



Newsletter: 17th August June 2017

Our school roll 147

PERSONAL BEST

Hollie, Aylah, Isabel, Izzy, Leah, Millie, Olivia H, Arnika, Pascoe, Gus, Libby, Max, Jess, Meg



WELLBEING

Liam, Ephraim, Pippa, Sam



Dear Parents and Friends of our School Kia Ora/Hola/Bora Da/Konichi Wa/Hello

Incredible Years Teacher Programme

To date we have had four staff train in this programme and currently two are in training at the moment. This programme provides teachers with approaches to develop children's social and emotional competencies.

The programme covers:

- Building positive relationships with students.
- Proactively preventing behaviour problems.
- Using attention, encouragement and praise.
- Helping students learn social skills, empathy, and problem solving.
- Using appropriate consequences for undesired behavior.

This is a fabulous programme and adds another layer to other initiatives we currently have in our school.

Relievers

Over the course of the year our staff are involved in professional development that sometimes occurs in the school holidays or after school and sometimes occurs during term time. When this occurs during the term time and we know in advance we work really hard to try and organise the same relievers to be in the same classrooms to provide consistency for the children. Currently we are facing a shortage of relievers and when staff are sick or are unable to be at school, at short notice, we have very few options which can mean a class could have a number of different relievers over a number of days or the class may have to be split if we can't find a reliever. Our teachers do their best to ensure that the classroom programme is set up so the reliever can continue with part of the programme whilst also allowing them the opportunity to introduce new learning. While not ideal we felt it was important to share with our community why this can and does occur.

CONNECTED

Laura, Cullum, Sam H, Turuki, Jess, Mason



CHALLENGING CURRICULUM



LEARNING TO LEARN

Charlize, Harrison, Jamie W, Room 5, Joe



UPCOMING DATES . . .

Aug 14-18 Tech Week

Aug 28:Toko School Cross Country - 29th PP

Sep 4: Rural Cluster Cross Country pp Sept 5

Sep 13:Central Cross Country

Sep 18-22:Speech Board

Sep 29:Last Day Term 3

16 Oct: Term 4 starts

18 Oct: Calf & Lamb Day

22 October: Toko School Pig Hunt

23 October: Labour Day

Term dates for 2018 are on our website.

Check out our google calendar on our website as well.

TOKO SCHOOL PIG HUNT

We are on the look out for 2 hoggets to raffle in October. If you are interested in donating a hogget please contact the office. The money raised for this will go towards purchasing meat for our Annual Toko School Pig Hunt Fundraiser.

**Welcome to: Bryn Room 1
- Happy school days!**

Community Notices

St Mary's Diocesan is pleased to be bringing NZ Cyber Safety expert John Parsons to Stratford next week.

Tuesday 22 August 6.30 pm at the Mountainview Vineyard Complex, Orlando Street, South, Stratford \$5.00 per person at the door – followed by tea/coffee. Topics covered include: online grooming, sexting, damaged reputations, cyber bullying, reputation management, learning to repel and report, future proofing for employment. John is a really top guru in this field. John will give real life examples of children who have been affected by cybercrime and provide attendees with the knowledge to help, support and protect their families.

Communication

Calf & Lamb Day: Information regarding Calf & Lamb Day will be sent home today with this newsletter.

Toko School Fundraising Committee: Who are we and what do we do?

Chairperson: Alison Eagar Secretary: Jodene McCowan

Treasurer: April Dibble Staff rep: Sue Fergus

Committee: Kim Waite, Paul Kowalewski, Troy Caskey, Jo Wyss, Anne-Marie Watson, Scotty Campbell, Paul and Aimee Topless, Tim Gilbert, Rodney Baldock.

Toko School has this dedicated group of parents that strive to raise funds for the school. We are governed by BOT school policy.

The reason we have this group of parents is to raise funds to contribute towards teaching and learning, above and beyond what is funded by the Ministry of Education.

Our **annual** activities include: February - Country Fair (2018 will be in Easter weekend - Jubilee), March - Trail bike ride, July-October - Slinks Calf Collection October - Labour Weekend - The Annual Toko School Pig Hunt

These events are crucial to raising money that will benefit each and every child at Toko School and the committee cannot do it alone. We ask that all families assist in at least one of the above events during the year. It makes our job so much easier if you volunteer your time, rather than us having to call.

We also welcome new members onto our committee at any time and we are always open to new and fresh ideas.

From the Sports Desk

Taranaki Trophy:

Last week our Year 7-8 netball team played away at Opunake Primary School. We were successful with a 43 - 22 win. Congratulations to Sarah Trott who received player of the Day. Unfortunately our games against St Joseph's, Stratford were postponed due to weather. New dates for this will be posted shortly. Next week our rugby team will be facing Coastal at 11.00am at Toko School. We look forward to your support.

Cross Country Updates:

Our school cross country is coming up quickly. Unfortunately classes have done minimal training for this as the weather has been terrible and our fields are currently closed. We will be keeping a close eye on this over the next week and have proposed a back up date for Friday the 1st of September if needed.

Board of Trustees Update

New BOT Member: Welcome to Julie Roberts who is our newly appointed BOT member.

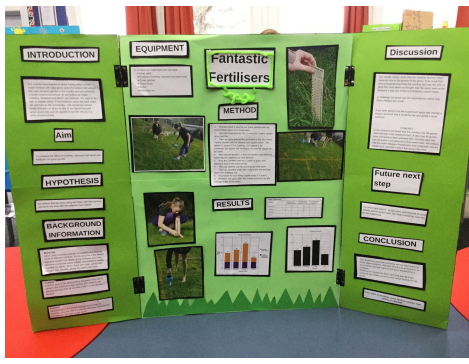
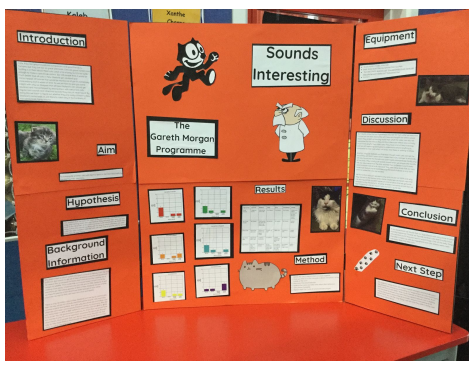
2018 School Organisation: We can confirm now that in 2018 we will only have 6 classes. It will be really nice to have our school hall back.

NAG 2 Review - Self Review: This policy is now up for review and can be found on our school website. Our Community - Board of Trustees. If you would like to provide any feedback please do so to: office@toko.school.nz

Adopt a Garden: The BOT are looking for school families to adopt a small garden at school. This would mean your family would look after the garden by weeding, pruning and making any recommendations about the area. Our school jubilee is in Term 1 next year and we really want the whole school to be in tip top condition for this. If you are interested or would like to know more about this please give us a call at school.

OUT AND ABOUT IN OUR CLASSROOMS . .

Year 7 & 8 Science & Technology Fair



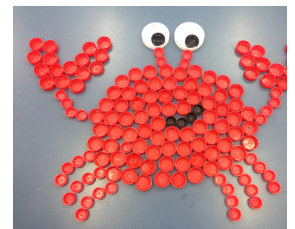
Last week was the Taranaki Science and Technology Fair in New Plymouth. All our Year 7 and 8 students entered this event by entering a science investigation, a photo showing a chemical reaction or a rocket. We took all the Year 6 - 8 students to New Plymouth to view all the entries and to help them get ideas for next year. All our students put in a great effort and learnt a lot. The prize winners from our school were:

Max & Troy - Special Award in the Year 8 Science Investigation
Hollie & Izzy - Merit Award in the Year 7 Science Investigation
Jessica & Meg - Special Award in the Year 8 Science Investigation
Xanthe & Abbey S - Special Award in the Year 7 Science Investigation
Gus & Libby - Special Award in the Year 7 Science Investigation
Arnika - Merit in the Year 7 Photography section
Pascoe - Merit in the Year 7 Science Investigation
Methanex Maths Quiz

Next Wednesday we have a Year 7 and a Year 8 team entered in the Methanex Maths Quiz at the New Plymouth Racecourse. Our Year 7 team is Matthew, Hollie, Heidi and Pascoe. Our Year 8 team is Jessica, Leah, Millie and Sarah. We wish them the best of luck.

Reading Together Workshops - These start next week for our Room 1 parents. Please let me know if you intend on being a part of this, alison.eagar@toko.school.nz or phone the school office.

We still need more plastic lids/bottle caps!!!
Please keep collecting these and sending them into Room 4. We are looking to create something big so we need as many as we can get our hands on and as many different colours and sizes. As long as they are plastic we will take them! Spread the word!
Here's a sneak peek at part of our creation...



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