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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 22nd MAY, 2014

WEEK 3

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)

WELCOME TO OUR NEW FRIENDS

We are so pleased to welcome our new friends in the Satellite building. This two classroom block is based here as a satellite unit from North Hamilton Special School. Initially there will be three students based here, with more wonderful students coming. Our school hosts this unit and we work together.



LIKE A COFFEE AND A CATCH UP?

From Monday 26th May, we will be opening our staff lounge from 8.40am-10.00am for families to catch up and perhaps have a coffee from our wonderful machine. This will be each school day. To help with coffee supplies, we ask for a \$2.00 donation per cup. Hope to see you there.



SENIOR LEADERSHIP - STUDY TOUR WITH UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO NEXT WEEK

Our Senior Leadership Team (Brian Sheedy, Anne Fraser & Paula Wine) have been invited by the University of Waikato Leadership Centre to attend a tour of Queensland School's next week.

This is a great opportunity to look at different systems and we are especially keen to examine the use of digital technology to enhance learning, something which we are looking at closely.

While away, Jennie Brook-Watt will be the Acting Principal and will be supported by Michele Gordon. Jennie is happy to answer any queries that come along.

SWIMMING

Our pool temperature is too cold at the moment so we have postponed swimming.

There is nothing wrong with the system, apart from being too close to the neighbour and making too much noise, not allowing our good neighbours to sleep.

This was unexpected and we are moving the pump and putting it in a shed and soundproofing it. This will let our neighbours get some sleep! It will allow us to run the pump through the night ensuring we maintain 28 degrees which is the recommended temperature for swimming instruction.

Our Caretaker, Barnie, is on the case and class teachers will let children know when we are ready to go again.

CHANGE OF DETAILS/ADDRESS

Just a little reminder that if you have changed any of your details i.e. phone, address, e-mail etc; to please advise the School Office so we can update your records accordingly.

PARENT COMMENT ON LEARNING PLANS

Last chance to comment on your child's Learning Plan..... you will notice on the last page of 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.

- 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 **no later than Tuesday 28th May, 2014**

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.

LEARNING PLANS HOME – FRIDAY 13th JUNE

A Learning Plan for each student will be sent home on Friday 13th June 2014 with the oldest or only child from each family. However, if your child started in Neptune 13 or Neptune 37 this year you will not receive a Learning Plan yet, due to having just started school.

The Learning Plans will also be available online after 3.00pm on Friday 13th June 2014. Included in the information pack being sent home with the Learning Plan will be instructions on how to log-on to the site.

The work involved in developing these Learning Plans is immense and reflects our goal of developing a personalised plan for each student.

Much thought and consideration has gone into these plans. We have managed to include a lot more of each child's comments and goals, to

ensure they have an increased sense of ownership of their Learning Plan.

We strongly advise that you:

- Go through the Learning Plan with your child
- Look especially at the "Where to Next" and "How We Can Help" sections and incorporate these into supporting learning at home.

National Standards in reading, writing and maths – how well is my child doing?

Ministry of Education National Standards pamphlets in the below languages are available to view on our school website www.tetotara.school.nz under the tabs "Our Learning" then "National Standards":

- English
- Samoan
- Tongan
- Afrikaans
- French
- Hindi
- Chinese
- Arabic
- Korean

APPOINTMENTS AT SCHOOL

We love to see families at school and appreciate the home and school partnership. However, we are finding that that we have a number of "cold callers" arriving and expecting to see either a leadership person or a teacher. This can pose problems as we often have commitments elsewhere and can't do justice to any queries that you may have. We certainly don't want to stop the great communication in place but would appreciate either a phone call or e-mail, so that we can make an appointment to give you the time needed to sort out any queries. This phone call or e-mail will need to be done a day or two prior to the appointment.

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

On the home page of our website we have a Community Directory. All products and services listed in this directory come from people who are directly related to students/staff at our school. We aim to bring our community together and support one another. If you wish to add your product/service to this list send an e-mail to: librarian@tetotara.school.nz

At \$10.00 (for 2014) and with almost 800 views so far this year, it is good value.

ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 23rd May 2014 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall starring our Milky Way 8 Children.**

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

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

HOCKEY

Cheetahs	Brooke Manderson
Leopards	TBA
Lightning Shooters	Paige Hopping Gabe Puckey & Jazlyn Gillies
Stars	TBA
Thunder	Hayley Forshaw
All Stars	Reego Serna
Tigers	Jaimee Lucas
Strikers	Marco Caingles & Cameron Hopping

NETBALL

Rebels	Tianne Martin
Tigers	Mia Wall
Magics	Emma Lobb
Comets	Tayla Cassells
Ferns	Zara Beecroft

SPARE CLOTHING FOR OUR SICK BAY

Can you help... we are desperately 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 shorts, please drop them into the School Office.

Over the past few weeks we have also handed out to children a lot of our spare uniform clothing and we would appreciate if those items could be returned to the School Office in a clean condition. Many thanks.

DATES COMING UP

Fri 30 May	School is open for learning
Mon 2 June	QUEENS BIRTHDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wed 4 June	Science ICAS exam
Fri 13 June	Learning Plans due home
Tues 17 June	Spelling ICAS exam
Wed 18 June	Writing ICAS exam
Thurs 26 June	Muffi Day to support Oxfam
Thurs 26 June	BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
Tues 1 July	School Cross Country
Thurs 3 July	Postponement Date – 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

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 BANK ACCOUNT

Te Totara Primary School PTA
03-1355-0711498-00

Please ensure child's name & class are used for reference.

PTA EMAIL ADDRESS

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TIGERS GWYNNE SHIELD RUGBY TRIALS

The Gwynne Shield Rep Rugby Tournament is fast approaching, The first week of the July Holidays (Sunday 6th July to Sunday 13th July)

The Gwynne Shield Rugby tournament is administered by the Waikato Primary School Committee. Children are selected into teams based on the school that they attend (not the clubs they play for). Waikato Central Junior Rugby administers the four Hamilton teams, Players must play in the team in which their school is associated with.

The teams will be playing up to two games per day during the tournament, we are looking for players who have the **X factor** to come along a trial for this tournament that fit the school/weight requirements below.

The team I will be coaching this year is the **Tigers** and the catchment schools that the players can be pooled from are listed below And the weight requirements to trial and play at tournament.

Schools: Fairfield Int., St Josephs, Farifield, Insoll, Woodstock, Bankwood, Pukete, Hukanui, Te Totara, St Andrews, Vardon, Hamilton Christian, Te Rapa.

Weight: For tournament is Under 57kgs, Must be under 60kg to trial.

Note: players that don't weigh in and trial on the Sunday 25th May or 2nd June are ineligible to play in tournament.

The first of the Gwynne Shield Trials is on this Sunday 25th May 12.30pm Weigh In and training starts at 1pm at Swarbrick Park Frankton, on Rifle Range Road.

The Second is Monday 2nd June 12.30pm (for those who need to weigh in) training begins at 1pm at Swarbrick Park Frankton, on Rifle Range Road.

For more information contact Mike Gregan at Kiwi Sport. Ph 8395 675 or email mikeg@mooloo.co.nz

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).

HEALTHY HABITS BOOT CAMP

6 weeks/12 sessions \$130

- *All shapes & fitness levels welcome
- *Start working on your summer body now
- *Work out with like-minded people in a fun, social setting
- *Added Challenges to complete throughout
- *Limited spaces available
- *Wed 6 - 7 am & Sat 7 - 8 am

Venue:

Te Totara School
31 Hector Drive
Rototuna North

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