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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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Te Kura Tuatahi O Whangatao

Team Torbay

Values

Commitment

Aroha

Respect

Responsibility

Excellence

Together

Everyone

Achieves

More

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ELECTIONS**

Over the school holidays nominations can be sent by mail or alternatively held for hand delivery until the school office reopens in Term 2.

Nominations close at noon on Apr 23rd and should be accompanied by a candidate's statement. For any queries please contact the Returning Officer, Marilyn Boyd, at school (8:15am – 12:15pm) ph 473-8603 Ext 3

The 21st Century Brain...

This term our topic for study has been "Learning how to Learn"

Kids learn and think differently to you and I, Canadian Ian Jukes told teachers at a Conference in New Zealand. He stated "if we were to take an electronic scan of our parents' brain and compare them to ours, we would see that we use slightly different neural pathways to process the same information than our parents. In the same way, if we were to take an electronic scan of our brains and compare them to those of our kids' brains, we would find that they use fundamentally different neural pathways to process the same information than we do."

This has significant impact on the way we teach and present information to our students.

Our children, have been described as digital kids. They have been exposed to technology throughout their entire lives. This is one reason their brains works differently. The average University graduate has spent 10 000 hours playing video games, 20 000 hours watching TV and only 5000 hours reading and 11000 hours at school.

With the technological age advancing rapidly, children's brains have restructured. It is second nature to multitask and they crave access to tools for networking. According to Ian Jukes, Digital Kids can do their homework while talking on the phone, listening to music, downloading videos and simultaneously talk on three chat rooms - and they are still bored!

What implications does this hold for learning?

What research tell us is that if we want understanding and retention from our students we need to encourage and facilitate interactive discussions, use and share practical applications of content and promote high level thinking skills. Dr Vernon Magnesen believes that we remember

20% of what we read,

30% of what we hear,

40% of what is seen,

50% of what is said and 60% of what is done.

If you see, hear, say and do, the brain will remember 90%

KA PAI to the following students who have shared their fantastic learning with me this week –Fletcher, Jade, Rm 16, Gemma, Rm12, Erin, Luke, Libbi, Luke, Leela Jane, Rm11, Walter Rm 2, Tracey, Ashleigh, Anrike, Tyler, Isaac, Jayden, Fletcher, Tyson x2, Jade, Nathan, Hope, Rm16, Maya, Grace, Rm13, Ethan, Rm11, Arwyn, Rm12, Ruby, Jordan, Rm 4.

KA PAI also to Vida B, Rafi H, Rm2, Ken M, Azaria C, Rm3, Sydney, Kevin, Rm6, Kevin M, Kyla S, Rm13, Isaac T, Jade C, Rm16, Zoe B, Ada W, Samantha D, Rm20 who receive certificates from their teachers for excellent learning this week.

Congratulations to our swimming team who completed at the Millenium Pool yesterday. Congratulations on your wonderful efforts and a huge thanks to all our supporters.

NZEI STOPWORK MEETING

The NZEI Stopwork meeting that was cancelled earlier this term is now being held on Thursday 6th May. Please collect your children from the school at 2.00pm. The school library will be supervised by some staff for any children who are unable to be picked up until 3.00pm. Thanks for your support of this meeting.

INFORMATION EVENING

We are planning an Information Evening on Wednesday 28th April from 7.00-8.00. Possible workshops are KnowledgeNet & ICT, Oral Language, Numeracy, Educating Boys, Supporting learning at home and National Standards. If you have any suggestions for a workshop please contact the school office.

MRE AWARD

Congratulations to Rosie, Room 3 who was last week's recipient of the Kiwi Spirit Award. Rosie receives this award for her fantastic leadership in the school. She encourages others and is extremely positive in all aspects of school life. Rosie is a role model for younger children, always showing enthusiasm. Creative thinking is one of Rosie's many talents.

TORBAY'S GOT TALENT....

Celebrating the fabulous personal bests of some of the children at Torbay school.....

A poem by one of our senior students about camp.....

I remember Carey Park
 The fun we had in free time
 The cold dark claustrophobic tunnel
 The bouncy trampolines
 The adrenalin of doing a back flip
 I remember Carey Park
 The painful and extreme scream machine
 Clinging on tightly like a limpet
 I remember Carey Park
 The smell of the boiling hot food cooking
 I remember eating the delicious food
 On tables of about eight or more
 I remember the freezing cold icecream with wibbly, wobbly jelly
 I remember Carey Park
 The super cold water hole and the big slide
 Smacking on the water and swimming back as fast as I could
 I remember Carey Park
 How the confidence course used to be hard but now it's easy
 I remember Carey Park as being a truly fantastic experience

By Rafi, Room 2

★★★ SENIOR T-SHIRTS: Please iron screen print to set dye before washing for the first time. ★★★

NETBALL:

All practices begin the first week back after holidays.

A reminder that if you have not yet paid fees or uniform hire, you must do this in the first week.

No uniforms will be issued and the girls will not be permitted to play until fees are all paid.

Knitting Group:

We will be restarting our popular Wednesday lunchtime knitting group next term. Any donations of wool, needles and parent or grandparent help would be much appreciated!
 Contact the school office if you can help!



WEBSITE OF THE WEEK
www.younginventors.tv
 Send in your invention ideas and you could be on the next tv series!

SCHOOL BUS TIMETABLE: 058: Torbay School to Long Bay.

Departs Torbay School at 15.05pm, Stage 1 fare. Route: Torbay School, Deep Creek, Weatherly, Glamorgan, Glamorgan primary, Marina, Stredwick, Killarney, Deep Creek, Ellangowan, Beach, County, Awaruku, Stredwick, Glenvar, Ashley to Long Bay College.

SHORE TO SHORE FUN RUN

Well done to everyone who participated in last weekend's Fun Run.

Congratulations to everyone for giving it your best!

Our thanks to Christina Hodder and her team from the PTA who provided the hospitality tent at the finish line. Thanks also to everyone who baked muffins for our team.

PMP:

Thank you to all my PMP helpers this term – we couldn't run the programme without you.

I look forward to seeing you again next term.

If there are any parents/grandparents out there who would be able to help on any of our morning sessions, please leave a phone number at the school office and I will contact you.

Debbie Abbott

TERM 2 ART

Please save

yoghurt containers,
 ice cream containers,

buttons and

bottletops
 for junior art.

Drop at Rm18 or office – thanks!

LIBRARY BOOKS:

In week one of next term, children will be bringing home notices for books that are overdue from Term 1.

Please look for any books over the holidays and return these next term.

For any queries please contact Mrs Dealey in the school office.

Over the Holidays.....

- Could you please check your child's uniform, **especially hats and sweatshirts**, to ensure that all items belong to your child.
- Could you please check your child's hair for head lice and treat if necessary. Your pharmacist can advise on the best way to do this.

HOLIDAYS.

We wish everyone a safe and Happy Easter and holiday period and look forward to seeing the children back to school on Monday 19th April 2010

All the best to Mrs Hills as she undertakes her 100km walk for Oxfam and to Mrs Martin as she completes in the Paris Marathon in the holidays. Kia Kaha!

CALENDAR

April	19	Term 2 starts
	28	Information Evening 7 to 8pm
May	3	BoT Meeting, 7pm
	4	PTA Meeting
	4	Photolife Class Photos
	3	Kids for Kids Concert
	4	Mothers Day Stall
	6	Stop Work Mtg, 2pm
	6	Rugby Field Day
	24	New Parent M Tea, 9.30am
	24/25	Dental Van here

COMMUNITY NEWS:

JOB VACANCY: Sea Vista Apartments, 869 Beach Road, Waiake, is looking for a part time housekeeper /cleaner for Sundays & Mondays as required. Ability to relieve other days an advantage. Variable hours. Ph Melanie 4788488 or email CV to info@seavistaapartments.co.nz

Netball Holiday Programme (\$70 / week) Available to Year 1-8 players
 Week TWO: Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th April 9.30am to noon.
 Ph Rochelle via e-mail hardcastlenz@yahoo.com

Holiday Hours for Local Dental Clinics: Phone 0800 433 6825 or check out www.ards.co.nz for a list of dental clinics open during the holidays.

Babysitting: Year 13 Carmel College student and a past student of Torbay School. I am very responsible and caring. Refs available. Phone 473-7473 or 021 02750786.

BioBlitz: April 17 to 18 at Auckland Domain. Count as many species as possible in 24 hrs –free!

HOUSE POINTS

Place	1/4/10	Place	Term 1 TOTAL
1	Matai	1	Matai
2	Kauri	2	Rimu
3	Totara	3	Kauri
4	Rimu	4	Totara