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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 4th April, 2013

WEEK 10

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)

SCHOOL CHARTER

This is an agreement between the school and the Ministry of Education to support Teaching and Learning. It is updated each year and we have received an official acknowledgement from the Ministry of Education that our charter has been approved. We are delighted with their confirmation on the direction of our school. You can see their feedback here. [Charter approval 2013](#)

TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

Shortly, nominations are invited for the election of 5 parent representatives to the Board of Trustees. A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters on **15th April 2013**. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on **16th May 2013** and may be accompanied by a signed candidate's statement (up to 400 words).

The voting roll is open for inspection on Monday 8th April at the school office and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidate's names as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on **30th May 2013**.

If you would like further information a good website is the School Trustees one, which has lots of information: [Becoming a Trustee](#)

Key Dates are:

Call for Nominations	15 th April 2013
<i>(Nomination Forms will be posted out)</i>	
Main Roll Closes	noon 30 th April 2013
Supplementary Roll Closes	noon 14 th May 2013
Nominations Close	noon 16 th May 2013
Voting Papers Issued	by 21 st May 2013
<i>(Voting Papers will be posted out)</i>	
Voting Closes	noon 30 th May 2013
Votes counted &	
Results declared	5 th June 2013
Board take Office	6 th June 2013

CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOL

Today our teams visited every other team in the school during the day to share their Learning about our study "Our Journey"

We also met together as a school to celebrate our five years of being Te Totara, something we are very proud of!

ICAS 2013 DATES

We would like to give your year 4 -6 child the opportunity to compete in the 2013 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) run annually by Educational Assessment Australia with the University of NSW. If your child has ability, interest or aptitude in any of the subjects below, he or she may enjoy this challenge.

A reminder that student registration and payment is due to the School office by Friday 12th April 2013 please.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ABOUT NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL IN NORTH EAST HAMILTON

Wednesday 10th April @ 7.30pm

The Minister of Education recently announced a plan to build a new primary school in the north-east of Hamilton. The Ministry of Education is currently consulting with the community about this plan.

There will be a public meeting on Wednesday 10th April at 7.30pm in the Te Totara Primary School Hall.

You are most welcome to attend. Please note that consultation about the secondary school proposal will take place later in the year and will not be part of this meeting.

FUN FERNS NETBALL

Yesterday, (Wednesday 3rd April) interest letters for Fun Ferns went home. This is a great opportunity for year 2/3 students to gain netball skills that will help prepare them for year 4/5/6 netball. **There are ONLY 30 spots available so it is first in, first served.** These notices are to go to the school office where they will be dated. Anyone who has missed out on the letter yesterday can go to Marama 36 to pick one up. Thanks, from our Sports Team.

TE TOTARA MAGIC NETBALL TEAM

All girls in the Magic netball team, your first practice will be Wednesday 10th April at lunchtime on the school courts. If you have any queries, please see Miss Dunbar (Room 12) or e-mail the coach, Edwina de Thierry at jakned@hotmail.com.

YEAR 5 NETBALL TEAMS

Due to a change in circumstances, we are now able to have two year 5 netball teams. If you have missed out, please listen for a meeting on Friday where final notices will be distributed. These notices for year 5 girls **MUST be returned to the School Office on Monday 8th April.**

Thank you

MINIBALL TEAMS – TERMS 2 & 3

Interest letters for Miniball (similar to basketball) will be going home tomorrow. If your child is interested in playing, please ensure they listen out for the bing bong and collect an interest letter.

Forms must be back to the School Office by Thursday 11th April, 2013.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TODAY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 5th April @ 2.15pm in the Matariki Hall and stars our wonderful Ra 23 Children.** Everyone is welcome.

DATES COMING UP

Fri 5 April Routine N/E Hearing & Vision Testing
Thu 11 April PTA AGM @ 7.00pm, Meeting @ 7.30pm
Mon 15 April BOT Nomination Forms posted
Wed 17 April "Mufti Day" at School
Fri 19 April School Closes for Term 1 @ 3.00pm

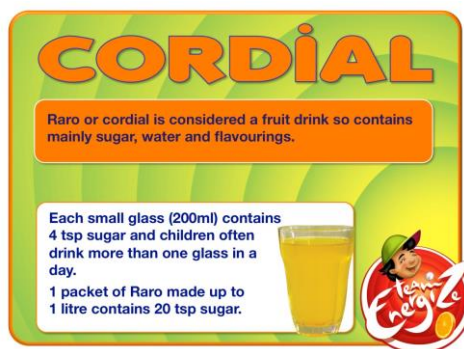
Tues 30 April Main Roll Closes

Mon 6 May Term 2 Begins at 8.55am
Tues 14 May Supplementary Roll Closes
Thu 16 May BOT Nominations Close at noon
Tues 21 May Voting Papers posted
Thurs 30 May Voting Closes at noon
Wed 5 June Votes counted & results declared
Thurs 6 June Board takes office

TERM DATES FOR 2013

These can be found on our school website: www.tetotara.school.nz under "Our School" then "General Information" then Term Dates"

Brian Sheedy
Principal



TE TOTARA PTA



NEXT PTA MEETING DATE:

Thursday 11th April, 2013 held in the Staff Lounge.

Everyone is welcome. AGM at 7.00pm, then normal meeting will start approx. 7.30pm.

ICE BLOCK FRIDAYS

The PTA are going to run 2 more weeks of Ice Block Fridays, this Friday 5th April and the last one will be **Friday 12th April.** 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.

Please ensure your child/ren has the correct amount of money 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

Just a reminder all money must be returned by THIS Thursday 3pm 4/4/2013 to be into the draw to win a camera*. *For every full box of chocolates you sell, your name will go into the draw to win a 'Fujifilm JX500 Compact Camera Bundle', worth \$119. Runner-up prizes as well. Please return the collection envelope with correct money (\$30/box) cash or cheque made out to 'Te Totara Primary School PTA' to the green 'PTA' box in the school office. Alternatively you can bank transfer to the PTA account: **Te Totara Primary School PTA 03-1355-0711498-00. Please ensure child's name & class are used for reference.** Any questions please email tetotara.pta@gmail.com, or contact Lisa Clay 0211 333 997.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS - \$60.00 EACH

Yes, that time of year has come already - the new bigger and better Entertainment Book is at the printers now. Here are some of the fantastic valuable offers in the book, Furnace, The Abbey, Cullens, Keystone plus so much more!

Great news is that \$12.00 of each book sold goes straight to Te Totara School fundraising for new sports equipment. Pre-sales are happening NOW, do not miss the exclusive Bonus Offers which include over \$150.00 and can be used straight away. Simply pay for your 2013-2014 Entertainment Book by contacting Kristy MacIntyre, Ph 021440016, rigmac@orcon.net.nz Get in quick, limited supply!

Entertainment Book will be issued to the oldest child in each family today, this is a fantastic fundraiser and great treat for the family.

<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.



If you are buying, selling, renovating or building in the Waikato or Auckland Greenland Property Valuers will provide you with an accurate property valuation. **Plus we will donate \$50 per referral to Te Totara Primary School to boost the coffers. Call 0800 428 000**

UP, UP AND AWAY, BALLOONS OVER WESTFIELD

Join the fun at Westfield Chartwell Thursday 4th April 3-6pm

HAMILTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FAIR

SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 2013 FROM 9AM – 3PM

Come and enjoy the day with us. Food stalls, books, games and much more. 9am till 3pm.

HUKANUI ROTOTUNA TEAM BRIEFING

Saturday 6th April at Rototuna School Hall,

Grades 5 to 7 - (DOB 2009 to DOB 2006) 9am start.

Grades 8 to Open - (DOB 2005 to 2001 & still at Intermediate School) 10am start. Contact Karin Wilkinson, wilkee@xtra.co.nz

LIBRARY HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Dinsdale and Hillcrest library in conjunction with the Hamilton Budgeting Advisory Trust are holding the very popular Spend Stash or Save family workshops again these holidays.

All registrations are to the libraries concerned, or go to our website www.hamiltonlibraries.co.nz

ST PAUL'S SWIMMING CLUB INC

NOW TAKING BOOKINGS FOR TERM 2

St Paul's Swimming Club operates twelve months of the year, out of an outdoor heated pool. Over winter the pool is heated and the temperature ranges between 29 deg and 30 deg.

For more information contact Vicki ph 07 957 8864, www.stpauls.school.nz or email v.taylor@stpauls.school.nz

MARK COSSEY COACHING – APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

Inzone Indoor Sports Centre, Sunshine Avenue, Te Rapa
Further enquiries or to register email cosseycoaching@gmail.com

GYMNASTICS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Hamilton City Gymsports is now OSCAR approved!! For Holiday programme information contact office@hamcitygymsports.co.nz; (07) 849 4546; www.hamcitygymsports.co.nz

WESTFIELD CHARTWELL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Lots of free activities for the kids at Westfield Chartwell.

Check out their website, westfield.co.nz/chartwell or contact Sue Devonshire on 07 853 0503.

\$1 sprinkle cones at Wendys Supa Sundaes Chartwell, see the School Office community noticeboard for more details.