



WEBSITE OF THE WEEK:

www.earthhour.org.nz

At 8.30pm on Sat night the whole of the world is saving power at the same time by turning off lights for one hour

Torbay Flyer



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25 March 2010

Dear Parents

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, and Walter Rm 2. **KA PAI** also to the following students who receive certificates from their teachers for excellent learning this week: Eloise G, Isaac S, Rm2, Julie Ann N, Eden S, Rm3, Kirsty H, Dylan D, Hendrix R, Daniel S, Rm 9, Ruby L, Rm4, Kia B, Ammon H, Sophie T, Rm13, Tayo d T, Jayden R, Rm16, Alex Be, Nick G, Sophie M, Kara S, Rm17.

CAMP: Another fantastic camp – thanks to our fabulous staff and helpers for supporting our learning programmes, especially in EOTC.

BOT NOMINATIONS: We have three positions available on the Board of Trustees. If you would to discuss what being a member of the BOT entails, please contact a member of the BOT or Wendy Sandifer to find out more. Nominations close on 23rd April – this is the end of the first week of term 2.

CRE SURVEY RESULTS

Surveys issued - 350 – to school families
Surveys returned - 153 (44%)
Surveys unreturned - 197 (56%)

	Yes	No	Neutral
Should CRE be taught at school? (Percentage of total surveys issued)	85 (24%)	62 (18%)	6
Would you like your child to attend CRE in school time?	86	62	
Would you like CRE to be discontinued and for the normal classroom programme to resume on a Tuesday morning?	57	78	
Do you think that CRE should be available for			
Y1-3 only?	3		
Y4-6 only?	-		
Whole school?	77		

The Board of Trustees has decided that the following changes to Christian Religious Education (CRE) at Torbay School are to be implemented starting from next term:

- CRE to be offered to Years 3 – 6 students only during terms two & three
- CRE will be held every Tuesdays 2.25 – 2.55 pm
- Parents still have the choice for their children to opt out of the CRE programme by writing to the principal.
- If 45 or more of the Year 3 – 6 students opt out of CRE the Board of Trustees will review the CRE programme.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this survey and the discussion on Monday night at the BOT meeting

TRADING CARDS: Each year we have crazes on collectables items and toys. In general, toys are only welcome at news time and are to be kept in school bags or by the teacher for the day. Our school policy is to allow the children to bring collectable items to school until they start to cause social issues. At this stage we are having problems with the cards so they are now banned at school.

SCHOOL POOL: The pool will close next Thursday, 1/4/10. Please return your key to the office so that we can arrange a key bond refund for you. Please note that all keys must be returned with the tag attached to enable a full bond to be repaid. **FOR YOUR INFORMATION - HEALTH:** We have been notified of cases of chickenpox, tummy bugs and headlice in the school. **FUNDRAISER:** We have been donated some high quality women's fashion shoes to sell, with proceeds going towards our Junior Playground. Pre - Sale this Sunday at school -3pm to 4pm and every day next week 8.30 to 9am and 3pm to 3.30pm. Limited styles and sizes so get in quickly! **All selling @ \$45 .00 a pair.** Cash and EFTPOS only.

ON A MUSICAL NOTE: The choir is busy practising for the Top of the World concert to raise money for World Vision. The concert will be at the Bruce Mason Centre on the 5th of May at 7.30 pm. If you would like to go along, the tickets go on sale on the 29th of March through www.ticket.master.co.nz Please note: Tickets sell out quickly! The choir have a notice this week with additional information for parents. Our percussion group is underway and making great progress. If you are keen to join, come along to the library at 8.15 am on Thursday mornings. You do not need to know how to read music or currently be able to play an instrument. Any queries, see Mrs Tolsma, Room 9.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS: Nominations close at noon on Apr 23rd and should be accompanied by a candidate's statement. If an election is then required, voting papers will be issued with the poll closing at noon on May 7th. Additional nomination forms are available from the school office. For any queries please contact the Returning Officer, Marilyn Boyd, at school (8:15am – 12:15pm) ph 473-8603 Ext 3.

Marilyn Boyd, Returning Officer

SHORE TO SHORE THIS SUNDAY!

Race numbers were given out today. Good luck to all our participants this Sunday!

PS: We are selling muffins to the public as a fundraiser after the race- **Can you help us?** Please drop any muffins at the school office tomorrow! **Thank you!**

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INTERNATIONAL TESTING - PISA 2006 For your information, here are the latest International results in Mathematics, Reading and Science Literacy as supplied by the New Zealand Federation of Principals. A random selection of students are tested at 15 years old in 57 countries. Results from 2009 have been collected but not yet published.

Mathematics literacy:

New Zealand - score unchanged from the 2003 and 2000 assessments

Five countries higher than NZ (Chinese Taipei, Finland, Hong Kong-China, Korea, Netherlands)

NZ indistinguishable from Switzerland, Canada, Japan, Belgium, Australia (and others)

NZ well ahead of UK and USA

NZ had 14% at Level 1 proficiency or lower, compared to OECD average of 21%

Reading literacy:

New Zealand - score unchanged from the 2003 and 2000 assessments

Three countries higher than NZ (Korea, Finland, Hong Kong-China)

NZ indistinguishable from Canada, Ireland (and others)

NZ ahead of Australia, Sweden, Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland, Japan, UK, Austria, Germany, France, Norway...

NZ had 15% at Level 1 proficiency or lower, similar to Australia at 13%, compared to OECD average of 20%

Scientific literacy:

New Zealand - score unchanged from the 2003 and 2000 assessments

Two countries higher than NZ (Finland & Hong Kong-China)

NZ indistinguishable from Canada, Chinese Taipei, Japan, Australia, Netherlands, Korea (and others)

NZ ahead of 46 countries, including UK and USA

NZ had 14% at Level 1 proficiency or lower, similar to Australia at 13%. compared to OECD average of 19%