

# Newsletter: 9th November 2017

Our school roll 151

## PERSONAL BEST

Zoey, Joseph, Mikayla,  
Freddie, Olivia, Regan, Billy,  
Jayden, Blake



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



**Our Road Relay Teams**

Over the non-contact, holiday period all our teaching staff attended a three day conference in Hamilton called U.Learn 2017. This is an annual professional learning conference for educators. This conference provides an opportunity for educators to connect and collaborate with other educators from across New Zealand and internationally. At this conference our staff attended a variety of workshops and keynote speeches. This provides a chance for our staff to reflect on their own learning, open their eyes to what is possible in the classroom and to learn from the latest research in education both nationally and internationally. As a result teachers will now be asked to think about:

- What am I going to do now as a result of U.Learn?
- What do I plan to think about and do at the start of 2018?
- What do I want to investigate further?

We are really lucky that our school is able to provide these opportunities for our staff and that our staff are super excited to be participating in professional development over the non-contact, holiday period.

## WELLBEING



## CONNECTED

Brock, Jess H, Room 6, Oli W



## CHALLENGING CURRICULUM

Lucas, Amelia, Luke, Kaitlin,  
Deanne, Zara, Jet, Bradley,  
Hayley, Charlotte



## LEARNING TO LEARN

Mason G, Mason C



## UPCOMING DATES . . .

**17 Nov: Learning Journey**

**Reports Year 4 - 8 go home**

**20 - 22 Nov: Parent Teacher  
Child Interviews**

**21 Nov: BOT Monthly Meeting**

**27 - 1 Dec: Year 7 & 8 Camp**

**12 Dec: BoT Monthly Meeting**

**13 Dec: Year 8 Leavers Dinner**

**19 Dec: Final End of Year  
Assembly**

**19 Dec: Term 4 ends**

Term dates for 2018 are on our  
website.

Check out our google calendar on  
our website as well.

## Watties Cans for Good

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to helping collect Watties cans for the Salvation Army fundraiser. We have managed to collect 74 cans and Simon from the Stratford Salvation Army will collect all the cans and take them to the Salvation Army where they will be given to families in need. Thank you from the School Council, we really appreciate you helping out. By Meg Baldock and Abbey Sextus.



Room 2 are designing and creating a butterfly garden. All the plants are going to be planted in recycled containers. If you have any unwanted pots/containers/tubs/etc that you no longer want can you please let Miss Clegg and Room 2 know. If you could send us a picture that would be even better.

# Communication

## Stratford High School Year 8 Visit 2017 - Friday 24 November 9-11am.

On Friday 24 November, Toko School Year 8 students are invited to attend the Stratford High School orientation visits. Students will spend a couple of hours familiarising themselves with the environment and meeting new friends. This will take place at the Stratford High School library at 9-11am. Please let the High School office and our school office know if you will be attending. Transport to and from the High School is to be individually organised. A separate flyer has been sent home today about this event as well.

**Reporting to Parents - Room 3, 4 and 5 only:** Reports will be sent home on Friday 17th November for the above classes. Interviews have been scheduled for the 20 - 22 November. Bookings for school interviews are online. To book an interview please go to: [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code), the interview number will be **e4fhh**. From there you will be asked your name, email address (for an email to be sent to confirm your booking) and then you can select an interview time. If you have no internet access or have any difficulty what so ever please contact Annette in the office. Bookings are now open.

**Year 7 and 8 Camp -** We head off to camp on the 27th of November. Important information regarding gear requirements, itinerary and contact numbers went home on Tuesday. Please ensure that you have sighted and read this information. Raffle tickets were also sent home on Tuesday. There is a camp

meeting for all interested parents on Tuesday 14 November at 3pm in Room 3. Please contact the school with any questions.

**Raffle -** Our Year 7 and 8 classes are off to camp in a few weeks. To help get costs down they are raffling a beautiful gift basket. All Year 7 and 8 students have tickets to sell. Tickets are \$2 and are also available for purchase from the school office if you would like to support our Year 7 and 8 team.



## BOT Update

**Nag 1—Curriculum Policy** This is up for review this term and saved on our school website with all our other policies. If you would like to provide feedback to this please e.mail: [office@toko.school.nz](mailto:office@toko.school.nz)

## From the Sports Desk

**Tennis Update:** Please make sure your children know which day they are practicing and come to school prepared. Tennis draws for Saturday competitions have been sent home.

# HELPING YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME . .

Our parents often ask what else they can be doing to assist their children with Maths. We have found this great website just for parents: **BEDTIME MATHS** If you subscribe you will get a daily problem to solve with your children and there is also an APP you can download onto your device. *THIS INFORMATION IS ALSO ON OUR WEBSITE - LEARNING LINKS - MATHS.*





## Weetbix Tryathlon

Entries are now open for the 2018 Weetbix Kids Tryathlon. This event will take place on Wednesday the 28th of March 2018. Our school is now registered for this event. If you are registering your own children please enter Toko School into the schools box so we can be into win some prizes.



# OUT AND ABOUT IN OUR CLASSROOMS . .

## **Taranaki Road Relay**

Toko's first entry into the Taranaki Schools Road Relay proved a huge hit with the kids involved and we even managed to get a placing. The race involved kids in teams of 4, each running a 1.5km loop.

Well done to the Year 7 & 8 Girls 1 team who finished 2nd.

Members of this team were: Heidi, Pascoe, Abbey & Meg.

The girls 2 team got 9th followed closely by team 3 who were 10th. The boys placed 8th and 13th. Excellent effort by all involved.

## **Lions Speeches**

Last week Abbey S, Heidi, Jessica H and Meg competed in the Lions Speech competition. They all performed well and presented some fabulous speeches. Well done to Heidi for coming third in this competition.

## **BIKE SAFETY DAY - Year 2 - 5**

What a great day we had with Jono, our friendly policeman to teach us how to be safe on our bikes. Firstly we looked at all the safety features on our bikes, and then we learnt our hand signals - left, right and for stopping. We learnt how to bike on a round-about too. A little bit chaotic - but with practice, we will be perfect. Then we got to practice them. Finally we had some races!



## **Enviro Update**

### **Sawdust Needed**

Room 5 are having some more baby chicks. If you have any shavings or sawdust left over from calving could you please bring it to Room 5 for the baby chickens. Thankyou.



### **Sustainable Backyards**

We would just like to thank everybody for making this a huge success for us. We managed to raise over \$600 and again our jams and chutneys, lavender bags and eggs were a huge success. We had some great Enviro-Leaders and other children who helped out with showing visitors around and organised the stall every day. We had plenty of visitors and they were all very complimentary about our school. The children did Toko School proud!



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