

**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 – Regan x2, Ryan, Jason, Rm 12, Dylan, Rm 15.

KA PAI also to Libbi D, David M, Rm11, Tygan C, Justin S, Brooke T, Rm13, Tracy de V, Fletcher D, Rm16 who receive certificates from their teachers for excellent learning this week.

Congratulations also to Daniel O and his father Mark on winning the NZ National Jolly Boat Yachting Championships last weekend. Fantastic!

MARCH 1st ROLL NUMBERS

Each year on March 1st the Ministry of Education requires every school in New Zealand to count and verify the numbers of students that attend the school. Below are the numbers for your information. It is interesting to note that we have more boys than girls in all areas of the school except for Year 6 and that in Year 3, 63% of our students are boys.

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Total	
Boys	33	40	48	37	35	30	223 (54%)	412
Girls	22	32	28	30	29	48	189 (46%)	

**Team Torbay
Values**

Commitment
Aroha
Respect
Responsibility
Excellence

Together
Everyone
Achieves
More

REQUEST LEARNING DISCUSSIONS

During this term some of the students, teachers and parents have already met to discuss goal setting and student learning.

If your child's teacher would like to meet with you to discuss learning goals they will have invited you to a 'Request Learning Discussion' in week eight, 22nd – 26th March. If you have not received a request slip and would like to request a meeting with the teacher about a particular concern, please make contact with the teacher or the school office.

Learning Conversations for all students are planned for Week eight of term two, Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th June. All students are encouraged to attend these with their parents.

BOT MEETING

The next BOT Meeting is on Monday 22nd March at 7.00pm in the staffroom.

TORBAY'S GOT TALENT: Celebrating the fabulous personal bests of some of the children at Torbay school.....

Stories from children in Room 15

*I am special because,
I can dive in the water,
No one is the same as me,
I am fun and I laugh a lot,
I am smart,*

*I am fast at running,
That's why I think I am special* **Luc**

*I am Special because,
I can run fast,
I am good at basket ball,
I am the only Me,
I am good at reading books,
I have lots of fun,
I have the same teacher,
I have a nice Sister,*

*My Mum and Dad Love Me,
That's why I think I am special* **Jacob**

And some thoughts about the trip to Treetop Adventures.....

Anna thinks.....

The high scary flying fox looked difficult but when I got on it was fun. I landed on the sand. The big flying fox was on course 3. Also I liked the logs, those were on course 3 too. Tree Adventures was so fun. There was a scary part too. There were three pieces of wire and you had to walk across. It was so hard. My goal was to take risks.

Millie thinks.....

At Tree Adventures I went on lots of wobbly ropes. I think it was challenging because it was very wobbly and high. I rode the fast flying fox. I thought it was really fun and easy.

SNOWPLANET: Have fun at Snowplanet these April School Holidays! Snowplanet, offering a winter wonderland experience just 20 minutes north of the Bridge, is a wonderful school holiday destination. The very popular kid's holiday programme comes with a 2 hour ski or snowboard group lesson (beginners to advance) each day, rental equipment, a graduation meal on the last day, a snow academy achievement booklet and a huge amount of fun! Enquiries or bookings contact Snowplanet on 09 427 0044 ext 725 or email groups@snowplanet.co.nz. Visit Snowplanet's website www.snowplanet.co.nz.



WEBSITE OF THE WEEK
www.brainweek.co.nz

SHORE TO SHORE FUN RUN

Entries have now closed. All the best to all those who have entered – 68 in total! We will be distributing race numbers when they become available next week.

Our thanks to the PTA for their support of this event - with entry collation and the hospitality tent on the day.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Nomination forms have now been mailed with additional ones available at the school office if required. These must be received by noon April 23rd to be valid. The draft electoral roll (also at the school office) is now available for inspection between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30pm.

HOUSE POINTS

Place	18 March 2010
1	Kauri
2	Matai
3	Totara
4	Rimu

SENIOR CAMP 2010

There was great excitement yesterday as the Year 5&6 students, teachers and parent helpers left for Camp.

Thanks to all of our helpers who work tirelessly to support our learning programmes, especially in EOTC.



DENTAL TECHNICIANS

The examination van will be at school on Tuesday the 30th of March and Wednesday the 31st of March between 8am and 12pm. The examination van will also come to Torbay school on 6, 7, 24 and 25 May next term.

LUNCHROOM

Any donations of fruit gratefully accepted at the office- we pass this onto the children.

A reminder that the Lunchroom is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

THERE ARE NO LUNCH ORDERS ON MONDAYS OR FRIDAYS.

CALENDAR

March		
22	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm	
25	Ambi Ambulance Visit Juniors	
26	Stepwork Meeting, POSTPONED	
28	Shore to Shore Fun Run	

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Sharks Sports Holiday Programme: 5 - 13yrs. 8:30 - 3pm, \$30 per child per day for 1 child & \$25 for more than 1 child per child per day. April 6 - 9, April 12 - 16 Orewa Primary, Hato Petera College, Northcross Intermediate Ph Jan Mills 09 424 3395 www.sharkssports.co.nz.

Auckland City Theatre Academy (ACTA): Holiday Programme for 7 - 12 year olds, from April 12th - 16th in Glenfield. Call on 443 0542 www.acta.co.nz.

Rugby Academy: Former All Blacks involved in the coaching. 7-12 years. April 6th-10th 2010. www.nextgenerationsport.co.nz

Reading/Writing/Spelling Tuition Phone Victoria Koopen on 413 7056

Kelly Sports East Coast Bays Holiday Programme: -games, sports, arts n crafts - held at Planet Sports. For more information you can contact Jeremy Brown on jeremyb@kellysports.co.nz or 09 443 0254/027 www.kellysports.co.nz/eastcoastbays

North Shore Soccer Camp: At Taka Grammar School Gym - \$30 per day. 6th to 9th April, 12th to 16th April. Ph Chris 449 2795 or 021 0676 700.

Browns Bay Racquets Club: Holiday programme: 9am to 12pm. Ph Gavin 479 7910 or 027 4 TENNIS. Reg forms at the school office. **Found:** School polo shirt- no name- see the school office.