before making the move into town and Toko School this year. I love being a teacher and am excited to share my passion for learning with my students.

Hi, I'm Renee Clegg and I am currently teaching Year 2. This is my first year teaching at Toko School. Prior to that, I have been studying at the University of Waikato to gain my bachelor of Primary School Teaching majoring in Professional Education. I have completed teaching placements at a range of different levels in Taranaki and Hamilton. I grew up in Hawera and have always wanted to begin my teaching degree in South Taranaki. Outside the classroom I enjoy exploring the outdoors, playing sport and spending time with family and friends. In the classroom, I strive to create an environment where children have a choice about what they are learning.



Welcome to Karen Bellamy who has also joined our Toko School Team as a support staff member.

SCHOOL GATES

When entering and exiting the school grounds we are reminding parents and visitors to our school to shut the gates. This is extremely important to ensure our children's safety whilst at school.

YEAR 4, 5 AND 6 CAMP

There is a letter going home today with information on it about the Room 5 and 6 camps. Please read it and fill in the form at the bottom if you are able to attend either camp to stay, or just come up for a day visit. We will be sending out children's permission slips etc next week. There will be a parent meeting on Wednesday 22nd March at 3.15 in Room 6.

COUNTRY FAIR—FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY—5.00PM

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.



Room 6-Could all parents of Room 6 children please send to school 2 or 3 wrapped bottles for the Mystery Bottle Stall at the Country Fair. Please label the bottle as to whether it is for a child or adult.

If you are able to give some time to help out on the stalls, please contact Alison Eagar by phone at school or email alison.eagar@toko.school.nz. We will roster parents on so you can still enjoy the night with your families. **No eftpos!**

Next meeting for the **Fundraising Committee** is **Monday 13th February**, 7.30 at Toko School in the staffroom. New members most welcome



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 Kellogg's 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.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

After the annual stocktake, the following eight titles are missing from the library. Could you please have a look at home and return to school if found.

Many thanks, Ms Mason

The demon with the Matted Hair

Grandpa's Cat

In My Father's Room

Revolt Rhymes

The talking Stick

The Trenches

Why Shouldn't I Eat Junk Food

Possum Joe

Vic Parker

Joy Watson

Gary Crew

Roald Dahl

Dot Meharry

Jim Eldridge

Kat Knighton

Tadpole

Can you also keep a look out for any readers and journals that may have come home and not made it back to school. They will have a Toko School stamp in them. These can be returned to the classroom teacher.

PTA

Every family will receive a lunch order form with their newsletter today. For our new families you are able to place one order for the Term if you wish to do so.

TOKO SCHOOL 125th JUBILEE - 2018 Easter Weekend

If you are interested in joining the organising committee we would love to hear from you.

Please contact:

katherine.bot@toko.school.nz

From the Sports Desk

WEETBIX TRYATHLON - NEW PLYMOUTH - WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH - REGISTRATIONS OPEN

The Taranaki Weetbix Tryathlon will be held at Ngamotu Beach, New Plymouth on Wednesday 29th March. Registrations are now open. To register and link to Toko School please go to the following website www.tryathlon.co.nz/schools and follow the prompts to 'Linking to Schools' then select Toko School as your group choice. Best of luck with your training. Mr Dillion is overseeing the organisation of this event in the New Year. If children are registered can you please let the office know: office@toko.school.nz. Please note that Rooms 5 and 6 are on camp on this day.

EASTERN DISTRICT NETBALL

Registration forms are being sent home today. These MUST be back by next Thursday 16th, so teams can be created. Many thanks, Alison Eagar

COMMUNITY NOTICES

B+LNZ FARM SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WORKSHOP

Monday 27th February Stratford TET Multi Sports Centre, 62 Portia St, Stratford Start time: 10.00am – 3.00pm with lunch provided. Registration is essential Please contact Erica (B+LNZ): erica.kinder@beeflambnz.com or 027 203 9744. Find out more Jason Griffin (B+LNZ): jason.griffin@beeflambnz.com or 027 431 0225.

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BACK TO SCHOOL Bus Safety Tips

When picking up or dropping off your child, wait on the same side of the road as the bus stop. Never wave or call to a child from across the road. Dress your child in bright clothing. Have a 'plan B' in case you are running late.

Teach your child to:

- Stand well back from the road when waiting for the bus.
- Wait for the bus to stop completely before getting on or off.
- Wait until the bus has gone before crossing the road.



BACK TO SCHOOL Road Safety Tips

School gates are busy places.

- Drive slowly near the school. Children can be unpredictable so be prepared for the unexpected.
- Do not stop or park on yellow lines – they are there to protect your children.
- Take care to look for cyclists before opening your door.
- Always make sure your child exits onto the footpath.
- Never wave or call to your child from across the road.



BACK TO SCHOOL Road Safety Tips

School gates are busy places.

Help relieve congestion and create a safer environment by walking to school or parking well away from the gate.

If your children are younger, park a few hundred metres away and walk with them so they can learn about road safety with you.

NEVER park on a bus stop, cycle lane or yellow lines outside a school, even for 30 seconds. It only takes seconds for a child to be injured



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