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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 15th MAY, 2014

WEEK 2

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), **Choum Reap Sour** (Cambodia), **Geiá sou** (Greek), **Mbote, Jambo** (Congolese), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese), **Hola** (Spanish), **Annyeonghaseyo** (South Korea)

UNIFORM

To support our children wearing the correct uniform we are holding a "fashion show" tomorrow and next week at our school assembly. This will show our children and families our uniform and expectations. You are more than welcome to come along and see our models in action!

We will be highlighting correct shoes, how to wear a polar fleece as well as accessories, which are allowed. For full details on our uniform expectations please visit.

<http://www.tetotara.school.nz/3/pages/21-school-uniform>

SWIMMING

This started this week and it is wonderful to see the joy of our children as they take advantage of this new opportunity.

One of our early challenges has been getting the temperature just right. Our Caretaker, Bernie, has been busy working on this and we are confident that we will have this sorted as soon as possible. Meanwhile, we appreciate you sending children to school with their togs.

On our website page you will find a FAQ page with all the relevant information on our swimming:

<http://www.tetotara.school.nz/39/pages/65-swimming-pool>

NEW OFFICE AREA

If you have been in the Southern Cross (Administration) you will have noticed a new office being built. This is to accommodate the growth of our staff. Our school has grown and we now have five staff in this area of the school. Wendy Bulloch, our Executive Officer, will be working out of this area and Marise Crow, our Administration Manager, will have the office where Wendy used to be. This will support their work and others in the school.

CLEANING IN THE SCHOOL

We have new cleaners in the school, who have started over the last few weeks. We really appreciate the fantastic work they do. Our school has over 750 people here each day and they are doing a wonderful job keeping everything clean, neat and tidy, thanks!

LEARNING PLAN PARENT COMMENT

On the Learning Plan is a box titled "Parent Comment". This box gives parents and caregivers the opportunity to comment in a positive manner on the Learning Plan and reflect some goals for your child's learning.

A flyer about this is available from the School Office; it gives you an example of the types of comments which are suitable for this box.

HOW WILL MY PARENT COMMENT BE PUT INTO THE PLAN?

- 1) **Type your comment as a separate word document and attach it to your e-mail.** It must be less than 500 characters in total (including punctuation and spaces).
- 2) In the subject line of your e-mail type – Parent Comment Attn: Michelle Druett
- 3) Send it to **michelled@tetotara.school.nz**

These comments will appear on the Learning Plans online. We will let you know when this has occurred. Thank you very much to those parents who have already sent in their comments.

ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 16th May 2014 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall staring our Earth 19 children.**

This week Marama, Kopu, Matawhero and Earth children will attend assembly. Everyone is welcome.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book Club orders are due back to the School Office by **9.15am Friday 16th May 2014.**

Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.

ART ATTACK

Year 5/6 Art Attack group are working on Wednesday lunchtimes this term. We are painting wooden spoons to go on the fence line in the car park. The spoons will spell out 'Te Totara School'. A huge thank you to Jenna Nasmith, Kate McMorran and Liz Wills for helping us and for your expert advice. We hope to have this completed by the end of Term 2. (From the Art Attack Team)

FIRST CREDIT UNION AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Check out our school website under Newsletters to see the latest newsletter from First Credit Union.

An application pack can be collected from the school office to join up to First Credit Union for School Banking.

FOUND SCOOTERS AND BIKES

Our Caretaker, Barnie has some scooters and bikes that have been found and these are in his school shed if you would like to view them.

Please contact Barnie Ph: (027) 478 1440

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

HOCKEY

Cheetahs	Sammy Dent-Allen
Leopards	Sophie Davie
Lightning	Raphael Deloy
Shooters	Sophie Timmo
Stars	Nicci Lee
Thunders	Alex Wilton

NETBALL

Rebels	Catarina Gozzani
Tigers	Hannah Finlayson

DATES COMING UP

Tues 20 May	Computer ICAS exam
Tues 20 May	AGM & PTA Meeting
Fri 30 May	School is open for learning
Mon 2 June	QUEENS BIRTHDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wed 4 June	Science ICAS exam
Tues 17 June	Spelling ICAS exam
Wed 18 June	Writing ICAS exam
Thurs 26 June	Muffi Day
Tues 1 July	School Cross Country
Thurs 3 July	END OF TERM 2 @ 3.00PM
Fri 4 July	TEACHER ONLY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 21 July	TERM 3 BEGINS @ 8.55AM

Brian Sheedy
Principal

TE TOTARA PTA

NEXT PTA MEETING DATE:

AGM Tuesday 20th May 2014 at 7.00pm & General Meeting at 7.30pm

Venue: Te Totara School Staff Lounge.

This is an important meeting as Executive members are elected – Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, & Comms Officer.

If you are keen on any position, please email us (tetotara.pta@gmail.com) if you want further details or come along on the night. Ryan our current Chairperson is unfortunately stepping down; so we thank him for all his hard work over the years!

See PTA page on school website for the agenda of the AGM & General meeting.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS!!

This year you have a choice between the traditional Books or to purchase a new digital membership which puts the value of the Entertainment Book into the convenience of your smartphone. This year all funds raised (\$12 per membership or Book sold) will go towards a new Junior Playground.

“We have been involved with the Entertainment books for the last few years and they have always provided good value for money. The book sales support the school and help our children enjoy additional facilities such as playgrounds and shading. The Entertainment Book is a great resource for families, with lots of discounts on events and experiences.”
Brian Sheedy- Principal

GALA DAY COLOURING IN COMPETITION WINNERS

If you were a winner with your colouring in competition for our school gala day and have not yet collected your prize, please come to the office.

PTA MEMBER PROFILE – JACKIE SMITH

We joined the Te Totara school community at the beginning of 2013, with 2 boys in years 1 & 3. We weren't new to Hamilton but we were new to this end of town. We had come from a school where the PTA did not make their presence felt and going along to a meeting was a bit daunting. I really wanted to be part of my boys' school experience and to have a say in what was going on so when a friend, who was already involved with the PTA encouraged me to come along to a meeting I thought “why not”. Everyone was very welcoming and I was impressed with the professional way the meeting was run and how quickly we made it through the agenda. A year later with a disco, ice block days, sausage sizzles & an amazing School Gala under our belt, I feel like part of the furniture! I can be as involved as I want to be, opting in and out of whatever I have the time to do. When we fundraise amazing sums of money towards our school projects, the sense of achievement is amazing! We are a friendly bunch and would love other parents to join us.

PTA BANK ACCOUNT

Te Totara Primary School PTA 03-1355-0711498-00.
Please ensure child's name & class are used for reference.



PTA EMAIL ADDRESS

tetotara.pta@gmail.com

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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.

RENTAL AVAILABLE

A new 4 bedroom, two bath room house, in Arista Way. Available from May 29th for \$460 per week. Ph Rhys on 854 5563 or [0274 744183](tel:0274744183).

HOME BASE KIDS

Home Base Kids is an exciting new company in Hamilton. We offer before and after school care in your home or in the home of one of our friendly Nannies. We are now looking to for Nannies and children in your area. If you are interested in becoming a Nannie or looking for before or after school care please contact Tracie on 0508 Nannies or email homebasekids@familymatters.co.nz

THE HELLMILTON ROLLER GHOULS

Boys and Girls both welcome. Come and join a rapidly growing derby league and make new friends. More information contact intake@hellmiltonrollerghouls.com

GREENLAND PROPERTY VALUERS

If you are buying, selling, renovating or building in the Waikato or Auckland Greenland Property Valuers will provide you with an accurate property valuation. **Plus we will donate \$50 per referral to Te Totara Primary School to boost the coffers. Call 0800 428 000** Make sure you mention Te Totara Primary!

CHIP HUMBLE, REAL ESTATE AGENT LUGTONS ROTOTUNA

Call Chip today for a free market appraisal or for any advice on any up and coming real estate requirements that you may have.

A donation will be made back to our School with every completed house sale or purchase and all referrals that also leads to a successful sale or purchase.

Phone 027 475 2349 or After Hours 854 6228 or Email chiphumble@lugtons.co.nz

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