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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 14th FEBRUARY, 2013

WEEK 3

Kia Ora (Maori/NZ), 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)

You may have noticed that we have updated our welcomes above to better reflect the wonderful backgrounds of our families. We have endeavoured to get all our different welcomes correct, but if you have one we have missed or one that needs updating, then please let me know and I will update our list ☺

USE OF HYPERLINKS

More and more people read our weekly school newsletter online, this helps us link through more information that might be of interest, with one click. I hope you find this useful and a way to find out more things about our school and education matters.

WEB SITE

Our web site is updated all the time, with lots of new happenings, we try to include photos as well. Click here to see the latest happenings...

<http://www.tetotara.school.nz/1/pages/38-latest-news>

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL

Our school prides itself on the way it "reduces, reuses and recycles". Each week we e-mail you a link to our website every Thursday using your preferred e-mail address. Click on the Quick Link on the right-hand side of the home page to view our newsletter. **If you wish to change your e-mail address, or add a second email address, i.e. work e-mail please do this via our website, under the newsletter quick link.** However, if you do not have an e-mail address, please advise the School Office.

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE (ERO) VIST

ERO are the Government agency which reviews schools, they will be with us during the week of 18th March. This is a great opportunity for them to see our school in action, look at what works well and looks for next steps for us to help our children. They

will produce a report available to all, and I will update everyone when this is available. To find out more see: <http://www.ero.govt.nz/>

WHAT ARE THOSE MOUNDS BETWEEN MARAMA AND MILKY WAY?

These are for some deciduous trees which we will grow to help show our children the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees. Thanks to the Eco Team for their work in this area!

UNIFORM UPDATE

Tomorrow we hope to have finalised our request for proposal for suppliers of our school uniform. We have been contacted by a number of suppliers keen to work with us. We will invite these companies, as well as place an advertisement in the Waikato Times, to get a large as possible field to look at our specific requirements. We are aiming to have a new service up and running for Term 2, but will have to negotiate this with the preferred supplier.

SCHOOL IS BEING WASHED ON SATURDAY

Our school is being washed down on the outside on Saturday, so it might be an idea to stay away from school, it will be a little busy!

This will help with the dirt and cob webs around the place! Over Summer we have had lots of wind blow dirt on the buildings and the wash will protect our paint and tidy up our place.

NAMING OF SCHOOL UNIFORM & SCOOTERS

Please, please, please can you make sure all items are clearly named. It is not good enough to assume that your child will know that something belongs to them "because it has a black dot on the tag". If an item of clothing is found out on the fields it cannot be returned unless it is named.

We also field a large number of enquiries from students who have "lost" their scooter. Please, please make sure scooters are clearly named. It may also be an idea to padlock your scooter.

We go out of our way to identify and return lost property, but patience runs thin when items are not clearly named.

MEET THE TEACHER, THURSDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2013

Please come along and meet your child's teacher, where you will have an outline of the class programmes, studies and general information. Each session will be for around 25 minutes and we have staggered the times for teams to help those with more than one child at school and with traffic congestion. **Times are:**

5.40pm Marama, Milky Way, Orion
6.10pm Matawhero, Earth
6.40pm Ra

SCHOOL DONATION

We certainly appreciate the fantastic support we are receiving for the school voluntary donation, it is appreciated and the funding will be used for resources for the children.

If you wish to pay your voluntary School Donation, we are happy to accept payment by cash, cheque, internet banking or EFT-POS at the School Office. The Board of Trustees has set payment at:

\$100.00 for the first family member

\$50.00 for each subsequent child

Please check with the School Office as the voluntary School Donation is adjusted depending on which term your child/ren started school.

A GST receipt will be issued. A % of your donation may be claimed as a tax rebate using a "Rebate Claim Form" – please refer to Inland Revenue for further details.

HEADLICE

A product has been recommended to Our School called "NifEnz" which is a natural shampoo proven to be very effective in eradicating headlice. It can be purchased from the supermarket.

We have also been advised by local Public Health Nurse that another alternative method of treating head lice is to apply a large amount of conditioner (cheaper brands are OK) to the hair and use a head lice comb to comb them out. You will need to repeat this procedure every 3 days for a total 3 weeks to break the head lice cycle.

We suggest to all our families to check your child/ren's hair on a weekly basis and wash hats regularly.

I have included a link below from the Ministry of Education that may be useful.

<http://www.minedu.govt.nz/NZEducation/EducationPolicies/Schools/SchoolOperations/HealthAndSafety/HeadliceAndNitsGuideForSchoolCommunities.aspx>

Please note: Children who are not treated may be asked to go home until treated.

SANITARIUM WEET-BIX KIDS TRYATHLON

The time has come...the Weet-Bix TRYathlon is this **Sunday 17th February 2013 at the University Fields, Hamilton East.** We are excited to be entering a school team of 61 participants!

Remember,

So that your child is correctly identified, please ensure their **event bib number** is stuck:

* On the FRONT of their shirt

* On the front of their bike helmet & handle bars of their bike

* Bib numbers will be scanned at "CHECK IN". Your child's event bib number will be written on the front of both your child's RIGHT and LEFT leg with a vivid marker at the NUMBERING stations when you arrive.

Event Timings

7:00 am Admin Tent, CHECK IN & Transition Area open. Make sure each participant has gone through the CHECK IN TENT at the entrance to transition.

8:15 am Admin Tent, CHECK IN & Transition Area close. **Bikes must be in the transition area by 8:15 am.**

8:30 am **TRYathlon Briefing.** This will take place in front of the Weet-bix container. Please ensure you listen carefully as this is when you will be told what you need to do.

9:00 am **TRYathlon starts.** Please check the information board for the order of age groups.

Each parent/guardian will help their own child organise their bikes and gear on the day, but we will have the school gazebo set up as a supportive, but casual, meeting zone. All participants receive a complimentary breakfast at the Breakfast Challenge Tent and our team will have a team photo at the end. Make sure you check out the **TRYTR@iner programme from Triathlon NZ** to help you get ready for your big day! Now is also a good time to get your bike safety checked at your nearest Avanti store. Not only will this ensure that you are safe, it will also **put you in the draw to win a fantastic Avanti Black Thunder Bike!**

A few more important things:

* Please visit the <http://tryathlon.weetbix.co.nz> to download the Race Preparation Checklist and a map of the event.

* At approximately 12:30 pm the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon concludes and prize giving begins. You **must be present at prize giving with your event number to claim any prizes.** The TRANSITION area will open at the conclusion of prize giving. You should plan to be at the University Fields until approximately 1pm.

* We will have a Te Totara Weet-Bix TRYathlon Team **photo taken after prize giving;** this will be announced from the stage so please be sure to listen out for our school (we will be one of the last schools called)

* Approximate distances for event:

7 year olds - 50m swim, 4km cycle, 1.5km run

8-10 year olds - 100m swim, 4km cycle, 1.5km run

Finally, **HAVE FUN!!!!** And, on Monday wear your medal to school so that you can share this fantastic achievement with your class and team. Also, on Friday of Week 4, (next week) wear your Weet-bix TRYathlon t-shirt so that we can see you at the full-school assembly.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book Club orders are due back to the School Office by **9.15am Friday 15th February 2013.** **No late orders will be accepted.**

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held tomorrow, **Friday 15th February 2013 at 2.15pm in the Matariki Hall.** Everyone is welcome.

Brian Sheedy
Principal



DATES COMING UP

- Thu 14 Feb** Meet the Teacher Evening
5.40pm Marama, Milky Way, Orion
6.10pm Matawhero, Earth
6.40pm Ra
- Sun 17 Feb** Weet-bix TRYathalon
- Thu 21 Feb** PTA meeting @ 7.30pm in Staff Lounge
- Thu 28 Feb** BOT meeting @ 6.30pm
- Mon 18 March** ERO at school this week
- Tues 26 March** Learning Plan Discussions 2pm-5.30pm
- Wed 27 March** Learning Plan Discussions 2pm-7.30pm
- Fri 29 March** School Closed - Good Friday
- Mon 1 April** School Closed – Easter Monday
- Tue 2 April** School Closed – Easter Tuesday
- Thu 4 April** School's 5th Birthday Walkathon
- Fri 5 April** Balloons over Waikato Visit
Routine N/E Hearing & Vision Testing
- Fri 19 April** School Closes for Term 1 @ 3.00pm

TE TOTARA PTA



NEXT MEETING DATE:

Thursday 21st February, 2013

Everyone is welcome, in the staff Lounge at Te Totara School.

ICE BLOCK FRIDAYS, REMINDER

Lemonade Popsicles will be available for sale at a cost of **\$1.50 each** outside the Matariki Hall after eating for learning has finished at 12.35pm. Children who would like to purchase an ice-block need to bring \$1.50 in a sealed plastic bag/container in their lunch box and after the bell rings at 12.35pm they will take their money over to Matariki Hall and purchase their ice block. Parents, please ensure your child has the correct amount as no change will be given.

All proceeds will go towards fundraising for our children.

Parents – If you are available to help with the selling of the Ice Blocks on any of the Fridays (approx ½ hour of your time), please e-mail

tracy.jessep@gmail.com or text Tracy on 021 755 385.

<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.

LIONS HAMILTON NORTH

Interested in being part of a new Lions club, helping our community? A great way to meet people! Come along to our next meeting at Te Totara Primary School on **Tuesday 19th February at 7.30pm** If you would like to know more please contact Brian Sheedy 027 20744334. To find out more about Lions follow the link: <http://www.lionsclubs.org.nz/>

WESTFIELD CHARTWELL TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

Teddy to the Rescue! Come and join in the fun at the Westfield Chartwell Teddy Bears Picnic - "Rescue Teddy" Extravaganza. Pack a picnic and some sun shade, then enjoy all the non stop entertainment, spot prizes and rides on offer.

When - 17 Feb, 10am - 2pm

Where - Hamilton Gardens

Tickets - \$2 per person (under 1's FREE) or \$10 per family, All Proceeds go to the Hamilton Parents Centre.

LEARN TO PLAY A WOODWIND INSTRUMENT!

Flute, recorder, theory & ear test tuition is available from a friendly, experienced and qualified teacher in Pukete. Contact cwallace@orcon.net.nz or phone Catherine on 850 4998

LOVE MUSIC?

Qualified Teacher offering Singing, Piano, Flute and Theory Lessons for all ages. Classical and Contemporary. Amber Evemy DipABRSM Phone **021 205 1686** or **07 855 5211** Email: ocean@hnpl.net

SPEECH AND DRAMA LESSONS

Develop confidence! Drama, public speaking, poetry, reading aloud, improvisation skills, voice quality and projection and many other skills covered. Contact Laura Watson A.S.B. **0220896158** or **078563303** or lauraw09@gmail.com

MISSING PURPLE MGP SCOOTER

This was left at the playground on the corner of Moonlight drive and Borman Rd on Friday 8th February. This is a brand new Xmas present and I have a little girl who would really appreciate it back. Any information please phone Adam Long **07 846-8558**

MISSING SCOOTER

Green MGP scooter, no stickers on the T-part of the scooter. If found, please return to Emma Foy - Room 15

SPEECH AND DRAMA TUITION

Highly experienced and qualified speech and drama teacher, Sandra Timlin.

I am also happy working with children who need encouragement with reading, confidence and clear speech. Contact email lynn18@xtra.co.nz

WAIPA FUN RUN 2KM

St Peter's Catholic School would like to invite Te Totara School to take part in the Waipa Fun Run 2 KM school challenge which takes place on Sunday 17th March 2013.

For further details visit our website

www.stpeterscatholic.school.nz

THE POOL DOCTOR

Stacy Cramond ph 0276 421 127 or email ThePoolDoctor@xtra.co.nz

Thinking of a pool? Contact James ph 021453011 He will tell you how great THE POOL DOCTOR is!

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website www.chatterbox.net.nz

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