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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 28th FEBRUARY, 2013

WEEK 5

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)

WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH, 2013 TEACHERS UNAVAILABLE FROM 12.25PM TO TEACH

The school has been advised by the NZEI Te Riu Roa that it is holding a Paid Union Meeting for teachers on **Wednesday 20th March, 2013**. Accordingly, the majority of the school's teaching staff will be unavailable after 12.25pm on that date. I encourage you to collect your child at 12.25pm or make some other arrangements for the duration of the meeting. Children are welcome to bring their lunch.

However, if you wish your child to remain at school from 12.25pm to 3.00pm, please contact me via e-mail principal@tetotara.school.nz.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE IS AVAILABLE FROM 12.30PM – 5.30PM

After School Care is available on Wednesday 20th March at the earlier time of **12.30pm – 5.30pm** in the Matariki Hall.

Enrolled Permanent Wednesday children will be booked in as usual unless otherwise advised. If your child/ren are enrolled at ASC and don't normally come on a Wednesday, but you wish to book them into ASC on Wednesday 20th March, please advise Anna Herbert (*our ASC Co-ordinator*) a.s.a.p. either by phone/txt [021570277](tel:021570277) or e-mail afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz Please advise the time you will be collecting your child/ren from ASC.

Non-Enrolled Children

If your child/ren is not enrolled at After School Care, but you would like to book them in on Wednesday 20th March, please complete an ASC Enrolment Form which can be found on the Te Totara Primary School website or collected from the School Office.

This will need to be completed and returned to Anna Herbert via e-mail at: afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz or dropped off in person at the Matariki Hall.

Please advise Anna by Friday 15th March so she can ensure we have enough staff to cover.

NZEI is the union that represents Primary Teachers, Primary Principals and Support Staff. Under the Employment Relations Act, paid Union Meetings are a legal entitlement to discuss union business. In this case, NZEI has advised that purposed of the meetings is to discuss what it sees as a lack of progress towards a fair settlement of the Primary Teachers' Collective Agreement, and other key issues impacting on teaching and learning. In our experience, NZEI calls paid Union Meetings infrequently and only when it believes that there is urgent and important business to discuss with its members.

Thank you for your co-operation and assistance.
Brian Sheedy, Principal

OFF TO MOUNT KILIMANJARO

Next week Mr Mitchell, our teacher in Ra 24, leaves us for three weeks to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa - a once in a life time opportunity. We wish him all the best for his adventure, the students in Ra 24 will be following his progress and he will be able to let us all know of his amazing journey.

Mrs Sally Mowbray, who is well known in our school, will be looking after our great students in Ra 24 and continuing on the class programme. We have sent a letter to Ra parents letting them know of the finer details. To find out more about Mt Kilimanjaro visit:

[Mr Mitchell's quest for Mt Kilimanjaro](#)

WEBSITE

Please visit our website, this week it has been updated with information on the Midgets cricket team and how well they represent themselves and our school. www.tetotara.school.nz

Also we have a short clip of school happenings around our school (1:45). You may want to check the Baby Brigade...

[Te Totara short movie Feb 2013](#)

ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL

Have you ever arrived at a meeting late, everyone is settled in their chair, the presenter has welcomed them and is now outlining what the day has in store..... and as you walk in they all turn and look at you?

That is what it can be like for your child when they arrive late at school and their class is all settled. So please, we ask parents to ensure their children arrive at school with at least five minutes to spare, for them to organise themselves by hanging up their school bag and sorting their book bag independently.

School starts at 8.55am.

SURVEY THANKS

Big thanks to those who contributed to our quick survey. There were 40 responses in total. We managed to collate them all in just in time for our Board meeting tonight. We will get back to you next week with an update.

CASUAL BOOKINGS FOR BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL CARE

If you want to book your child in for Before or After School Care as a casual, you must give **at least 24 hours notice**, and booking your child in is subject to availability.

Please do not assume your child will be booked in as staff and food are organised at the beginning of each week so you must first check if there is a space for your child.

You can do this by text or phone (021) 570 277 or you can e-mail afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz. Sometimes 24 hours notice cannot be given when certain circumstances arise, but you must still check for availability with Anna. Thanks.

RELIEVERS NEEDED FOR AFTER SCHOOL CARE

If you are interested please phone or text Anna Herbert on 021 570 277 or leave a message on (07)8530039 ext 859. You can also email afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held tomorrow, **Friday 1st March 2013 at 2.15pm in the Matariki Hall.** Everyone is welcome.

SPORTS VOUCHERS

A big thank you to Feltex Carpet for their Rebel Sport vouchers. We were able to purchase some new cricket gear, cones and tennis balls.

Our children will use the new sports equipment during class P.E time and issuing during morning tea and lunch time. Our children and school will make very good use of the equipment.

Thank you.

SPORTS

TE TOTARA PLAYERS OF THE DAY

CRICKET

Terrors	Cole Carter, Christopher Plank
Minis	Lucas Warren, Sartaj Randhawa
Mystics	Deacon Cook
Thunders	Tom McMillan, Zach Hunt
Midgets	Callum Carter, Jake Duggan, Melanie McEwen

TOUCH

Rockets	Joshua Blaikie, Calais Kai
Gunns	Noah Bremner & Connor Cloete
Chiefs	Reuben Bell

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DATES COMING UP

Thu 28 Feb	BOT meeting @ 6.30pm
Fri 8 March	PTA Chocolates go home
Mon 18 March	ERO at school this week
Wed 20 March	Pick up children at 12.25pm Teachers Union Meeting
Tues 26 March	Learning Plan Discussions 2pm-5.30pm
Wed 27 March	Learning Plan Discussions 2pm-7.00pm
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

Brian Sheedy

Principal



TE TOTARA PTA

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Thursday 11th April 2013 @ 7.30pm in the Staff Lounge. Everyone is welcome.

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.

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISING - FRIDAY 8th MARCH

Boxes of Cadbury Variety chocolates are coming to you just in time for Easter. We will be delivering a box of 'variety' bars to each child on Friday 8th March for you to sell. These boxes consist of 30 bars & sell for \$1/bar - choc fish, peppery chew, caramello chew, buzz bar, caramello eggs, crème eggs, & marshmallow bunnies. These boxes generate excellent profit which is then put back into the school to help our children. Help is required to deliver these on the Friday 8th March, which will probably in the morning. Any questions please email tetotara.pta@gmail.com, or contact Lisa Clay 0211 333 997.

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



Growing and Learning Together

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.

PARENT TO PARENT

Would you like information on your child's disability, health impairment or special need. Contact with a parent who has a child with a similar condition, be part of activities and coffee groups? Ph 07 848 1362

e-mail waikato@parent2parent.org.nz

HAMILTON MARIST JUNIOR RUGBY 2013

The 2013 Registration & Weigh-in.

For further details ph Maree on [022 5686379](tel:0225686379), Tony on [022932046](tel:022932046) or Steve on [027 3358866](tel:0273358866)) or go to <http://hamiltonmarist.co.nz/hamilton-marist-rfc/juniorrugby/>

SUBURBS JUNIOR RUGBY

All players welcome for 6th to 13th Grades
If you would like more info please contact

Mike Gregan, email suburbsrugby@vodafone.co.nz

Ph: [021 846063](tel:021846063)

FETE FAIR FUNDRAISER

FOR TIAGO PINHEIRO

Proceeds from the fete fair will go to support Tiago and his family beat Neuroblastoma Cancer Stage 4 diagnosed last month. Tiago is 2 and a half, and has been very brave with the treatments he received. He is a fighter and we want give him and his family all the support we can during this journey. Look for "Tiago's Story Pinheiro" on Facebook

When: 09/03/2013 – 8:30 to 1pm

Where: Gordonton Country Market – 3, Garfield Street, Gordonton

Theme: Old-fashioned sweets (like the sweets our nana used to make) and handmade crafts.

HUKANUI ROTOTUNA FOOTBALL

Club Registrations are now open. Please go to www.hrhc.co.nz to register. Registrations close 16 March. Any queries please phone Karyn Walters on 8539988

HAMILTON NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Registrations are available online again this year visit www.hamiltonnorthfootball.org.nz <<http://www.hamiltonnorthfootball.org.nz/>> for the link to register to play football/soccer for the 2013 season.

All enquiries to Nicole Mills
secretary@hamiltonnorthfootball.org.nz or 0800 4 SOCCER

BARNARDOS GALA DAY SATURDAY 16TH MARCH 2013

Come along to Barnardos Family Gala Day, lots of fun for all!
8.30am – 12 noon in the Te Totara School Hall. It would be great to support our neighbours.

Jitterbugs
DANCE LESSONS

Jolie Hopping Ph 021 117 9633 ♥ Email jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz

NEW JITTER-FIT AEROBICS/DANCE CLASS FOR ADULTS

45 minutes of aerobics (which will include dance moves), along with muscle conditioning to help tone your bums, tums, thighs and also your upper body. A great way to burn calories, tone muscles, get fit and have fun at the same time!

Cost \$45 for the rest of the term. Classes start Monday 4th March 2013 and are held in the Te Totara School Hall from 7.30pm – 8.15pm. Please email me by Friday 1st March 2013 to confirm a spot. Spaces limited ☺