



WEBSITE OF THE WEEK:

# Torbay Flyer



## Team Torbay Values

Commitment  
 Aroha  
 Respect and Responsibility  
 Excellence  
 Together Everyone  
 Achieves More

25 February 2010

### Dear Parents

**KA PAI** to the following students who have shared their fantastic learning with me this week – Stacey, Libbi, Charlie, Rm11, Gianna, Rm19, Cooper, Dylan, Kirsty, Ella, Hendrix, Hugo, Rm 9, Ethan, Tukua, Rm 14 and Tayo, Max, Casey, Rm16. **KA PAI also to** Shannon, S, Walter B, Rm2, Lewis G, Brendan B, Rm3, Zanri B, Rachael McH, Rm5, Ryan, Harry, Rm6, Sam G, Zach H, Oliver P, Millie T, Rm13, Gabby, James, Bianca, Sean, Rm14, Casey F-G, Ryan H, Rm16, Gianna L, Devon S, Rm19, Lily S, Hannah P, Anna-Marie M, Rm20 who receive certificates from their teachers for excellent learning this week. Congratulations also to this week's **Players of the Day: Flippaball:** Scott, Krista B, **Miniball:** Seth, Ben M, Thomas Mc, **Basketball:** Amy R, Harry D.

### BRAIN FOOD & WATER

Further to our information shared at Meet the Teacher night last week, we would like to encourage the students to bring Brain Food to school for a mid morning break. Many children lose concentration during class time and would benefit from a Brain Food boost and a drink of water. Plain water only can be drunk during class. Brain Food must be pre-prepared into bite size pieces in a container and can be any of the following:

- Fresh peeled & sliced fruit and vegetables
- Dried fruit (eg apricots, prunes, raisins and sultanas)
- Shelled unsalted nuts (no peanuts) or seeds
- Plain unsalted pop corn



**Please check with your teacher if there are students with allergies to any of the above foods in the classroom.**

### EMAIL TREE

Torbay School would like to set up an e-mail tree for information, handouts and newsletters. One parent from each room will send out the information and keep the email addresses up-dated. Please contact your classroom teacher if you could co-ordinate the tree for the class. Please fill out the tear-off slip and return this to the teacher.

### NATIONAL STANDARDS SURVEY

NZPF (Principals Federation) have designed a short survey collecting information on National Standards. If you are interested in participating please collect one from the school office. Please return the survey by **Monday 1 March**.

### SENIOR SYNDICATE AQUATIC DAY

On Tuesday the Senior Syndicate held its annual Aquatic Day at the Hibiscus Coast Leisure Centre. The day consisted of testing for Waterwise sailing- the culmination of a two week intensive swimming programme, tabloid sports and championship and fun swimming races for all students. We would like to congratulate all the students on the great efforts and determination they put in during their testing and races. We would also like to thank the parents who assisted throughout the day for their enthusiasm and support of the students.

**LOST UNIFORM:** Could you please check your child's uniform this weekend to ensure that all items belong to your child. With swimming at school and the recent Swimming Sports some children may have mistakenly taken home a shirt belonging to another child. If anyone has a shirt named Nicholas M please leave it at the office, thanks.  
**LOST SPEEDO SHORTS:** Dark blue boys togs – missing from the school pool area/changing sheds. Urgently needed back. Contact Nikki 021 113 6540 or leave at the school office.

**PMP HELPERS:** Thank you for all the kind offers of help. If there is anybody wishing to help Thursday mornings for 9am to 9.30am I would love to hear from you. No prior experience necessary. Thanks, Debbie Abbott, Teacher Aide.



**TRAVELWISE WEEK: This is 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> March- look out for more information next week!**

**WSB:** Would you like to join the WSB as a bus driver? And our WSB Co-ordinator role is still vacant- would you like to help co-ordinate the WSB at our school? This is a vital voluntary role and we would really appreciate your help. Perhaps share it with a friend? Please see Fiona Williams, Rm 14 to discuss this further.

**BAYSWATER AUTO SHOW, SUNDAY 7 MARCH 2009, 10AM - 3PM AT BAYSWATER SCHOOL:** Vintage to exotics & kitcar to hotrod, Harley Davidson motorcycles, Big-Rigs, Emergency Services, rides and fairground amusements, food and beverages, raffles, live entertainment. Info at [www.schoolground.co.nz/bayswaterautoshow](http://www.schoolground.co.nz/bayswaterautoshow) Funds to Bayswater School. **GYMNASTICS:** At Browns Bay School every Thursday, new coach, 3.30-4.30pm for 5 – 7 yr olds, 4.30-5.30pm for 8 – 12 yr olds. Ph 09 443 2570. **NZ's LONGEST BBQ SUNDAY MARCH 7:** See more at [www.brownsbay.org.nz](http://www.brownsbay.org.nz). 11am to until 2pm. Bouncy castles, merry-go-rounds, a band, and other attractions. The Fire Service will bring their demo kitchen to set on fire, the Westpac Rescue Helicopter will perform a mock sea rescue, and both groups will fundraise at the event. **MIND ADVENTURE DAY (MAD)** Hands on learning activities, like those offered in the One Day School programme. Glenfield School on Thursday 18 March 2010, 6 – 8 year olds: 9.30 – 12.00, 9 – 12 year olds: 12.30 – 3.00, Cost: \$30.00 per child, Bookings are essential. Ph 845 4176. **HARBOUR HOCKEY:** A reminder for all new/intending players that there is Kookaburra Open Day from 10am on Sunday 28th February. **TWILIGHT GALA:** Long Bay Primary School, **Friday 12th March**, 4-7pm. Food, rides, books, toys, raffles, sideshows.

**Torbay School, Deep Creek Rd, Torbay 0630. Ph 473 8603. Fax: 473 2947. Email: [admin@torbay.school.nz](mailto:admin@torbay.school.nz)**

**WATERWISE:** The Torbay Waterwise Committee is in desperate need of a Treasurer. This is a voluntary position which is not very onerous. The Committee meets once a month for an hour in the summer terms, all the necessary information is on a disc and financial responsibilities take approximately 2 hours a month. If you can help, please see Marilyn Chambers, Rm3 or let the school office know. Thank you.

**BAYS CITY JUDO:** Tuesday and Thursday in the Torbay School Hall. 5-12years: 6pm to 7pm, 13yrs to adult: 7pm to 8pm. Contact Dave Cordery 0274 923 551.

### KAPA HAKA 2010

Kapa Haka for 2010 is underway next week. The group will practice under the guidance of Matua Gary during Monday lunchtimes. Again there will be an opportunity for Year 2 and 3 to participate. I will take this group and Matua Gary will address them at the end of each session. They can if they wish observe the senior group for a time. Students wishing to join Kapa Haka have received a notice today. This notice must be returned to the classroom office bags as soon as possible.

I have also set up a Kapa Haka page on KnowledgeNet. This is a public page so no sign-in is required. Here I will post communications, words to waiata, photo albums, Te Reo learning and a forum where we can provide feedback and encouragement to students.

Use this link to access the KnowledgeNet page. <http://torbay.knowledge.net.nz/>  
Click on the public home TAB.  
Click the (+Left!!) sign to access the Kapa Haka page.  
Click the (+) next to Kapa Haka to access the albums notices and forums.

I encourage both you and the students to access this site to share the Kapa Haka experience.  
Junior students can even sing along to their songs on line. Give it a go.

Ka kite anō au i a koutou.

**Colleen Bott**  
Associate Principal

### CALENDAR

February to March 2010

#### February

25 Assembly, 2.15pm

#### March

3-4 Middle Syndicate Trip, Tree Adventures

5 School Picnic

8 New Parent Morning Tea, 9.30am

11 Assembly, 2.15pm

8-12 Seaweed

17-19 Senior Camp, Cary Park

22 Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm

25 Ambi Ambulance Visit Juniors

28 Shore to Shore Fun Run

### SHORE TO SHORE

Here's an excerpt from a message which our Sports Captains gave to the students at Assembly today:  
***All the money that is raised from the entry registration goes back to school. So the more people that participate the more money we will get for our school. There are also some awesome spot prizes like an X Box and a night at the Spencer on Bryon in Takapuna for two people. This year we are going to raise money for new court markings.***

***So get ready to sign up for the Shore to Shore on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March and bring all your family with you!***



**YOUTHTOWN**  
**Shore to Shore**  
**5km Fun Run/Walk 2010**  
**SUNDAY 28 MARCH**  
**The 5km Fun Run/Walk starts 9am from Takapuna Grammar and finishes at Milford Reserve.**  
**Join us and help us raise money for our school!**  
The PTA will be setting up a tent at the finish line where they will have refreshments for Torbay school participants.  
So join us as we exercise and help raise funds for our school!

### ASB SCHOOL BANKING

Don't forget you can bank at school.

If you are not yet registered see the office for a pack.

All banking deposits must be placed in the Kashin Banking Box at the school office by

### TORBAY'S GOT TALENT:

Here are some thoughts on last week's playground fire, from some of our Room 16 students:

**The Big Fire:** At Torbay School there was a big fire at the Middle Syndicate playground. It was burnt at 5.50am. I didn't know it was burnt until roll time. After the roll we went to see the playground. The slide was melting, the tunnel was tilting and had a big hole in it. The poles had melted. The wood broke and fell. It was upsetting. **Max**

**The Fire at Torbay School:** At Torbay School teenagers came to our school and burnt down one of our playgrounds. It was, and it is still, horrifying. They burnt it. It was ash and black charcoal. The next morning I came to school I didn't know why they were putting the rope up until I saw the playground. The slide was melted and the playground was lying to the side. I hope we get a new playground. **Tayo**

When I came to school I saw we had a fire I was upset because the whole school could have burnt down. **Casey**

*Farewell and Arohanui to our visitors from Korea and thank you to all our families who hosted these students.*