



Newsletter: 23rd February 2018 Our school roll 136

PERSONAL BEST

Olivia, Addy, Shaye, Jenna, Millie, Bryn, Reese, Freddie, Sierra, Korban, Luke, Ella, Lesley, Amelia



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

WELLBEING

Slade



CONNECTED

Aleah, Charlotte, Jamie H



Developing Leaders @ our 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 Sports Council. This year our newly established sports council will be running sports events during lunchtimes, introducing new games, running coaching sessions and mini tournaments. : Congratulations to the following:

- Matthew J, Pascoe W - Head PE Monitors
- Izabelle K - Deputy Head PE Monitor,
- Judah H, Arnika W - Junior Leaders
- Hollie E, Pippa W - Senior Leaders

CHALLENGING CURRICULUM

Regan



LEARNING TO LEARN

Bradley, Joe, Jared



Communication

Incredible Years Teacher Programme

To date we have had most of our staff train in this programme, and currently Miss Jury is 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.

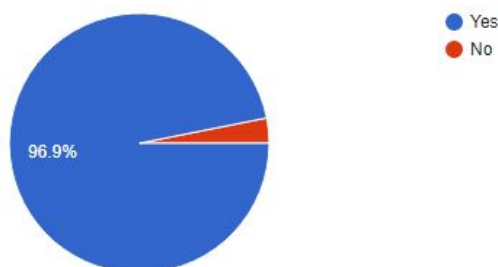
Relievers

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.

Biennial Community Survey:

5. Do you feel welcome on entering our school?

96.9 % said they feel welcome on entering Toko School.



5a. Do you have any additional comments to make?

Toko School is very welcoming, well presented and most children I believe are proud to go to Toko and represent their school.

The learning community at Toko School is always friendly and welcoming. Smiling kids and staff.

Kids are very friendly and most of them always say hello even if they don't know you.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- To continue to maintain a collegial, hard working, attractive and organised environment.
- To put a welcome sign on the hall and on the fence by the bus shelter directing visitors to the office.
- To replace the school sign at the corner of the field.

UPCOMING DATES . . .

28 -2 Mar:Yr3,4 & 5 Camp

5 Mar: Rural Swimming Sport

9 Mar:Teacher Only Day

12 Mar:Taranaki Anniversary

16 Mar: Toko School Tryathlon

21-23 Mar: Yr 6 Camp Vertical Horizons

30 Mar-1 April- Toko School and District 125th Jubilee

30 Mar - 3 April - Easter

5 April - Learning Journey

Portfolios go home

9 April - Rural Cluster Athletics

10 April- Athletics pp

13 April - Last day of Term

30 April - Term 2 Starts

Term dates for 2018 are on our website.

Check out our google calendar on our website as well.

Toko School & Districts 125th Jubilee

Have you registered? Early bird registrations close on the 20th February. We have an Easter weekend full of fun events for everyone. You don't have to have attended Toko School to come along. Everyone is welcome and we would love to see you at one of our events.

If you have friends or family that no longer live in the District can you please pass on this information. Further details on our school website.



**Toko School
Trail Bike Ride
SUNDAY 19th April 2018**

****NO SIDE BY SIDES****

9.30am start (signposted from Toko)

Start & finish at old
Tututawa School

\$25/rider main track (no
passengers)

\$5 kids track

Gates close 1.30pm

Refreshments available

**Also needed: people to
help out on the day for
registrations, being a
marshall on the course
and BBQ/selling food.**

**Please contact Alison if
you can help:**

alison.eagar@toko.school.nz

From the Sports Desk:

Cluster Swimming: On Monday 5th March we have the rural schools cluster swimming sports for children in Years 4-8 at the Stratford pools. Years 4 & 5 will swim in participation races only and Years 6, 7 & 8 will swim in either the competitive or participant category. The event will take most of the day and is expected to be completed by 1.30 in the afternoon. We are looking forward to a great event.

Timekeepers and Judges Required

We are required to provide two judges and two timekeepers to assist at the Rural Cluster Swimming Sports on Monday 5th of March. If you are able to help please email me. rebecca.jury@toko.school.nz

Toko School Tryathlon : Our annual school tryathlon is approaching. The event will take place on Friday 16th March at 1pm. Now is the time to make sure that you are prepared for this event. Please check your bikes or scooters are in good working order, as well as making sure that you have organised yourself a helmet that is in good condition.

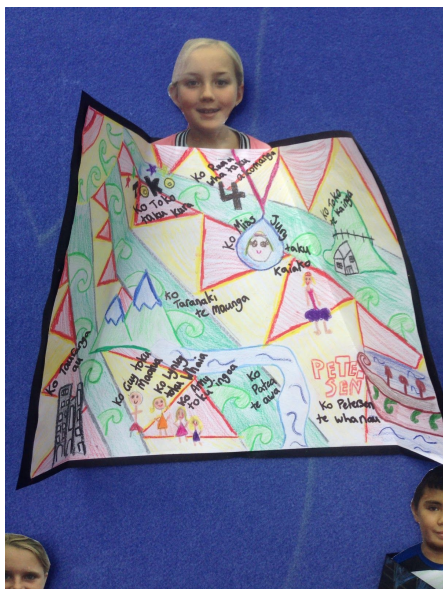
Taranaki Primary Schools Golf Day : Taranaki Golf are running a golf day for children in Year 5-8 at Manaia Golf Course on Thursday 22nd March. There are two sections: one for those who just want to have a go and one for those with an official handicap. If this is something your child would be interested in please email rebecca.jury@toko.school.nz

Weetbix Tryathlon: If your children are participating in this can you please inform the office.

PAID UNION MEETINGS: You may be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers. Children need teachers with enough time to teach so they can give each child the attention they deserve, and children need talented and inspiring people to be attracted to teaching. Children are missing out on some opportunities to learn because teachers are bogged down in administration or are struggling to get enough support for children with additional learning needs. Teachers at our school are joining an NZEI Te Riu Roa campaign, called Kua Tae Te Wā – It's Time to address these issues. Our goal is to free teachers to teach, and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. And we'll attract more people to teaching by respecting and paying them as the professionals they are. NZEI Te Riu Roa members at our school have been invited to a paid union meeting on

Wednesday 14th March so that we can plan and discuss the campaign and their upcoming collective agreement negotiations. Our children deserve the best education in the world, and New Zealand can afford to provide it. It's just a matter of priorities. Thanks for your co-operation in this important matter. **Our school will therefore be open but closed for instruction from 1.30 - 3.00 on this day.** This means that Kim Waite and some support staff will be at school to supervise children. However if you are able to collect your children at 1.30 that would be really appreciated. If you intend to collect your children at 1.30pm could you please e.mail office@toko.school.nz

Thank you for your patience over the past few days. We have had a few trees damaged and lots of debris to clean up. We hope that your properties and homes were not too damaged. We realise there are still many of our families without power. If we can be of any assistance please let us know. We do have a shower and oven if you need to use them.



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