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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 20th November, 2014

WEEK 6

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)

OUR CHILDREN

The end of year is fast approaching and it is wonderful to see how well our children continue to do, they have been amazing during the time we have not being able to use our field. We are hopeful that within a week or so we will be able to be using the field. No doubt the children will be delighted to have their field back!

CHANGING SHEDS FOR OUR POOL

Work is well underway for these, and it looks like that they will be completed within a few weeks, which will be great.

FAIRFIELD CLUSTER ATHLETICS

We have a team of 50 students participating at the Fairfield Cluster Athletics at Southwell School on **Tuesday 25th November**. We wish our students all the very best for their events!

TERM DATES FOR 2015

Below are the school dates for next year.

Dates	2015	Holidays
Term 1	Tue 3 Feb - Thu 2 April (9 weeks)	<u>Week 1</u> Waitangi Day Friday 6th February
Term 2	Mon 20 April - Friday 3 July (11 weeks)	<u>Week 2</u> ANZAC Day Monday 27th April <u>Week 7</u> Queen's Birthday Monday 1st June
Term 3	Mon 20 July - Fri 25 Sep (10 weeks)	<u>Week 7</u> School Mid-term break Monday 31st August
Term 4	Mon 12 Oct - Thu 17 Dec (10 weeks)	<u>Week 3</u> Labour Day Monday 26th October

VOLUNTEERS "THANK YOU" MORNING TEA WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2014 @ 9.00AM

A warm invitation is extended to helpers of our school for a special morning tea in the Staff Lounge @ 9.00am to say "Thanks". If you were involved in helping out in any way at school (*i.e.*, coaching, book binding, sports help, classroom help, transport etc) or in any other way, we would love to see you. **Please advise the School Office if you would like to come to the morning tea by Monday 1st December 2014. Thanks!**

PARENT SURVEY

As outlined in last week's newsletter we are surveying Parents, Students and Staff to help review what we do and look at where to next. For parents we are sending a paper copy home with the oldest member of the family at school next Thursday.

CHANGE OF FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES OR CONTACT DETAILS

Just a little reminder that if your family circumstances or details have changed recently *i.e.* phone, address, e-mail etc; to please advise the School Office so we can update your child/ren school records accordingly.

If your family are in a shared care arrangement, please advise Marise Crow on 07 853-0039 ext. 858 who will be collecting the child/ren from school on **Friday 28th November** with regard to Learning Plans.

LEARNING PLANS HOME - FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2014

A Learning Plan for each student will be sent home on Friday 28th November 2014 with the oldest or only child from each family. However, if your child started in Neptune 31 or Neptune 32 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 28th November, 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
- Tongan
- French
- Chinese
- Korean
- * Samoan
- * Afrikaans
- * Hindi
- * Arabic

PERFORMING ARTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME AT TE TOTARA, "NEVERLAND"

GLO (Giving Life Opportunities) is an all day, week long Performing Arts Holiday Programme which will run from **12th-16th January 2015 at Te Totara Primary School for children aged 6-13 years of age.**

The January 2015 "Neverland" workshops will be Stunts & Combat, Dance, Musical Theatre, Art, Songwriting and Percussion.

This is a very well-priced Holiday Programme at only \$169 for the week, 9am-4pm daily and includes the Showcase performance on Friday evening.

An expression of interest letter will go home today with the eldest child.

TE TOTARA SWIM SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS

Our swim school has started this week, thank you to all the parents who have made enquiries and booked your child/ren in for swimming lessons. Watch for our updates, we hope to offer a one week block course of lessons in the January 2015 school holidays.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE ENROLMENTS

2015 Before & After School Care Enrolments are now available on the school website

If you wish to enrol your child for next year, please complete and return by the end of week 9.

You can email:

afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz or drop your completed enrolment form into the School Office - Attention Anna©

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

Invoices were sent home earlier this term; we would appreciate any outstanding invoices to be cleared by the end of term. You are welcome to pay through the School Office either by EFT-POS (sorry, no credit card), cash, cheque or internet banking. Our ASB internet banking details are:

Te Totara Primary School
12-3171-0270973-00

Please indicate what the payment is for i.e. school donation, hockey fees, athletics etc...

Any queries regarding your invoice, please e-mail Meike Raasche, our Relieving Executive Officer on executiveofficer@tetotara.school.nz

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.

SAFETY TO/FROM SCHOOL

It is vital that our students stay safe. Therefore, we remind our students that;

If cycling, make sure cyclists:

- Wear helmets.
- Are visible; with working lights and reflectors, and that they wear visibility gear if possible.
- Stick to cycle lanes and ride single file.
- Ride according to the weather and conditions.

If walking:

- Do not cross roads in front of traffic – you can't be seen.
- Use pedestrian crossings when available.

All students:

- Obey all traffic laws and rules.
- At traffic lights, wait for signals.

Thank you for helping us to keep students safe and healthy.

UPDATED IMMUNISATION RECORDS

Several of our families have been contacted recently with regards to updating your child's Immunisation Record... many thanks to those families who have actioned our request.

It is important that we hold the correct immunisation information for each student as we may be required to produce a report for the Health Department if there is an outbreak of an infectious disease at any stage. If you are one of the families we contacted and you have not yet supplied the information, **your URGENT attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated** - we are still awaiting approximately 85 families to provide an up-to-date Immunisation Record for their child/ren.

You are most welcome to check your child/ren immunisation details with the School Office.

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO - \$16.00 EACH

The whole school photo and order form is now on display on the noticeboard in the School Office. Last day for orders will be **Friday 28th November**. Please drop your order form in to the office Mooloo Box.

Sorry no late orders will be accepted.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book Club orders are due back to the School Office by **9.15am Friday 21st November 2014** so that we can make sure the orders are back before school finishes for the year. If your order is a "Gift or Christmas Present", please write this on the top of your order and we will hold it at the School office for you to collect.

Scholastic Book club are offering a \$2 gift voucher for every item over \$2 purchased from order forms that are marked with this special offer. The \$2 gift voucher can be used towards any purchase from the book club Issue 1, 2015.

Sorry No Late Orders will be accepted.

YEARBOOK 2014 - \$15.00 EACH

Orders now closed.

2015 TERM DATES FRIDGE MAGNETS

Thank you to Chip Humble at Lugtons Real Estate Rototuna for supporting our school and supplying us with some wonderful 2015 fridge magnets with our term dates on. These will go home with the oldest child in the family today. Thinking of buying or selling a home, please consider Chip Humble Ph: (07) 855-7510.

WEET-BIX TRYATHLON

SUNDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2015

If your child is 7 years of age or older (by February 2015), and would like to be part of our school team, you can go to the website www.weetbix.co.nz and register your child online, LINK to our School Group and pay online yourself. All registrations will be done by parents this year. Your child may enter as an individual or as a team of two in the same age bracket. Entries close Wednesday 28th January 2015. The event is located at the University of Waikato Fields in Hamilton East. More information about the event can be found on the Weetbix Tryathlon website.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 21st November 2014 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall. Our Marama 35 children will be sharing.**

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

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

CRICKET

Midgets

Kayden Rodgers

Mini's

Jake Duggan, Alex Wilton,
Matthew Jessep

Thunders

Amodh Hewawasam

Tigers

Brayden Foster

Te Totara Primary School

Terrors

Teia Benefield, Hayley McEwen, Lucas Warren

HOCKEY

Pukeko

Charlotte MacKenzie, Logan Dent-Allen

DATES COMING UP

Tues 25 Nov Fairfield Cluster Athletics

Tues 25 Nov PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm

Tues 2 Dec Fairfield Cluster Athletics
- postponement date

Wed 3 Dec Volunteers Morning Tea @ 9.00am

Tues 9 Dec Year 6 Leavers Supper @ 6.30pm

Mon 15 Dec 5.45pm End of Year Celebration

Thurs 18 Dec END OF TERM @ 3.00PM

Brian Sheedy

Principal

EASY LOW COST RECIPE

DELISH FISH DISH

1. Boil 6 potatoes and mash
2. Melt 3Tbsp margarine and stir in 3Tbsp flour; gradually add 2C of low-fat milk, stirring until thick
3. Add 2 hard-boiled eggs, 2C of sliced vegetables and 450g of smoked fish and mix
4. Pour into a dish, cover with potato and grated cheese; cook for 20 minutes at 180°C

TIP:
Choose fish canned in water or brine rather than oil!

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TE TOTARA PTA

NEXT PTA MEETING

TUESDAY 25th NOVEMBER

7.30pm, Held in the Staff Lounge.

All welcome, we would love to see some new faces.



PTA EMAIL ADDRESS

tetotara.pta@gmail.com

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



DISCO PHOTOS

Photos should be uploaded to the PTA Facebook page by the end of the week. We are just working out the logistics of the ordering process first. Photos will be available to purchase for \$2 each (you will be sent an electronic copy of the photo). More details to follow on Facebook and in next week's newsletter.

ABACUS KIDS PRODUCTS FUNDRAISING FOR TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

The below flyer will be sent home today with the oldest child in each family. These are wonderful products and a great way to raise money for our school.

We are currently fundraising for a junior sandpit to help our new entrance students have a safe and quiet place while they transition from pre-school to school. We hope to have this completed by mid-2015

<http://abacus.co.nz/schools/tetotara>

Kids Products
All products purchased support our fundraising

Labels
Adhesive, waterproof labels for everyday use
sports gear allergy and alerts split family packs available
clothing shoes lunchboxes stationery
Prices start from \$17.95 per label pack including delivery

Sketch & Notepads
Personalised covers
Ideal birthday presents
Lined or unlined
Just \$12.95 each including delivery

Smencils
Gourmet scented pencils and pens
Made from 100% recycled plastic and newspaper
10 scents including bubblegum, cotton candy, orange, passionfruit, tropical blast and more.

visit our School's own page:
www.abacus.co.nz/schools/tetotara

PIZZA LUNCHES

The PTA are organising pizzas for the children over 2 consecutive Fridays. Orders will be split across the school as follows:

November 28th – Marama, Kopu, Matawhero & Earth classes

December 5th – Milky Way, Orion, Ra & Neptune classes

Order forms will go out the week before - please make sure you read the dates carefully to ensure no disappointed children.

Can anyone help on the day(s)? We need a few cars to help transport the Pizzas from Dominos Rototuna to school – meeting at Dominos at 11.45am. Please email tetotara.pta@gmail.com if you can assist.

PTA GALA PLANNING MEETING

We had the most amazing Gala Day earlier this year and next year we want it to be bigger & better!! But we need your help.....

Do you have lots of good ideas? Do you have even a tiny bit of spare time to lend a hand? Did you come to our Gala this year? Did you see something you would like to be involved in or make suggestions about?

Tuesday November 25th @ 7.30pm in the School Staff room, we are having our first planning meeting for the 2015 Gala Day.

We would love to see a huge crowd - this is our major fundraiser for the year so we need all hands on deck to make it a successful day.

If you are unable to make it to the meeting and have questions or ideas please email tetotara.pta@gmail.com.

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.

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 direct dial 07 855 7510 or 027 475 2349 or Email chiphumble@lugtons.co.nz

Kids Can Cook Kitchen Website -

www.kidscancookkitchen.org.nz

Teens Can Cook Kitchen Website -

www.teenscancookkitchen.org.nz

CAR BOOT/GARAGE SALE

Saturday 29 November 8am-12noon @ Chapel Hill Community Church. \$15 per space. Ph: 854-1299.

CHURCH FAIR

At St Mary's Church at Gordonton on Sat Dec 6th. 10am-2pm. Lots of goodies!

POLICE PERSON OF THE YEAR

Nominations are now open for the Hamilton 'Police Person of the Year' Award, organised annually by the combined Rotary Clubs of Hamilton. This is a great opportunity to recognise the contribution that police make to our community.

For further information contact Michael Cahill at Fairfield Rotary. Phone 021 328 084

ATTENTION BIKERS

Hamilton North Special Schools' 8th annual charity motorbike run. Open to anyone with a motorbike! Sunday 23rd November 2014.

For further information contact Michael phone 07 849 3029 or email Michael@hamnorth.school.nz