

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

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Te Kura Tuatahi O Whangatoa

KA PAI to the following students who have shared their fantastic learning with me this week – Aidan, Oscar, Titus, Rm14, Liam, Rm20, Sophie, Rm17 and Jake, Max, Sophia, Nathan, Hope, Rm16.

KA PAI also to Rosana B, Claudia L-S-K, Rm3, Summer D, Rm5, Riley D, Flynn G, Millie C, Rohan T, Rm15, , Jake H, Anrike B, Rm 16 who receive certificates from their teachers for excellent learning this week.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2010 STUDENT LEADERS:

2010 STUDENT LEADERS		
Sports Leaders: Rosie D, Caleb F		Head Mediators: Rebecca A, Vida B
Head Tech Team: DJ H , Alicia S		Head Office Assistant: Ella de J
Big Games Co-Ordinator: Rosie K		Junior Games Co-Ordinator: Laura W
HOUSE CAPTAINS	Matai: Thomas H, Nathan d T, Faith R, Brooke B	Rimu: Thomas H, Ryan Q, Amy R, Savannah S
	Kauri: Shaun B, Christopher M, Katie T, Lucy P-P	Totara: Daniel O, Petra T, Krista B

Team Torbay Values

Commitment
Aroha
Respect,
Responsibility
Excellence

Together
Everyone
Achieves
More

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

There will be BOT Elections in May this year. If you are interested in being a member of the Torbay School Board of Trustees, please contact the school office.

ACTIVITY FEE

Thanks to all of the people who have already paid Activity Fees and Donations. These are now due.

NATIONAL STANDARDS

More information on the implementation of National Standards was shared at last nights Meet the Teacher Evening. There will be a further Information Evening early in term 2 on Wednesday April 28 and some inserts into the newsletter this term.

MEETINGS

Thanks to the people who attended the PTA meeting on Tuesday night. The PTA have lots of great ideas and events planned for this year. Funding for Stage Two of the playground is well underway.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

Thanks to everyone who came to our evening last night. Thanks also to Tim Barnaby who spoke on behalf of the Board of Trustees. We are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead.

NZEI - STOP WORK MEETING

There will be a Stop Work Meeting on Friday March 26th at 1.00pm. Please collect your children from the school at 12.30 on this day so that all teachers can attend this meeting. Those children who are not collected will be supervised. The After School Fun Club will be open from 12.30 on this day.

UNIFORM

Please ensure that students are wearing plain black shorts or skirts and that all items of clothing are named. Students should wear footwear to and from school as many children are cutting their feet on the way to school.

NAME THE SPACE

We have a competition for the students to name the space that is adjacent to the library. Please give you suggestions to your teacher.

PLAYGROUND DAMAGE

We are extremely disappointed about the damage to our middle school playground. A huge thank you to all of our parents and neighbours who look after our school, and a special thanks to the Headifen family for alerting the fire service and the police.

The playground will be dismantled this week and rebuilt within the next few months. Please contact Actionline if you become aware of any undesirable activity at school or phone 0800359657 for security issues.

FREE FRUIT

We would like to give free fruit to students from the lunchroom. If you have home grown fruit that is going to waste, please bring it to the lunchroom for re-distribution.

CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

CRE begins on Tuesday 2nd March. If you do not wish your child to attend these sessions, please put this in writing to the Principal (unless you have either already written a letter in 2009, or your child has just started at Torbay School and you have indicated this on your enrolment form).

Situation Vacant! We are looking for a new Walking School Bus Co-Ordinator

Gain

- experience in project management that can be used in paid employment
- improved people management skills
- experience in the building of parent networks
- an opportunity to network with other WSB parent co-ordinators.

Play

- a key role in shaping sustainable forms of transport in our local community
- a key role in helping keep our children active and our school gates less congested

We need you!

- Mentoring and assistance available to help you learn the role
- WSB routes already established
- Maximum 1- 2 hours per week work- all flexitime, in your time.

See Fiona Williams in Room 14
or the School Office if you can help!

CALENDAR

February to March 2010

February

- 19 Waterwise starts
- 22 Vision and Hearing testers here
- 23 Senior Syndicate Aquatics Day, Hibiscus Coast
- 25 Assembly, 2.15pm

March

- 2 Christian Education Commences
- 3-4 Middle Syndicate Trip, Tree Adventures
- 5 School Picnic, 6pm
- 8 New Parent Morning Tea, 9.30am
- 11 Assembly, 2.15pm
- 8-12 Seaweed
- 17-19 Senior Camp, Carey Park
- 22 Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- 25 Ambi Ambulance Visit Juniors
- 26 Stopwork Meeting, 1pm
- 28 Shore to Shore Fun Run



CAMP 2010

We are well into our organisation for the Senior Syndicate camp next month.

Please ensure you return all camp forms as soon as possible.

SHORE TO SHORE FUN RUN

Get your entries in now!

LIBRARY BOOKS

Notices are being posted home for books still overdue from 2009.

Any queries, please see Mrs Dealey in the school office.

Vision and Hearing Testers:

Will visit Torbay School
on Monday 22nd February.

They will see new entrants who have not had a B4 School Hearing and Vision test, any retests following their last visit and any children new to NZ who have not yet been tested.

Children **do not need to be tested** if they have completed the B4 School Check.

SUNSMART TIPS

- Allow a little time at home before school to apply a suncream.
- Why not put a small tube of suncream in your bag so that you can reapply it during the school day?
- Always bring your hat to school!



ENROLMENTS 2010

Do you have a child turning 5 this year? Please urgently contact the school office to discuss their enrolment.

If you know of someone else in the community who intends to enrol, please advise them to contact the school as soon as possible.

HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL

Slingshot and CallPlus have created a Better Schools Programme to help schools like us out. The more people that register their accounts to our school – the more money we get! Slingshot will donate a portion of your monthly bill to our school when you sign up. See the school office for a registration form or phone 0800 89 2000.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

HOUSE NEEDED FOR 6 MONTHS FOR TORBAY SCHOOL FAMILY: Rental or house sit while leaky home is being repaired. If you know of anything, please see the school office.

TAEKWON DO: Thursdays at Long Bay Primary. 4-7yrs: 4.30 to 5pm, 7yrs+: 5 to 6pm. Call Liz 021 029 20547.



WEBSITE OF THE WEEK
www.worldmathsday.com