

## Newsletter: 18th May 2017 Our school roll 148

#### PERSONAL BEST

Blake, Sam, Cody, Ryan K, Izzy, Leah, Millie, Heidi, Samara, Joe, Dorian, Devin, Mackenzie C, Amanda, Judah, Liam, Turuki



### WELLBEING

Maisie, Deanne, Samara, Holly, Conrad, Shakira, Riley, Leslie



#### CONNECTED

Hayley, Bradley, Addison, Alise



# CHALLENGING CURRICULUM

Oli, Caitlin, Mason



#### LEARNING TO LEARN

Olivia, Emily, Blake, Charna, Sinead, Cohen



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

Year 7 & 8 Technology: Next week our year 7 & 8 students will be involved in a week long technology programme. This is the first of 3 rotations to take place during the year.

Lockdown: On Monday; here at Toko School we practiced our procedures for a "Lockdown". A lock-down would be used anytime students need to be contained and protected inside school buildings. A chemical spill, for example, could put students and staff at risk of toxic inhalation if allowed outside. Also, a fugitive abandoning a car chase to flee on foot could pose the risk of a hostage situation. In both these cases the police would request a lock-down of the school to prevent putting students and staff in danger. An unarmed intruder inside the building can also be cause to implement the lock-down procedure, separating the intruder from students. In this case a lock-down may also help to prevent confusion, and to make it easier for staff to account for all students as it is simpler to determine if a student is missing when the students are at least standing still. When the 'lock down' signal is given, teachers go to their classroom doors, listening, and then looking for a sign of imminent danger. If it's safe to do so, they gather in any students in the buildings, then close and lock the door and turn off the lights. We were very pleased with the outcome from Monday's practice and now have a way forward with further planning procedures. Please discuss with your child their experience.

PTA: If you have paid for your lunch order online you must send the lunch order slip back to school or the PTA do not know what has been ordered.

School Council: The School Council would like to say a massive thank you for all the effort you put into dressing up for the Westpac Chopper Day. There were lots of amazing and very creative outfits. We managed to raise \$190 which we gave to Tristan from Westpac in Stratford, at assembly on Friday. A big thank you must also go to Tristan and his team for donating some great prizes for best dressed.



At school we have the enviro stall out every day so that you can come and buy some of our new produce:
Feijoas - \$2.00 per kg, pumpkins - \$4.00
We have comfrey tea and worm tea available for 3\$ each. IT'S THE BEST IN TARANAKI!!!!

### **CLEAN JARS WITH LIDS**

As produce continues to be made at school, into beautiful jams and chutneys, which we sell, we would appreciate any spare clean jars with sealable lids.

Thanks.

Worms for sale
Room 6 are selling some of
our tiger worms, as we have
bred so many. Please come
and buy some \$20.00, for an
ice cream container full.



UV Light: For technology week, next week the wearable arts group are looking to create a spectacular garment for the glow in the dark category. Does anyone in the community have a UV light we could please borrow for the week? It would be great to be able to test what glows and what doesn't. Contact Rebecca Jury by ringing the school or email at rebecca.jury@toko.school.nz Thanks in advance.

## From the Sports Desk

Jones Cup: Cluster principals have met and for 2017 the Jones Cup is to be for **Year 5-8 only**. This is due to growing numbers in all schools. Last year many games had to be played before the competition and we now do not have enough space to accommodate all teams. This will be looked at again next year when planning the event.

### **Board of Trustees Update**

Vacancy:

The Board of Trustees has regrettably accepted the resignation of Megan Frandi. The board would like to wish Megan and her family all the best with their new venture. We will need to fill this vacancy, so if you are interested in becoming a board member and would like to be part of the dynamic, Toko School Board of Trustees team, please contact Kim or Annette in the office.

Ransomware Attacks: You may be aware of some world wide Ransomware attacks over the weekend. The best way to protect your home computer from being infected, is to educate everyone in your family about opening emails and files that you aren't sure about. Infection will come from other PC's. If someone does think their machine has been infected, immediately disconnect to stop it from spreading. Then call a local I.T specialist.. Having a working backup system is key to restoring data.



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