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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 27th November, 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), **Choum Reap Sour** (Cambodia), **Geiá sou** (Greek), **Mbote, Jambo** (Congoese), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese), **Hola** (Spanish), **Annyeonghaseyo** (South Korea)

LEARNING PLANS HOME TOMORROW

If your family are in a shared care arrangement, please advise Marise Crow by 9.30am on 07 853-0039 ext. 858 who will be collecting the child/ren from school on **Friday 28th November**.

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 Term 3 (from Monday 21st July 2014 onwards) this year you will not receive a Learning Plan yet. Your child's teacher will be talking to you about your child's progress since starting with us. 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.

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

A REMINDER....

Please keep your Log-in and Password details for the Parent Portal handy as you will need these to access your child/ren's new class details for 2015. These will be inside the Learning Plan folder.

For those families who will not receive a Learning Plan Folder for their child/ren, a letter will be forwarded to you with your Log-in and Password details.

STUDENTS LEAVING TE TOTARA

If you have not already notified the school, and are planning to leave our school at the end of 2014 (other than Year 6 students), it would be appreciated if you could please let us know **in writing** urgently as we are preparing class lists for 2015.

If you have a child coming to Te Totara in the future, we would love to have an Enrolment Form - it would be much appreciated and certainly help with our future planning.

MOVING HOUSE?

If you have moved or will be moving, please remember to advise the School Office of your new contact details so that we can update your child's records accordingly.

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 today with the oldest or only child from each family. Please return the completed Survey Form to the Mooloo Box located in the School Office by Friday 12th December 2014. This is really important to us as your feedback helps us determine future direction.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE ENROLMENTS

2015 Before & After School Care Enrolment Forms are now available on the school website. If you wish to enrol your child in 2015, please complete an Enrolment Form and return it to the School Office by **Friday 12th December**; or you can e-mail it direct to Anna at: afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to clean some of our library books as we complete our stocktake on Wednesday 3 December. If you are handy with a wet wipe, and can spare some time during any part of the day, we would love to see you. Thanks, Michelle.

TE TOTARA SWIM SCHOOL LESSONS 2015

We are looking at running swimming lessons in the Summer January 2015 school holidays. These will be a 1 week block course for your child/ren.

Pre-school children's lessons will also be available.

Block courses would be held:

12-16 January 2015

19-23 January 2015

26-30 January 2015

Your child/ren's lesson would be for 25 minutes each day of the week.

You choose the week you would like your child/ren to swim from the above dates.

Please email Celeste with your dates you would be interested in making a booking for.

celestem@tetotara.school.nz

CLUSTER ATHLETICS

Big congratulations to all our top Year 4-6 athletes who represented Te Totara at the Cluster School Athletics on Tuesday 25th November at Southwell School. You made our school very proud with your competitive attitude and star qualities. Also, a massive thank you to all the parents who came and supported our team on the day. It was a great day with 24 placings altogether; 11 firsts, 7 seconds and 6 thirds.

HIGH JUMP

YEAR 4 GIRLS	3 rd Sarah King
YEAR 4 BOYS	2 nd Connor Cloete
YEAR 5 GIRLS	3 rd Rebecca Mihigo
YEAR 6 GIRLS	2 nd equal Teeshan Kottaiya
YEAR 6 BOYS	2 nd Reuben Lawrence

CRICKET BALL THROW

YEAR 5 BOYS	1 st Christopher Plank
YEAR 6 GIRLS	3 rd Teeshan Kottaiya

LONG JUMP

YEAR 4 GIRLS	1 st Sophie Hancock
YEAR 5 GIRLS	1 st Armani Carter
YEAR 6 GIRLS	1 st Mercy Olubode-Awosola

SPRINTS – 50m

YEAR 4 GIRLS	1 st Sophie Hancock	3 rd Stella Cattle
YEAR 4 BOYS	2 nd Blake Finlayson	3 rd Connor Cloete
YEAR 6 GIRLS	1 st Mercy Olubode-Awosola	2 nd Teeshan Kottaiya
YEAR 6 BOYS	2 nd Reuben Lawrence	

SPRINTS – 100m

YEAR 4 GIRLS	1 st Sophie Hancock
YEAR 4 BOYS	1 st Blake Finlayson
YEAR 5 BOYS	3 rd Logan McKay
YEAR 6 GIRLS	1 st Teeshan Kottaiya

RELAY TEAMS

YEAR 4 GIRLS	1 st Sophie Hancock, Ella Schaab, Holly Nicholson, Sarah King
YEAR 4 BOYS	2 nd Lukas Warren, Connor Cloete, Rory Allison, Blake Finlayson
YEAR 5 BOYS	3 rd Bradley Silcock, Cooper Wink, Wil Best, Logan McKay
YEAR 6 GIRLS	2 nd Teeshan Kottaiya, Mia Wall, Mercy Olubode-Awosola and Anna Serafeimidou

WEET-BIX TRYATHLON 2015 SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

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 completed 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.

PLEASE NOTE: YEAR 6 STUDENTS WILL BE MOVING TO A NEW SCHOOL NEXT YEAR. You can still enter as an individual but unfortunately, not part of a School Group.

SPORTS GEAR

Just a reminder to everyone who has borrowed a red sports polo top for Cluster Athletics, these need to be returned to the school as soon as possible please.

Any sports folders, gear bags and trophies still out there need to be returned as well.

Thanks to all those parents who have supported and helped Coach or Manage a sports team this year. **We couldn't do it without you!**

Thanks to our wonderful Sports team for all their work this year.

ART ATTACK NEWS

Have you walked down past the swimming pool fence and noticed our lovely fish? These funky fish were painted by our Year 3/4 Art Attack Students during Term 3 this year. First we designed a pattern, then painted our design onto plywood. A huge thank you to all the Matawhero and Orion children for being so reliable and wonderful to work with and also to Michele Gordon, Brigette McLaughlin and Jenna Nasmith for helping us out. Jenna varnished each fish and painted eyes on them so they can see! Thank you to Ryan Jordan for helping hang them up.

Our Junior students are working with Chris Chase and Brigette McLaughlin using paint to create different prints. What a great bunch of creative people we have in our school. We have many great ideas to continue to add student's art work around our school next year.

Thanks to the Arts Team for a productive year!

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 28th November 2014 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**

Our Orion 12 children will be sharing.

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

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

CRICKET

Midgets

Sukhleen Notra

Mini's

Max Gurnick & Zoe Babbage

Thunders

Ben McMorran

Terrors

Aadhil Chacko & Rory Allison

HOCKEY

Tuis

Francesca Cullen & Brooke Manderson

TOUCH

Chiefs

Jordana Bremner

Gunns

Noah Bremner

DATES COMING UP

- Fri 28 Nov** PTA Pizza Lunch Order – *Marama, Kopu, Matawhero & Earth*
- Wed 3 Dec** Volunteers Morning Tea @ 9.00am
- Fri 28 Nov** PTA Pizza Lunch Order – *Milky Way, Orion, Ra & Neptune*
- 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

TE TOTARA PTA



NEXT PTA MEETING- DATE TO BE ADVISED

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>

THANKS PTA!

Thanks to the PTA for donating \$31,158.20 to build a new junior playground.

A huge thank you to Jennie Brook-Watt for all your hard work around the planning of the new playground! Pictured are Jackie Smith (PTA Communications), Jennie Brook-Watt (Neptune Team Leader) & Katie Hemmingsen (PTA Treasurer)



DISCO PHOTO'S

Photos are being uploaded this week to the PTA Facebook page (sorry we have been having issues with numbering etc). See the page for ordering details. Cost \$2 per electronic photo
Orders and payment must be in by Friday 5th December 2014 to Kate McMorran mkmcm@ihug.co.nz

- Payment can be made in the green PTA box in the office or via internet banking into the PTA bank account.
- An electronic copy of the photo will be emailed to you the week of the 8th December.
- No late orders accepted
- **All lollies, drinks and chips left over from the Disco will be sold afterschool on Friday for only \$1.00!!!!**

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, ORDERS NOW CLOSED

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

Order forms will go out today for December 5th - please make sure you read the dates carefully to ensure no disappointed children.

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.



KELLY SPORTS - HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Our programme is full of exciting activities and trips that will guarantee children, aged 5-13 years, have a great time!

Te Totara School, Southwell School
Hamilton Girls High School & Bankwood School.

Also Leamington School, Cambridge

Programmes at various venues from ...

12th December to 24th December

& 5th January to 3rd February

8am – 6pm

For more information or to **BOOK ONLINE**

go to www.kellysports.co.nz

Email: waikato@kellysports.co.nz Tel: 07 839 9017

HEALTHY INSPIRATIONS

Fundraising event, Exercise A Thon

Saturday 13th December 2014

For more information www.healthyinspirations.co.nz

HORSHAM DOWNS SCHOOL GALA

This Saturday 29th November from 9am - 1pm

Garage Sale, Crafts, Plant & Food Stalls, Raffles, Slingshot,

Bash a Car, a Climbing Wall and so much more...

Entertainment for the whole family! Please see our

Facebook page for more details

SPEECH AND DRAMA CLASSES

AT TE TOTARA SCHOOL

..... are fun classes where students learn to communicate effectively with other people express themselves with clarity and confidence use eye contact practise active listening skills develop an appropriately projected voice develop a vocabulary rich enough to express thoughts and ideas with clarity and imagination plus lots more !!!

Above all, promotion of self-esteem and self confidence through self-expression is paramount.

All classes take into account each individual's capabilities and are specifically structured to meet those needs. All students have the option of sitting exams through The New Zealand Speech Board.

Each year consists of four terms.

Classes start February - spaces are limited so be in quick to secure your place. For further information and enrolments, please contact me before 24 December.

Gaylene Lonergan L.T.C.L. N.Z.S.B

PH: 8556122

PUKETE KINDERGARTEN – ENROLMENTS WELCOME

We are currently seeking enrolments at our wonderful Kindergarten. Enrolments start at 2 yrs with an approximate starting age of 3 yrs, which is subject to change. We offer a fantastic environment with a wide range of stimulating educational experiences for your child/tamariki. We offer sessional hours (am and pm) and have 20 ECE Hours available. Our fully trained team is warm and caring and would welcome your enrolment. Please phone 849-3718 for any further queries or email us at pukete@kindergarten.org.nz.

SOUTHWELL SCHOOL FETE

Saturday 29th November 2014

10.30am – 4pm

Everyone is welcome.

EASTLINK HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Badminton, Tennis, Inline Hockey.

Monday 22 December 2014 9-3pm

Contact rinkmanager@hamiltondevils.co.nz

HAMILTON CITY LIBRARIES

Join the Summer Reading Programme for school holidays full of FREE reading fun!

15 December – 30 January

Register at your local library from 15 December 2014

STAR TURF SOCCER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

SUITABLE FOR 5-13 YEARS. ALL ABILITIES CATERED FOR. BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME

Monday 12th Jan to Friday 16th Jan, Monday 19th Jan to Friday 23rd Jan, Tuesday 22nd Jan to Thurs 29th Jan

Please visit our website for further information, www.starturfindoorsoccer.com