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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 13th JUNE, 2013

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), **Geiá sou** (Greek), **Mbote, Jambo** (Congolesse), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese)

SUPPORT STAFF AT SCHOOL

Yesterday we held a special morning tea to thank our support staff for their efforts at school. This includes our Office Staff, Teacher Aides and Barnie, our Caretaker.

They do a fantastic job in making our school a great place to be a part of. I would like to add my thanks as well. Well done!

LATENESS AT SCHOOL

Unfortunately this is a growing trend. We had 18 children late to school on one day last week. This hinders learning opportunities for our children. It also takes time away from staff doing far more productive things. I am concerned at this trend and we are now actively following up with families of persistent latecomers to ensure children can access all of the opportunities school has to offer.

School starts at **8.55am** and it is an expectation that children are here before this time to prepare for learning.

If children are later than 8.55am they must go to the office to collect a "Late Card" to give to their Teacher. This is so that we can be sure that they have been marked present on the school roll and accounted for.

SWIMMING THANKS

Over the last four school weeks we have been involved in swimming at Te Rapa Waterworld. My thanks to students, parents and staff for their efforts in making it work so well. It is appreciated. We are so fortunate to have people who do their very best for our children.

COLGATE TOOTHPASTE CARTONS

We have now collected a huge 477 cartons! We need 73 more before we can claim a prize! Keep collecting - we don't have long left.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book Club orders are due back to the School Office by **9.15am Friday 21st June 2013. No late orders will be accepted.**

(If you have arranged to collect your order from the School Office, please collect it on Friday 28th June)

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 14th June @ 2.00pm** in the Matariki Hall and stars our **Ra 24 children**. Everyone is welcome.

FAMILY LIBRARY LENDING ON FRIDAY MORNINGS

Our library is switching its morning opening time from Tuesday to Friday mornings, from 8.30am - 9am. We are also offering the option of family lending. If parents would like to take out their own books we can issue **four** books out to you in your own name. We hope that families will take advantage of the opportunity to take out books to read over the weekend. Don't forget to like the library on Facebook [Te Totara Primary School Library](https://www.facebook.com/TeTotaraPrimarySchoolLibrary). You can keep up-to-date with library events and activities, and see reviews of books and apps.

NAMING OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please, please, please can you make sure all items of school uniform 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 can not be returned unless it is named. We go out of our way to identify and return lost property, but patience runs thin when clothing is not named.

Could all Parents please check your children's uniform to make sure they are wearing their own items, we have a number of children who are missing uniform items at the moment. Thanks

ECO KIDS WORM FARM

Wanted, a Home for our School Worms.

If you have an old bath lying around that you don't use anymore, please contact Mrs Robertson Milky Way 5 or Mrs Stewart Ra 20.

Thanks so much, From The Eco Kids Worm Farm Team!

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.

ARBOR DAY PLANT

On Friday the 31st May 2013, 34 Eco-children climbed on a bus and travelled to Waiwhakareke Natural Heritage Park for the annual Arbor Day Plant. This event is attended by many schools and individuals who all pitched in and helped to plant 25,000 native trees this year. Mayor Julie Hardaker started our day off by planting the first tree then it was all go. A huge thank you to all the parents that helped with the digging and support of our Eco-kids to plant their trees correctly without your support this event would have been much more difficult. Thank you to Bernie and to Mrs Stewart for their wonderful support in organising this event for our children. Glad to hear on our return that most of the children had a fantastic day and are looking forward to repeating this event next year. Sue Robertson

[ECO Kids Blog](#)

Arbor Day Planting Friday 31st May 2013

Sweat slipping down my face as I force my spade into the moist dirt. I find the nearest plant I can see and pop it in the hole.

"24,999 plants to go" I say. After 20 more plants we go in and have a little snack but there is still more plants to plant so we go back out.

The sausage sizzle and the drink of juice was refreshing.

Overall my day at the Waiwhakareke Natural Heritage Park was so much fun. I can't wait until next year!!!!

By Kendyll Blissett, Ra 21

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

HOCKEY

Cheetahs	TBA
Lightening	Annabelle Mackie
Tigers	Riley Gerrand
Thunder	TBA

NETBALL

Comets	Mia Wall
Ferns	Imogen Slater
Magic	Kyla Creighton
Tigers	Mikaela Millwood

DATES COMING UP

Tues 4 - Fri 28 June

Mobile Dental Unit at School

Mon 10 - Fri 14 June

Swimming – Rooms 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 & 35/36

Tues 18 June Spelling ICAS exam

Te Totara Primary School

Wed 19 June Writing ICAS exam
Thurs 20 June Routine N/E Vision & Hearing Testing
Fri 21 June Domino's Pizza Lunch, PTA
Tues 25 June Life in the Zoo, PTA Evening
Thurs 27 June BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
Thurs 4 July PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm
Fri 12 July 3.00pm - END OF TERM 2

Mon 29 July TERM 3 BEGINS AT 8.55AM

Brian Sheedy
Principal



TE TOTARA PTA

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 4th July 2013 in The Staff Lounge at School 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.



LIFE IN THE FAMILY ZOO PTA EVENING

Join the Te Totara Primary School PTA and the Queen of Fun, Lisa McKimm from Parenting Worx for a fun filled evening about Life in the Family Zoo.

Where: The Te Totara School Hall

When: Tuesday 25th June

What Time: Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start

Tickets cost \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. Includes a light supper.

Tickets are limited so get in quick. Email Kalena at finfamily@xtra.co.nz or text 027 201 5079.

RSVP for this is Friday 21st June 2013 please!

See the School website for the flyer regarding this fun filled evening!

DOMINOS PIZZA

In conjunction with Domino's Pizza, the PTA have organised a Pizza Lunch **next Friday 21st June**. The cost will be \$3.00 per box which will consist of 2 pieces of one flavour. There are 3 different flavours to choose from – BBQ Meatlovers, Hawaiian, or Vegetarian. An order form will go home with your eldest child today. Please place your order and drop the form into the green PTA drop-box by next Wednesday 19th June.

Please note:

- 1 flavour per box – no combos allowed
 - No toppings can be omitted – pizza will come as prepared by Dominoes
 - Correct change with your order form please
 - No late orders can be taken
 - The pizzas will be delivered to each child's class at Eating for Learning 12.25 – 12.35pm
- Any queries or if you are available to help next Friday, please contact tracy.jessep@gmail.com

TE TOTARA PTA CONT/D...

PTA BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

Name: Te Totara Primary School PTA
Bank: SBS Bank
Account: 03-1355-0711498-00
(please ensure your child's name and class are used as a reference)
E-mail: tetotara.pta@gmail.com
<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.

ST PETER'S SCHOOL, CAMBRIDGE OPEN DAY

Open day will be held in July 2013, Everyone welcome.
Contact Donna Smith Ph 07 827 9855 or view their website
www.stpeters.school.nz

HAMILTON CITY LIBRARIES

The Hamilton Libraries would like to get feedback from the Hamilton and Waikato District communities about our services. The survey will take approximately five minutes to complete and those who complete it can go in the draw to win a **Samsung Galaxy Tab2 (7.0) 8GB Tablet***. Surveys must be completed by 25 June 2013. *Terms and conditions apply, Click on the following link to access the survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KBRZ7DB>

DIGI TUTORS

Digi Tutors-Using digital tools to enrich, empower and educate. For more info see www.digitutors.co.nz.

NANNY AVAILABLE

Mature Nanny, experienced, former Nurse.
Available for Part time or casual care of your child. Phone Lyn 854 5384

WAIKIDS FROM WAIKATO DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

Lots of free services available, includes a subsidy towards glasses and vision checks if you have a community services card.
www.workandincome.govt.nz.

There are some cards and small brochures on the School Office counter if you would like to collect one.



Te Totara Primary School is pleased to have formed a partnership with 08002fixit.

Anyone in the Waikato who mentions Te Totara School when getting their windscreen repairs, replacements, chip repairs etc will activate a 10% of the total of the account being donated to Te Totara Primary School. To find out how to attend to windscreen repairs please follow the link below...

<http://www.08002fixit.co.nz/specials/te-totara-fundraiser/>

Te Totara Primary School

For a great night of fun, come to a Casino Night.

A fundraising event for the Eastern Suburbs Netball Club.

For more information and tickets contact Tina Griffiths 027 236 2727 or Amie Kiely 021 303 628

Casino Night
Suburbs Community Sports Club
Saturday 29th June 2013, Doors open at 6pm
Tickets \$20 per person
Includes light supper
\$100,000 Funny Money per Ticket
Blind auction at the end of the evening
Tickets available at Suburbs Community Sports Club
Or Phone 07-8549347 or 027-2926216

CHARTWELL SCOUTS FUNDRAISER
"THE LONE RANGER"
Thursday 4th July 2013 @ 6.00pm
LIDO CINEMA - CENTREPLACE, HAMILTON
ADULTS = \$20 CHILD = \$15
Spot prizes and free snack pack!

CHARTWELL SCOUTS JAMBOREE FUNDRAISER

THE LOAN RANGER MOVIE NIGHT

@ LIDO CINEMA CENTREPLACE

Thursday 4th July 2013 @ 6.00pm (please arrive early)

\$20.00 Adults

\$15.00 Children (14yrs & under)

Ticket includes spot prizes and a free snack pack!

Purchase tickets through Marise at the School Office

BODYWISE

Bodywise is a family based programme aiming to manage over weight issues in children aged 5-12 yrs. Bodywise is now accepting referrals for groups that will run in the second half of this year. Contact: Helen, Bodywise Dietitian: P: 838 3565 ext. 22142 E. helen.stockman@waikatodbh.health.nz
Soroya, Bodywise Active Families Co-ordinator
P: 858 5388 E. soroyam@sportwaikato.org.nz