

Newsletter: 23rd March 2017

Our school roll 151

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CHALLENGING CURRICULUM



LEARNING TO LEARN



Dear Parents and friends of our School Hello/Kia Ora/Hola

We have had a great uptake of parents and grandparents signing on to their child's blogs and on to class blogs as well. Thank you so much for doing this. Now that you are signed up you will be able to keep up to date with weekly class communication and also the learning that is occurring in the classroom. You now have instant access to real time learning occurring for your child in the classroom. We now challenge all parents and grandparents to set aside time to make comments about your child's learning that is being posted on their blog. If you have difficulty doing this at home we are happy to give you access to a computer at school. For more information about using blogs at Toko School please go to our website - Learning links.

UPCOMING DATES . . .

Mar 23: School Tryathlon

Mar 27-31: Yr4,5,6 Camp

Konini

Mar 29: Weetbix Tryathlon

Apr 3: Fundraising Committee Meeting

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.

Community Notices:

Toko & Eastern Districts Junior Rugby

All interested players this year can contact Dwayne Keegan on 06 7622669 or 027 6682233. Alternatively registrations can be done by going to: www.sporty.co.nz/tokorugbytaranaki?em=1 and using the junior registration tab.

Mitre 10 Rainbow Run

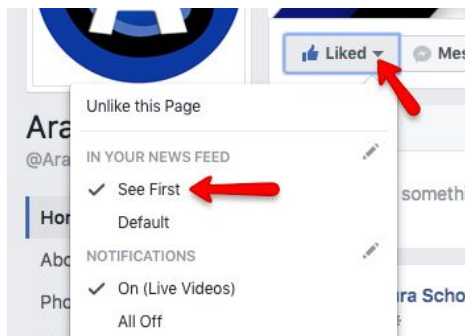
Sunday 9/4/17

Tickets www.evenfinda.co.nz

Keeping Up With our posts on

Facebook

If you are worried about missing an important post from us, here's a tip to make sure you never miss a post again. You can choose to have Toko School posts appear at the top of your news feed! Follow the steps below: Go to the Toko School Facebook page - Find the 'Like' button and click on the drop down arrow - Select News Feed Preferences - select "See First"



Communication

Agri Kids Competition: This is being held on the 22nd April at the TSb Hub. For more information and to register please go to:

<http://www.agrikidsnz.co.nz/welcome-to-agrikids-new-zealand/>

Board of Trustees Updates

NAG 5 Health & Safety Review: This policy was reviewed and passed at our most recent BOT meeting. The updated policy is available to read on our school website. We have also put on our website our updated **Emergency Response Plan**.

Police Vetting: Our school policy states that if parents wish to attend school camps overnight that they must be police vetted. If you think, you may like to go on our Year 7 & 8 camp later on in the year can you please call into the school office and collect a form. If you are not sure if you have been vetted please call Annette and she will check for you. Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

From the Sports Desk

Rural Cluster Swimming: Last Wednesday children from Years 4 - 8 competed in our annual cluster swimming sports. The event went fantastically, with our school being represented well, both in the way we competed in the pool and the way we supported each other out of the pool. A highlight of the day was the Toko A team swimming to victory in the school relay event. A big thanks to the parents who supported the school by helping with judging and timekeeping. As always feedback is appreciated, our rural cluster group meet at the end of each term to review all cluster events. Results for this event will be published in next week's newsletter.

Turnbull Cup: Children from Years 6- 8 competed in the Turnbull cup. Competition was tough, however we competed well. Congratulations to the following: Heidi S - Year 7 girls champion, Arnika W - 3rd in Year 7 girls Abbey S - 2nd in Year 8 girls.

Toko A Relay team: Abbey S, Pascoe W, Arnika W and Heidi S - 1st in small schools competition and 3rd in Centennial Cup.

Rural Cluster Athletics: If you are able to assist the PTA with selling and cooking food please contact the school office: office@toko.school.nz

Fundraising Committee

Trail Bike Ride: Thanks to the Fundraising Committee and those parents in our community who assisted with our annual Trail Bike Ride. We had over 300 riders and raised approximately \$7000.00. If you participated in the event and would like to provide some feedback please e.mail: office@toko.school.nz.

OUT AND ABOUT IN OUR CLASSROOMS . . .

Room 7 . . .

After weeks of work we have finally completed our Writing Across New Zealand project. This has taken many hours of discussion and we even sent them some sheep wool and a lavender bag. The school we wrote to was Wakaaranga School in Auckland. We sent them lots of information about where we live. We had to draw a secret map of our classroom, put a dot in the map of where our parents came from, we sent them an oak leaf from our big oak tree, explain some cool places in our school, add up the number of siblings we all had, etc etc. Check it out.

Room 2 . . .

The children have been working really hard this week in our reading programme. They have been practising writing their spelling words by doing Rainbow Writing and they have also been making their sight words in many different ways during word work. This encourages the children to practice reading the words, think about the sounds in words and how to form letters correctly. We have also been writing some awesome stories and trying to underline words we write that we aren't sure of.

The children have also been gaining reading mileage by spending time reading to themselves and reading with a buddy. Everyone in Room 2 knows two different ways to read a book - talk with your child and they might be able to show you at home.

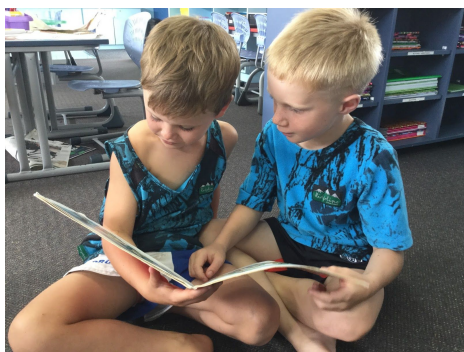
We thought this might be helpful when having conversations with your child about incidents that may occur with other people.

IS IT BULLYING . . .

When someone says or does something *unintentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's
RUDE

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's
MEAN

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they keep doing it even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset - that's
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