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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 18th September, 2014

WEEK 9

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), **Geia sou** (Greek), **Mbote Jambo** (Congolese), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese), **Hola** (Spanish), **Annyeonghaseyo** (South Korea)

The school has been a busy place with new initiatives underway to support our children. Our Board of Trustees have been proactive in supporting these for our children...

NEW AIR CONDITIONING

Over the last week or so you may have seen a team from Condair at school. They are installing 30 units in the Teaching areas that don't currently have air conditioning. This means that every teaching space in the school, including classrooms and small offices, has air conditioning to support Teaching and Learning.

The funding for this project is from Board of Trustees funding, rather than the Ministry of Education and represents a significant investment for the well-being of our people.

SCHOOL FIELD

Work is well underway reseeding grass and adding an irrigation system to the school field. We are looking to be able to use the field early next term, with final timing being dependent on how quickly the grass can grow.

This is another project that is funded by the Board of Trustees, rather than the Ministry of Education, to ensure all our children can have all year round access to the field.

CHANGING SHEDS FOR OUR POOL

These are being installed very early next term and are located right beside the pool. They have separate Boys & Girls rooms, privacy screen in each and seating and hooks for storage.

The pool has undergone some heavy maintenance, with the heat pump having to be repaired, it is now functioning well!

We are starting lessons again from the beginning of next term and we will be updating everyone next week on timings.

Thanks to our Board who have supported this initiative to help our children with valuable swimming skills and have funded the cost of these purpose built changing facilities.

WELCOME TO OUR WORLD

Congratulations to Brenda Wollen on the birth of her lovely daughter, Harper, who arrived into the world last Friday. Congratulations to her and her husband Duncan on the addition to the family.

2015 STAFFING

Currently we are advertising teaching positions for next year. We aim to have this process completed later next month. We have been fortunate to have a large amount of interest, which is wonderful for our children. More information as it comes to hand.

OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

Each year our Board of Trustees looks to see if there are out-of-zone places available.

The Board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their sons and daughters at Te Totara Primary School for next year.

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office.

The Board has determined that twenty three places are likely to be available for out-of-zone students next year. The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

The deadline for receipt of out-of-zone applications is **3.00pm on Monday 22nd**

September 2014. You can either drop these off at the School Office or e-mail the Administration Manager at receptionist@tetotara.school.nz

Parents will be informed of the outcome by Monday 6th October 2014.

SPORTS GEAR

As the term is coming to a close most sports have finished up for the season. Please make sure all gear bags, team folders, and trophies are brought back to school and given to the office or teacher in charge of your sport.

Netball skirts and red polo shirts that were borrowed for Winter Sports must also be returned as soon as possible please.

A big thank you to all our coaches and managers for the hard work you have put in this season.

WINTER SPORTS

This Tuesday we had 100 kids and 10 sports teams ready and excited to represent Te Totara at the Fairfield Cluster Winter Sports Tournament at Southwell. Unfortunately the weather was not on our side and the event has been cancelled, due to the predicted rain on Thursday; the postponement date.

Even though we were unable to go, we want to say a huge thank-you to all the parent helpers and

coaches who put in a lot of hard work to make sure our teams were so well prepared. We would also like to say a big 'well done' to all the children who were committed and who worked very hard at practices.

Thanks again from the Sport Committee.

LOST PROPERTY ON DISPLAY

Any property left at the school at the end of term eg, clothing, shoes, socks etc. will be on display outside (*weather permitting*) the Earth block on **Tuesday 23rd September**. If the weather is bad, it will be on display inside the Earth Pod.

Please check to see if any items belong to your family as all unclaimed items (*other than school uniform*) will be donated to charity.

We will endeavour to return named school uniform items of clothing to their rightful owner however; any un-named school uniform will be given to the School Office and sold, with the proceeds returned to the school. As you can imagine, with 767 students at our school now, it doesn't take long before the Lost Property is full.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS – DESTINATION SCHOOL

Many of our Year 6 families have already enrolled at an Intermediate School for 2015 and have received confirmation of acceptance.

It would be appreciated if you could advise the School Office of your decision on Ph: 853-0039. As you can imagine, these schools have a huge amount of applications to process and are keen to receive applications in advance.

If you haven't made a decision as yet, please also let the School Office know.

TE TOTARA BUCKET SUN HATS COMPULSORY – NEXT TERM & TERM 1, 2015

With the warmer weather approaching our thoughts are turning towards protection against the summer sun. From the beginning of Term 4, 2014 **ALL** children will need to wear their Te Totara Primary School Red Bucket Hat when outside.

These can be purchased through our uniform supplier - Direct Group (07) 847-6664.

SCHOOL SPARE CLOTHES

Just a little reminder.... if you have borrowed any of the schools spare uniform or undergarments, can you please return them to the School Office a.s.a.p. Currently, we have no stock of black girl's skorts, or boys/girls undergarments to lend to any other students. If you are happy to donate any of the above items (*clean*), please drop them into the School Office.

PIRATES OF THE CURRY BEAN PRODUCTION TICKETS

“STOP PRESS”

BOTH 7PM NIGHT SHOWS SOLD OUT!

Tickets are on sale now for the 1pm shows on Wednesday and Thursday and are available to purchase at the School Office by cash, cheque or EFT-POS only. Sorry, no internet banking please. Sorry, no refunds of any tickets purchased.

A copy of the main cast details for each show will be available at the School Office.

Ticket prices are:

\$10.00	per adult (13 years and older)
\$5.00	per child (12 years and under)
\$5.00	pre-schooler requiring own seat
Free	pre-schoolers (when sitting on the knee of an adult paying ticket)

NOTE: The number on your ticket is NOT your seat number. Seating is on a first come first served basis. However, there will be wheelchair access with allocated seating - if you require this service, please advise the School Office when purchasing your tickets. **Please remember to bring your ticket to the performance, this will confirm you have purchased a seat.**

Doors open at 12.30pm & 6.30pm.

We acknowledge that some families may have children performing on both days and may have to purchase tickets for each of the days. Unfortunately, we cannot offer any solution to this as the money from ticket sales goes towards the costumes, lighting, sound, backdrops etc.

Because of the number of classes involved (15 classes), we have split into two groups and have certain days that we are performing.

**Wednesday 24th September
at 1.00pm & 7.00pm (Ra & Orion)**

**Thursday 25th September
at 1.00pm & 7.00pm (Earth & Matawhero)**

For evening performances Year 3-6 children can arrive back at school by **6:30pm** and go directly to Orion Block, where they will be supervised.

Everyone will need to arrive at school with make-up (*foundation and powder*) on. **MAIN CAST** members will meet in the staff room by **6.15pm**.

All Year 3-6 students are required to attend each of their own team performances.

Please note: Our children in Neptune, Milky Way, Marama and Kopu will all see a production performance in school time, but it might not be the one with their siblings in.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 19th September 2014 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**

Our Ra 23 children will be sharing.

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

Spelling ICAS certificates for:

High Distinction - top 1%

Distinction - next top 10%

Credit - next top 10%

Merit - next top 10% (note, this is a new award this year)

will be given out at Full School Assembly as follows:

Orion and Ra Week 9 Full School Assembly

Matawhero and Earth Week 10 Full School Assembly

Participation will be given out at team assemblies.

YUMMY STICKERS

It is nearly time to send all of the stickers that we have collected away to claim our free sports gear. Any stickers you have at home need to be handed in to Room 33 or the office tomorrow so that we can send them away over the weekend. The more stickers we collect, the more free gear we will get!

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE WEEK 10

Before and After School Care will be located in Orion 38 for all of week 10 as the production will be using the hall.

Orion 38 is the new class added onto the Orion pod and is easily accessed through the parent parking as shown in the map below



Thank you from the team at ASC and if you have any questions regarding this please feel free to ask one of the staff.

FOUND SCOOTERS

Barnie, our Caretaker has some scooters in his shed that are not named and have been found. Please contact Barnie if you have lost a scooter, on 027 478 1440.

DATES COMING UP

Wed 24 Sept Pirates of the Curry Bean School Production Matinee/Evening

- **Ra & Orion**

Thurs 25 Sept Pirates of the Curry Bean School Production Matinee/Evening

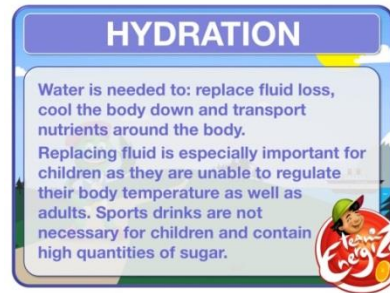
- **Earth & Matawhero**

Fri 26 Sept **END OF TERM 3 @ 3.00PM**

Mon 13 Oct **TERM 4 BEGINS @ 8.55AM**

Brian Sheedy

Principal



TE TOTARA PTA

DISCO 2014

Time to start planning e 2014

Date: 7th November 2014

The disco will be split into two sessions based on year levels. More details regarding session splits and times to come.

Theme:

Students have the chance to choose the theme for this year's disco. There will be a box placed in Reception for your children to enter ideas. Make sure they include their name and room number on their suggestion. Ideas need to be in by Monday 22nd September 2014.

Organising Committee:

Are you keen to help with organising the disco? This involves a few meetings to help choose the theme, organise decorations, lights, lollies etc and is heaps of fun. Your children love seeing you get involved and helping out. We are also keen to hear from anyone who is keen to help out with artwork/decorations ie backdrop for photos etc, based on the theme we choose.

Helping on the night of Disco:

Are you keen to help out on the night of the disco? This involves selling food/lights/security/taking money at the door/etc. We need at least 15-20 parents for each session. This is heaps of fun as you get to see your kids enjoying themselves and the kids love seeing you helping out and contributing to their school events.

We also need a keen photographer with a good camera to take photos on the night for the year book.

Prizes:

We love giving the kids prizes for best dressed, great dancing etc so would love any items/prizes that anyone may be able to donate. Anything accepted.

If you can help out in any way with anything in regards to the disco please email Jolie Hopping - jolie.hopping@vodafone.co.nz.



TERM 4 PTA FUNDRAISER

Coming up in Term 4 we have a new and exciting PTA fundraiser, your child's piece of art or photo made into a superb Calendar, Greeting Cards, Diaries and Mouse Mats. Perfect Christmas presents for friends and family. Calendars will be \$13 each, Cards \$14 for a pack, Diaries and Mouse Mats \$18 each. Treasured keepsakes while supporting your school at the same time. Look out for order forms coming out in the first week of Term 4. No late orders will be accepted and cut off date will be 31 October. Your order will be available no later than 21 November and delivered to your child's classroom.

TE TOTARA COOKBOOKS, GRAB A BARGAIN ONLY \$10!

Just a few available of our Te Totara Cook Books. 154 colour pages. Great recipes and great gifts. For sale at the School Office, cash or cheque only please as this is a PTA fundraiser.

NEXT PTA MEETING

TUESDAY 28th OCTOBER 2014 @ 7.30pm

Held in the school Staff Lounge. All welcome, we would love to see some new faces.

PTA EMAIL ADDRESS

fetotara.pta@gmail.com

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Te-Totara-Primary-School-PTA/30090011661692>



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.

TO THE TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY TAEKIDOKAI MARTIAL ARTS (TKMA) classes on the 16th and 23rd September are **cancelled** due to the school production. Please train at Rototuna on Wednesday or Hukanui on Friday during this time. Doshi Emily will be back in Te Totara school hall during school holidays (Tuesday 30th September and October 7th) Don't forget the DOJO SWARM at Rototuna school 24th September -OUTSIDE fun training 5.30pm to 6.30pm. FRIENDS, FAMILY and NEW STUDENTS most welcome. We will share some food afterwards. Regards Tasshi Marie Phone 027 497 0499 for more information

JITTERFIT ADULTS AEROBICS CLASS

Now taking names for the waitlist for Term 4. Guaranteed to increase your fitness and help tone your bums, tums and thighs! Class held at Te Totara Primary School on Monday nights at 7.30pm. Heaps of fun and a great workout. Cost \$75 for the term plus you will need a Swiss ball. Email Jolie jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz or phone (021) 117 9633.

JITTERFIT SPECIAL HOLIDAY SESSIONS

Monday 29th Sept, Wednesday 1st Oct, Monday 6th Oct and Wednesday 8th October aerobics sessions from 7.00 – 7.50 held at Te Totara School. Heaps of fun and chance to exercise with some great ladies J. Cost \$8 per session or all 4 for \$30. Email Jolie jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz or phone (021) 117 9633 if you are interested.

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

TENNIS COACHING

'Number 1 Tennis' is offering tennis coaching before and after school at Te Totara Primary School

Tennis lessons will be 45 minutes long and are on Wednesdays and Thursdays and start on October 15th.

Private lessons are available.

There will be a holiday camp for all ages from Monday-Thursday,

6-9th of October from 9am-12noon

For more information contact coach Andrew Sheedy at: andrewsheedy@hotmail.com 027 906 3353 facebook - Number 1 Tennis'

SCALLYWAGS & MUNCHKINS MARKET

Saturday 4 October 2014 1.30-4.30pm

Chartwell Cooperating Church

Comries Road Hamilton

AVANTIDROME HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The Avantidrome is pleased to be bringing to you the September School Holiday Track Cycling programmes.

For further information check out our website:

<http://www.avantidrome.co.nz/programmes>

SMEG KIDS CAN COOK

Kitchen Things are working with Smeg this year at the Waikato Home Show and have a wonderful competition called Kids can Cook!

This is a great opportunity for any kids aged 8-13 in the community to submit their favourite healthy recipe.

Visit smeg.co.nz for more information and to submit your recipe.

Round 1, 27th September at Kitchen Things 11 Maui Street Hamilton.

ST PETER'S SCHOOL DANCE SHOWCASE

This Friday evening is our Annual "Aspire" Dance Showcase.

The show starts at 6.30pm and will finish by 8.30pm and tickets are only \$5 each and can be purchased at the door.

Mrs Marg McMurray

Performing Arts Administrator

St Peter's School, Cambridge, N.Z.

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AWAKEN YOUR SUPERCONSCIOUS POTENTIAL: LIVE AN EXTRAORDINARY LIFE

Friday 26 – Sunday 28 September at the Gallagher Academy of Performing Arts, Hamilton

By Nayaswami Asha, a gifted spiritual teacher, counsellor and a writer from Northern California

For a complete schedule of Asha's lectures visit

www.anandanewzealand.org.

For more information email

anandanewzealand@gmail.com or contact Kavita (07)

856 5052 or 021 213 8215.

WATERWORLD AQUATIC HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Coming your way from 6th – 10th October. NOW LONGER HOURS 3.30pm-5.30pm. Program includes Kayaking, Snorkelling, Zorbs, open access to Hydrosides, Inflatables, Trip to "Leap" Trampoline centre and an amazing race! \$35-45/day. For further enquires contact Waterworld LTS 9585863.

COUNSELLING WITH FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS

Experienced counsellor in newly opened private practice.

To have a discussion or book an appointment

please phone or text Rachel McKenna on

021 2056950 or see www.rm counselling.co.nz

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME AT WAIKATO MUSEUM

29 September – 12 October. Bookings essential, see <http://waikatomuseum.co.nz/exhibitions-and-events/view/2145882508/school-holiday-programme> for details.

If you experience any difficulties with your bookings, please call Aneleh Midgley on 07 838 6562 for assistance.

MISSING DOG

Lost and loved Jazzie.

Escaped from Te Rapa 16 July 2014.

5 Year old black and white American staffy cross Female, desexed with micro chip.

Any information to ph 021 824 792 or 07 8247 920