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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> July, 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** (Congoles), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese)

This term has been a busy one. I am delighted with our team (students, parents and staff) for their continued efforts to make our place a happy and successful learning place!

### LEARNING FOCUS

Our focus continues to be on learning and this term there has been some stunning achievement in Science and Technology, with the study of food across the school. This has provided a very practical context for learning as we have seen some stunning food prepared... and eaten!

Being a reflective organisation, it is important to continue to improve and we have recently reviewed our Learning from Term 1, celebrating five years at school. A link to the web page is [here](#) it shows just how well our children are doing at school.

### NEW BUILDINGS

We will be opening a new class on day one of next term - Marama 34, with building due to be completed the last Friday of the school holidays ready to use - tight timing ☺

### NEW STAFF

We are delighted to announce two new teachers joining our team:

**Janet Scantlebury** will be the new teacher in Marama 34. Janet is well known to our school as a Guest Teacher as well as having close family connections. We welcome her to the school and know the children in Marama 34 will benefit from her expertise and experience.

We also welcome **Angela Zillwood** toward the middle of next term to open our next new entrant class - Marama 33. Angela is a highly experienced teacher in the junior area having taught at Te Rapa and Hukanui Schools. Currently Angela is completing a stint at an International School in Switzerland and is returning to New Zealand in mid August. We did interview Angela by Skype, the wonders of technology!

### SCHOOL GROWTH

This week we reached another milestone on the history of the school with our roll topping 600, it is now 602. At the beginning of the school year we had 525 students enrolled, so a growth of 77 students so far this year. My thanks to all in ensuring that the growth is well catered for and the needs of our children continue to be the priority.

### WEB PAGE & FACEBOOK

These continue to be well viewed. Last month we had over 16,000 views on pages on the website and now have 528 Likes on the Facebook page. Please keep referring to these as they are updated regularly.

Our new feature on the web site [weekly notices](#) is being viewed with over 600 visits. This is a great way to keep up with weekly happenings at school.

### CARPET OR LINO SQUARES NEEDED

Room 14 are in need of carpet or lino squares for some co-operative games from time-to-time. Anything from about 30cm square to 50cm square would be great.

If you are able to help, please see Mrs Leitch (Room 14)

### 1ST SCHOOL FESTIVAL 28 MARCH 2014

The PTA in conjunction with the whole school are looking to have a **Gala Festival** early next year to commence what would no doubt be one of the most significant ventures in the school's calendar. The school has reached a level of growth and critical mass whereby our Principal, Brian Sheedy, feels we can host this event in a manner which will show off the wonderful and diverse range of talents the students offer, to rub shoulders with our local community and to enjoy some of the wonderful food our diverse range of cultures and ethnicities represent. It will also be an important fundraising event that is likely to 'seal the deal' in terms of raising the final amount of funds required for the school to purchase a swimming pool early next year in conjunction with funds raised to date and community grants.

The event itself will require a vast degree of help and people resource to make it happen and this is the first in a series of trumpet calls for all parents and friends to offer their help and service in any way or capacity you are able. Some of the areas (but by no means limited to these areas) are parking and logistics, marketing, games/activities, food stalls, entertainment, raffles, banking etc.

At our next PTA meeting is on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August @ 7.30pm August**, most of our time will be used to start to develop frameworks around the event and utilise peoples skills and willingness to be a part.

Please feel free to email me to discuss further  
Many thanks, Ryan Hamilton – [ryan@bugoff.co.nz](mailto:ryan@bugoff.co.nz)  
Chairperson PTA

## RED SPORTS POLO SHIRTS UPDATE

- All NEW sports teams starting in Term 3 & 4 will need to purchase the new Red Sport Polo shirt from Direct Group.
- If your child is already in an existing sports team that started at the beginning of Term 2 and are continuing to play in Term 3, they will continue to wear the school uniform white polo or the **school red polo shirts**, if their team were given them for the season by the school.
- NEW Sports interest letters that are sent home from now on will advise that all children will need to purchase their sports polo shirt before their seasons begins.
- Information on the school uniform can be found on the school website.

## LOST PROPERTY

Any property left at the school at the end of term i.e. clothing, shoes, socks etc will be on display outside (*weather permitting*) or near the Matariki Hall (*if wet*) tomorrow, **Friday 12th July 2013**. Please check to see if any items belong to your family as all unclaimed items (*other than school uniform*) will be donated to the Salvation Army.

## 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 cannot 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.

*TIP: Please use a permanent black marker as biro ink wears off after such a short time!*

## SECURITY OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We would really appreciate you keeping an eye out for any suspicious behaviour around the school. Several of our neighbouring schools have been the victims of burglary and graffiti lately, and we would like to do our very best to ensure that this does not happen to our school.

It is just a matter of keeping our eyes peeled for any suspicious behaviour and phoning the police (**dial 111**) if you do.

## LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS

Learning Plan discussions will take place on **Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th August, 2013**. To make an appointment time for your child/ren, please use our online booking system [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) – our school code is **NNXDL**. You can also access this site via our school website [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz). If you are unable to access a computer, please phone Marise

in the School Office on (07) 853-0039 ext. 858 to make a convenient time.

**Bookings open on Monday 29th July @ 9.00am**

**Bookings close on Friday 9th August @ 3.00pm**

**We will not be able to accept bookings after 3.00pm on Friday 9th August 2013.**

## PLEASE NOTE:

- If your child is in Earth 18, Learning Plan Discussions will be staggered over 4 days:  
**Wednesday 14th August**  
**Thursday 15th August**  
**Wednesday 21st August (from 3.15pm)**  
**Thursday 22nd August (from 3.15pm)**  
**To book, please follow the above instructions**

The whole school will finish at **2.00pm** on **Wednesday 14th August & Thursday 15th August;** students will need to be collected by parents/caregivers at **2.00pm** please. After School Care will begin at 2.00pm for those children enrolled at After School Care.

## AFTER SCHOOL CARE STAFF NEEDED

Before and After School Care is in need of relieving staff to work with our ever growing programme. Please contact Anna Herbert for more information 021 570 277 or e-mail [afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz)

## TERM DATES FOR 2014

Term 1 Mon 3 Feb - Thursday 17 April  
Term 2 Mon 5 May - Friday 4 July  
Term 3 Mon 21 July - Fri 26 September  
Term 4 Mon 13 Oct - Wed 17 Dec

## Holidays during these dates:

Thu 6 Feb - Waitangi Day  
Mon 2 June - Queen's Birthday  
Mon 1 Sep - Mid-term break (*Te Totara School only*)  
Mon 27 Oct - Labour Day

## Some notes:

- These dates comply with the Ministry of Education guidelines
- They link to our other schools in our cluster
- We are having a mid-term break in the middle of Term 3 on **Monday 1st September 2014**, this is a bad term for illness and will help.

## FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 12th July @ 2.00pm** in the Matariki Hall and stars our **Marama 1 children**. Everyone is welcome.

This week the Ra Team is rostered off assembly.

## TE TOTARA SPORTS

### PLAYER OF THE DAY

#### HOCKEY

**Cheetahs** Sammy Dent-Allen & Emilia Weatherell  
**Lightening** TBA  
**Tigers** Quin Davie  
**Thunder** Jazlyn Gillies

#### NETBALL

**Comets** TBA  
**Ferns** Emily Fitzgerald  
**Magic** Aisha Shima  
**Tigers** Mikaela Blaikie

## DATES COMING UP

**Fri 12 July 3.00pm - END OF TERM 2**

**Mon 29 July TERM 3 BEGINS AT 8.55AM**

**Mon 29 July 9.00am Bookings Open**  
for Learning Plan Discussions

**Wed 31 July English ICAS Exam**

**Fri 9 Aug 3.00pm Bookings Close**  
for Learning Plan Discussions

**Tues 13 Aug Maths ICAS Exam**

**Wed 14 Aug Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm-5.30pm**  
**School Finishes at 2.00pm today**

**Thurs 15 Aug Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm-7pm**  
**School Finishes at 2.00pm today**

**Tues 27 Aug Selected Yr 4-6 children to Fairfield**  
Cluster Cross Country

**Thurs 29 Aug Postponement date for Fairfield Cluster**  
Cross Country

## Brian Sheedy

Principal



**SNACK SWAP 2**

Fruit strings and fruit rollups are really high in sugar and have little or no nutritional value. Swap it for a real piece of fresh fruit instead.

The poster features images of red fruit strings, kiwi fruit, and a Fruit & Veggie Energy logo.

## TE TOTARA PTA

### NEXT MEETING

**- THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

In The Staff Lounge at School 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.



### ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS - \$60.00 EACH

Entertainment Books - \$60 each

**Books or payment are now overdue.** If you have any queries or you wish to purchase extra books, please contact Kristy MacIntyre on 021 440 016 or [rigmac@orcon.net.nz](mailto:rigmac@orcon.net.nz).



**2013 Te Totara  
School Disco  
FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2013**

Kids get your thinking caps on, as after the holidays we will be asking for your suggestions for a theme.

If you would like to be on the sub-committee to help with organising this event please email **Jolie** at [jolie.hopping@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:jolie.hopping@vodafone.co.nz).

If you would prefer just to help on the night, let me know also. Note we will need at least 20 helpers per session (the disco will be run in two sessions split by year levels) and if we do not get enough helpers the event will not be able to go ahead. It is heaps of fun and even if you can only spare 10 minutes it all helps.

### 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](mailto: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.

### VIDEO EZY HORSHAM DOWNS HOLIDAY CARD

These school holidays we are distributing the Video Ezy Holiday card from the shop. The card entitles you to one free G or PG rated Children or Family DVD for each day of the School Holidays. Please call in and let us know that you attend Te Totara Primary School and you'll be given a card to use during the April School Holidays. Happy Holidays ☺



### LOST WEDDING RINGS

– POSSIBLY AT SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2013

2 x White Gold Rings (1 plain band + 1 diamond ring)

Ph: Anna (021) 450445

### ALPHABETA CONSULTANTS

Is your child struggling at school – in reading, writing or maths? Do you suspect a specific learning difficulty like dyslexia? We can help!

Call the assessment experts ALPHABETA CONSULTANTS for a free no obligation chat. *FIND OUT WHY WITH US.* Joanne Weller 07 859 2685 or 022 173 0433

### THE IMAGINARY THEATER COMPANY

Titled 'Absurd Is the Word' its a madly inventive and extremely silly forty minute long show made for children aged around five to ten. All shows start at 1.30. Entry is free for all, with no need to book, though children must be accompanied throughout the show by an adult.

You can find more about the show at [www.imagineoamaru.co.nz](http://www.imagineoamaru.co.nz).

### WA-HOO THE 'BOSCH IT'S MY TURN TO COOK TONIGHT SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Just by registering the kids go in the draw to win an iPad mini. Find out more [www.itsmyturntocooktonight.com](http://www.itsmyturntocooktonight.com)

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**2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH**

**MARKET SATURDAY 8.30AM - 1.00PM**  
Oaks Christian Centre  
www.oaks.org.nz

**GORDONTON DISTRICT COMMITTEE**  
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### LETS GET YOUR FUR BABY & BESTIE BOOKED IN THIS WEEK

We have just opened our amazing **BRAND NEW GROOMING SPA** and our Stylists Lily and Alex (Trust me they are amazing) are standing holding their clippers and scissors and blow dryers ready to go:

**Full grooms from \$27.50 (at the 1/2 price rate)**

**Wash and blow dries from \$20 (at the 1/2 price rate)**

**CALL ALEX & LILY: #1 STYLIST TO YOUR BEST FRIEND:  
TELEPHONE 07 848 1911, TXT 027 329 2761**

### SEEKING SEWING VOLUNTEERS

I teach sewing to Refugee's one afternoon per week, and would like assistance from people who feel confident enough to teach basic techniques. Phone or E-Mail Kirstie - [021-465-371](tel:021-465-371)

or [kirstieandgrant@gmail.com](mailto:kirstieandgrant@gmail.com)

### SCRAPBOOKING AND CARDMAKING WORKSHOPS

Come and join a fun social once monthly Workshop taught by a Te Totara Mum. You'll be amazed what you can do, appropriate to all skill levels. Phone or E-Mail Kirstie on [021-465-371](tel:021-465-371) , [kirstiegoldfinch@gmail.com](mailto:kirstiegoldfinch@gmail.com)