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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 20th March, 2014
WEEK 7

Kia Ora (Maori/NZ), **Hello** (English), **Bula** (Fijian), **Welkom** (South African), **Huān yíng** (Chinese-Mandarin)

Ayubowan, Vanakkam (Sri Lankan), **Namaste** (India), **Bem-vindos** (Brazil), **Marhaba** (Arabic), **Hallo** (Dutch), **Chom Reap Sour** (Cambodia), **Geiá sou** (Greek), **Mbote, Jambo** (Congolese), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese), **Hola** (Spanish), **Annyeonghaseyo** (South Korea)

TOI MANA WHAKAHAERE - SELF MANAGING

We continue to focus on this aspect of the curriculum...

You may be interested in this strategy that teachers use to support growth in self-managing, it is called wait time, give it a try...☺

Wait Time

Wait time is defined as the pause between asking the question and soliciting a response.

Providing additional wait time after a student response also allows all students to reflect on the response prior to further discussion.

Increased wait time results in longer student responses, more appropriate unsolicited responses, more student questions, and increased higher order responses.

It should be noted that increased wait time is beneficial for students who speak English as a second language or English as a second dialect.

Courtesy Saskatoon Public Schools

If you haven't seen the wonderful Video advertising the Gala/Festival you might like to see this, courtesy of Indie film...

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/4k16muopi4nbah/Te%20Totara%20School%20Gala%202014%20Promo%20Final.mp4>

Our first ever Gala/Festival is fast approaching and this newsletter has much information on this exciting event. Your support is so much appreciated to help our children.

TE TOTARA PTA GALA 29 MARCH 10am-2pm



HELP NEEDED!!!!

Is someone in your family helping on the day of the Gala?? We have done most of the work, but now urgently need more helpers on some of the stalls/activities, even if it is just for an hour or two. Helpers needed on the following activities anytime from 10.00am – 2.00pm:

- Te Totara's Funky Fashion Stall – painting nails, putting on tattoo's, putting spray/hair chalk in hair
- Sponge Throw
- Sausage Sizzle
- Raffles Table
- Drink Fishing

Please email Lisa Clay - shaunandlisa@vodafone.co.nz or Jolie Hopping - jolie.hopping@vodafone.co.nz if you can help out ASAP.

ITEMS NEEDED!!

Can you supply any of the following for our activities? Please take to the office and say they are for the gala:

- LOLLIES, LOLLIES and MORE LOLLIES or mini chocolate bars – we need lollies for our lolly station. Any size or type or do you know anyone who owns a shop that could donate a large bag??
- Nail polish – used or unused, any colour or type
- Hair Chalk – donate a pack from the \$2 shop
- Coloured hairspray – can be purchased from the \$2 shop

CAN YOU PLEASE HELP WITH GROCERY ITEMS FOR OUR GALA DAY RAFFLES!

We are looking for donations from families to help us put together some amazing raffles to be quick-fire drawn on Gala Day. **This week we are looking for any items you would like to donate, including lollies or chocolates for our Lolly Station.** Please bring these to the school office over the next week. We appreciate your help and support. If you own or work for a company that may be able to offer a prize for our raffles, it would be much appreciated. Please contact Kalena on finfamily@xtra.co.nz

COLOURING IN COMPETITION

Entries close Friday 28th March 2014. Extra forms are available on our school website, under newsletters.

ADULT MARSHALS NEEDED

Any adult marshals who would like to volunteer some time helping to direct motorists to the parking area, please contact Des by e-mail desnviv@xtra.co.nz. Thank You.

GALA DAY ACTIVITIES

Below are some of the activities that will be at the gala which your children have come up with. A couple of the activities involve water – so make sure you bring a change of clothes and a towel if you are keen on getting wet! The majority of these stalls will work based on a \$2 token system.

Name/team:	Activity:
Neptune / Marama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cake / Bake stall • White Elephant Stall
Milky Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasure Hunt • Balloon Piñatas
Orion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decorating Biscuits • Mini Golf Game
Matawhero	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bouncy Castle • Water slide • Lolly guess
Earth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face Painting • Coin Drop • Quoit Throw
Ra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Splat the Rat • William Tell - Shoot the target • Castle
Kōpū	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kōpū Cafe' We will be serving chocolate brownies and slices
Additional activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cherry Picker Ride • Lolly Station • Guess the weight of the fudge supplied by The Girl on the Swing • Sponge Throw • Photo with the Fire Engine • Te Totara Funky Fashion Stall • Meet the Alpaca

GALA TOKEN PRESALES

Avoid the queues for the eftpos machine and preorder your tokens for the Gala. Each token is worth \$2 and comes on a token card of up to 5 tokens per card.

Preorder Discount Available: Purchase 10 tokens for \$18

To order tokens, direct credit payment for number of tokens required to the PTA Bank Account:

SBS 03-1355-0711498-00 using your "Family Surname" as a reference – this will be recorded on the token card. Last date of payment to ensure token order is received is **Wednesday 26th March**. To receive email confirmation of pre order, email ange.jase@xtra.co.nz with family surname, date and amount of payment. Named tokens can be collected on arrival at Gala. No refunds available.

Additional Information:

Tokens will be required for all games and activities and can be used to purchase raffle tickets from the White Elephant, Cake Stall and the NZ Home Loans Sausage Sizzle.

In addition, cash/eftpos will be required to purchase from some of the Food Vendors. Cash can also be used at the White Elephant and Cake Stall and the NZ Home Loans Sausage Sizzle will also accept \$2 gold coins. Don't forget your gold coins to catch the bus.

GALA DAY WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

We need your good condition pre-loved items e.g. toys, books, puzzles, baby gear, plants, furniture, electrical items in good working order please.

**No Junk, No clothes/Manchester/Linen
No weekly magazines**

Items need to be clean, in good working order and complete.
Thank you!

**DROP YOUR ITEMS OFF TO MATARIKI HALL:
8.00-9.00 or 2.00-3.00 Wednesday 26th March
8.00-9.00 or 2.00-3.00 Thursday 27th March
8.00-9.00 or 2.00-3.00 Friday 28th March**

Helpers wanted to sort, price, sell and clear up

A sign-up sheet in Marama Pod, please help us make this event a success by giving us an hour of your time.

For more information contact:
Jolie Hopping and Lisa Clay
Caron Ace (Room 36) and
Jennie Brook-Watt (Milky Way Pod)

SWIMMING POOL INSTALLATION

This exciting new addition to the school is scheduled for installation on Sunday 13th April between 10.00am - 2.00pm.

This will be sited at the end of "Barnie's shed" past the end of the car park, exciting.....

I will be meeting with Waterworld about our swimming programme, more details shortly.

LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS

Learning Plan discussions will take place on **Wednesday 2nd April & Thursday 3rd April, 2014**. To make an appointment time for your child/ren, please use our online booking system www.schoolinterviews.co.nz – our school code is **AS5ZY**. You can also access this site via our school website www.tetotara.school.nz. If you are unable to access a computer, please phone Marise in the School Office on (07) 853-0039 ext. 858 to make a convenient time.

Bookings close on Friday 28th March @ 3.00pm

We will not be able to accept bookings after 3.00pm on Friday 28th March, 2014.

PLEASE NOTE:

- If your child is in Earth 19 with Mrs Fletcher, Learning Plan Discussions will be staggered over 4 days:
Wednesday 2nd April
Thursday 3rd April
Wednesday 9th April (from 3.15pm)
Thursday 10th April (from 3.15pm)
To book, please follow the above instructions

The whole school will finish at 2.00pm on Wednesday 2nd April & Thursday 3rd April; students will need to be collected by parents/caregivers at 2.00pm please.

After School Care will begin at 2.00pm for those children enrolled at After School Care.

2014 ICAS EXAMS

We would like to give your year 4-6 child the opportunity to compete in the 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) run annually by Educational Assessment Australia with the University of NSW. If your child has ability, interest or aptitude in any of the subjects below, he or she may enjoy this challenge.

The 2014 ICAS dates and costs are listed below:

- Computer Skills, English, Mathematics and Science \$8.50 per test
- Spelling \$10.50
- Writing \$19.50

SUBJECT	SITING DATE
Computer Skills	Tuesday 20 May
Science	Wednesday 4 June
Spelling	Tuesday 17 June
Writing	Wednesday 18 June
English	Tuesday 29 July
Mathematics	Tuesday 12 August

Permission letters including the above information are going home with your child/ren this week and next week. As you will notice from the ICAS Dates above, the first exam is Computer Skills on Tuesday 20 May. **In order to ensure all exams arrive in time we would ask that student registration and payment be in by the Friday, 11 April, 2014.**

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Paula Wine.

TE TOTARA TRACKERS



On the **5th of April** the **Te Totara Trackers** are representing **Te Totara Primary** and walking 100km in the **Oxfam Trail Walk** in 24-28 hours (without sleep!) The team is made up of two teachers from our school: **Mr Mitchell** and **Mrs Kirkham**, and a parent: **Mr Pilkington**. The fourth 'go getter' is a teacher from Hamilton Boys High School,

Nicky Bryant. They have the talented **Mr Rodger** (another teacher of our school), **Mr Mitchell** (Mr Mitchell's dad), and **Mrs Pilkington** (another parent of our school) as support people. They are hoping together to raise **\$2,500** for Oxfam from their efforts.

We need your support!

Donations for this great cause can be made at the front office in the provided drop box and/or by

clicking on the link below and following the instructions. We would love your help support.

<https://www.oxfamtrailwalker.org.nz/cart/checkout/7668>

AFTER SCHOOL CARE RELIEVERS POSITION AVAILABLE

We are currently seeking relievers for our programme at Te Totara Primary School. Before and After School Care provides a safe, secure, friendly environment for the care of children aged 5 years – 11 years through a structured, well-balanced programme.

The ideal applicant will have

- A fun “can do” attitude
- Good verbal and written communication skills
- Empathy for children and their development

All enquiries and CV's can be emailed to afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz or can be left at the office attention Anna Herbert.

ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

Even though we are now into Spring weather, there are a few bugs around which affect our children as well as staff.

If your child is sick, please keep them at home until they are well. If your child has diarrhoea or vomiting we ask that they do not return to school unless they are well and have had **no further diarrhoea or vomiting for 24 hours prior to returning – these bugs can be highly contagious.**

Thank you for your assistance in this.

On our school website (www.tetotara.school.nz) we have Ministry of Health Recommended Guidelines of the stand down periods of when children can return to school after their illness.

Please refer under our Absences Tab, Health and Medical.

SPARE CLOTHING FOR OUR SICK BAY

Can you help.... we are really in need of some clean spare clothing for our sick bay. In particular, we need girl's underwear, skorts and black shorts. If you are happy to donate any spare clothing items, (especially girls' underwear), please drop them into the School Office. Thanks.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Orders due by **9.15am on Friday 28th March 2014.** Sorry No Late orders will be accepted.

CHILDREN NOT COLLECTED AFTER SCHOOL

Lately, we have noticed an increased trend in children being picked up late from school. Remember, After School Care facilities are available at our school for \$6.00 per hour per child. Enrolment forms can be obtained from the School Office. **School Finishes at 3.00pm**

SPORTS NOTICES

Miniball and Hockey interest notices will be going next week. If your child may be interested in playing either of these sports, please have a conversation about listening out for these notices over the bing bong messaging system. Any notices brought back after the time specified will NOT make a team. Your help in ensuring these come back on time would be great.

Fun Ferns

Over the last few years we have given the option for Year 2/3 students to be a part of Fun Ferns. This is a group of about 30 girls who practice netball skills on the courts once a week after school, with no competition games. Unfortunately, our wonderful coach will not be able to take this group again this year but we would love this to continue. So if you think you would like to take over this role, please contact Miss Griffin in Matawhero 18.

If we can not find a coach we will be unable to run the Fun Ferns this year.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Rebecca Griffin

YUMMY STICKERS

Keep them coming! So far we have collected nearly 3000 stickers, if you would like a chart to collect them or have any stickers please bring them to Kōpū 33.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 21st March 2014 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**

This week Milky Way, Orion and Ra children will attend assembly. Everyone is welcome.

SPORTS

TE TOTARA PLAYERS OF THE DAY

CRICKET

Mystics Liam Jessep
Terrors Charlie Jordan

TOUCH

Gunns Blake Finlayson & Dylan Cooke
Pacers Asten Addy & Alyssa Sayers

Brian Sheedy
Principal

'LITE' OR 'LIGHT'?



Nutrition claims: 'lite' or 'light'?

This could mean light in anything including energy, fat, sugar or colour.

Make sure you read the label to investigate what this claim is referring to.



DATES COMING UP

- Thurs 27 Mar** BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
Fri 28th Mar Learning Plan Bookings
 Close at 3.00pm
Sat 29 Mar **PTA School Gala & Food Festival**
Wed 2 Apr Learning Plan Discussions
 2.15pm – 5.30pm
Thurs 3 Apr Learning Plan Discussions
 2.15pm – 7.30pm
Thurs 17 Apr **END OF TERM 1 @ 3.00PM**

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

We are often asked to put Community Notices in our newsletter. Due to the large number of requests, we now have a "Community Notices" section on the notice board in the School Office, where you will find more information on the notices below. Please note that this does not necessarily imply School endorsement of these notices.

MISSING SCOOTER

Green MGP Scooter with gold wheels and green grips. It has not been seen since early March. Ezra Gage-Brown would greatly appreciate this being returned to Milky Way 7. Please phone [027 664 7039](tel:0276647039) if you have seen.



You're invited! To a **FREE** Irish Dancing introductory class for children (aged 6 and up) and adults!

Where: Matariki Hall, Te Totara Primary School

When: Saturday 22nd March 1 – 3pm

Please bring a water bottle, wear comfortable clothes and join in the fun!

For further enquiries phone Rebecca on 855 0228/027 2767431 or email maryellenwalsh@xtra.co.nz

WAIKATO SCHOOLS EVENT SERIES TRIATHLON

3rd April 2014

Enquiries to Errol Newlands Ph 0275 7700 79 or errol@onyabike.co.nz

HAMILTON NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Registration available online again this year visit www.hamiltonnorthfootball.org.nz for the link to register for the 2014 Football/Soccer season. We still have some space in all grades. All inquiries to Nicole Mills secretary@hamiltonnorthfootball.org.nz or 0800 4 SOCCER

HOUSE CLEANER

House Cleaner available Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays, Call/Text Fay Ph [0274089996](tel:0274089996)

MUSIC LESSONS!!!



NEW ZEALAND MUSIC CENTRE

New Zealand Music Centre has private music lessons available at Chapel Hill Church on a couple of select afternoons every week during the school term.

Drums, Guitar, Keyboard, Ukulele.

Contact Jennie Molloy for more info: admin@nzmusiccentre.co.nz | 808 0235

PIANO LESSONS

Learning music can bring lifelong enjoyment and enrich your life. I am a piano teacher in Fairview Downs with vacancies outside school hours. For more info ph Alison 027 4588 088.

SPORT WAIKATO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

This is a programme for young people with a disability. For further details email afterschool@sportwaikato.org.nz or contact Maioro Barton ph 027 308 1486

HAMILTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FASHION FIESTA

Come along and view an amazing collection of vintage fashions from the 50's, 60's and 70's.

Date: Friday 21 March

Time: 6pm sales table opens, 7:30pm fashion show starts

Where: Church of Christ, 86 Mardon Road
 cost : \$15

Delicious supper will be served after the show (money raised helps send a team to Vanuatu to install two water tanks)

tickets available from petra.verbeek@hcswaikato.school.nz or at the door

THE VINE COMMUNITY NETWORK MEETING

We have our March Community Network meeting next Wednesday the 26th at 12pm-1pm. If you are keen to attend please reply to this email to let me know you will be in attendance (for catering purposes) These meetings are a great opportunity to find out what is happening in Rototuna, to meet like-minded business/ community people and to promote your own project/ business.

Contact Sam Symons

The Vine Community Resource Centre

272 Borman Road ph [07-8550375](tel:07-8550375) / [0278443541](tel:0278443541)