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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 1st AUGUST, 2013

WEEK 1

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** (Congoese), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese), **Hola** (Spanish)

MUFTI DAY TOMORROW FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST 2013 SUPPORTING THE CHIEFS RUGBY TEAM!

Come along to school in mufti clothing (no school uniform), maybe something with the Chiefs colours, to support our Chiefs Rugby team playing in the 2013 Super 15 Rugby Final game on Saturday 3rd August 2013. No coin donation is required.

Go The Chiefs!!

LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS BOOKINGS ARE OPEN

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 – our school code is **NNXDL**. You can also access this site via our school website 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 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

SCHOOL FINISHES EARLY FOR LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS

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 LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS

If your child is enrolled in After School Care and is booked in on Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th August, they will AUTOMATICALLY be booked in for the earlier booking time of 2.00pm to their usual book out time, unless OTHERWISE advised

Please note: We will not be able to take any extra bookings for these two days due to exceptionally high numbers.

TE TOTARA'S GOT TALENT 2013

Check out our flyer up on our school website under newsletters for further dates coming up soon!

TALENTED STAFF

One of our talented team has been recognised nationally. Congratulations to our School Librarian, Michelle Simms, who has been recognised nationally for her fantastic work. Michelle is the recipient of one of the eight National Awards by the School Library Association, The citation reads....

Award of merit for promotion
Michelle Simms, Librarian, Te Totara Primary School, Hamilton
Nominated by Jude Cosson and Linda McCullough
Michelle is acknowledged for her innovative and proactive promotion of her library to members of her school community. Michelle's sharing of new ideas and information reaches beyond her school into the wider school library and education communities; she is a role model for the ways technology can be used to enhance library services and develop community connections.

Michelle is now the Waikato/BOP representative on the National Executive for SLANZA (School Library Association of New Zealand), part of a team that aims to "advocate for the critical role of school libraries in reading, teaching, and learning; and to

provide support and networks for school library staff"

In addition, Michelle looks after our web site, which last month gained over 2 500 views.

Well done Michelle, we are so very proud of what you do for our children and school!

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 interviewed Angela by Skype, the wonders of technology!

1ST SCHOOL FESTIVAL 28TH MARCH, 2014

The PTA, in conjunction with the whole school, are looking at having 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 8th 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

Chairperson PTA

COMPUTER ICAS RESULTS

The Computer ICAS results have arrived. All Participation certificates will be given out at team assemblies and all Merit, Credit, Distinction and High Distinction will be given out at Full School Assembly on Friday.

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.

SCHOOL BANKING WITH FIRST CREDIT UNION

The Winter 2013 newsletter from First Credit Union is up on our website for viewing, draw a picture of what you will be doing in 20 years time and be in to win \$50.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book Club orders are due back to the School Office by **9.15am Friday 9th August 2013**. **No late orders will be accepted.**

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 2nd August @ 2.00pm** in the Matariki Hall and stars our **new students children**. Everyone is welcome.

This week the Matawhero Team is rostered off assembly.

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

Invoices have been sent home for outstanding payments of various activities:

Swimming \$34.00 per student

Mathletics \$20.00 per student

School Donation

Sports Fees

We would appreciate your urgent attention to payment of these invoices. This can be made through the School Office either by EFT-POS (no credit card), cash, cheque or internet banking.

CHEESECAKE FESTIVAL

The 4th Annual Cheesecake Festival is on at Smith & McKenzie during the month of August and Te Totara School has submitted some yummy flavours. See our website for the flyer.

FOUND ITEMS – HELD AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

We have several items that have been found and handed into the office recently, such as children's glasses and watches. If you think these could be your children's please come to the School Office to view.

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

HOCKEY

Cheetahs	TBA
Lightening	TBA
Tigers	TBA
Thunder	TBA

NETBALL

Comets	TBA
Ferns	TBA
Magic	Imogen Dryden
Tigers	TBA

DATES COMING UP

Fri 2 Aug	Mufti Day at School
Fri 9 Aug	3.00pm <u>Bookings Close</u> 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

"FISH IS BRAIN FOOD"

True! Fish is full of essential fatty acids called omega 3. Omega 3 helps the brain to send messages around the body. The stronger your brain is at sending messages the better your body will work! So make sure you eat 1 or 2 serves of fish a week to boost your brain power!



TE TOTARA PTA

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY 8TH AUGUST, 2013

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.



2013 TE TOTARA SCHOOL DISCO

Date Confirmed: Friday 1 November 2013
THEME IDEAS WANTED!!

There is now a box in the office for your children to enter their theme ideas. There will be a prize for the chosen theme.

If you would like to be on the sub-committee to help with organising this event please email Jolie by Friday 9th August at 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
<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.

FUNKY FOOTWEAR FOR LITTLE FEET

P O Box 24 499, Royal Oak, Auckland, NEW ZEALAND 1345

P: [+64 9 624 4099](tel:+6496244099)

F: [+64 9 624 4299](tel:+6496244299) or www.hoof.co.nz

PUKETE KINDERGARTEN – ENROLMENTS WELCOME

We are currently seeking enrolments at our wonderful Kindergarten. Enrolments start at 2 yrs with an approximate starting age of 3 yr, subject to change. We offer a fantastic environment with a wide range of stimulating educational experiences for your child/tamariki. We offer sessional hours (am and pm) and have 20 ECE Hours available. Our fully trained team is warm and caring and would welcome your enrolment.

Please feel free to visit us in our newly renovated kindergarten to have a look around or contact us via phone or email for any further queries.

13-15 Cullimore St, Pukete, Hamilton 3200

P: 07 849 3718 F: 07 849 3719 E: pukete@kindergarten.org.nz W: www.kindergarten.org.nz

LEARN TO PLAY A WOODWIND INSTRUMENT

Flute, recorder, theory & ear test tuition is Available from a friendly, experienced and qualified Teacher in pukete. All enquiries from children and Adults are welcome. Contact cwallace@orcon.net.nz Or phone Catherine on 850 4998

WAIKATO DIVING

Te Rapa Waterworld, Fridays 5.00-6.00pm
Enquires Vicki Campbell, email Vicki@sharkattack.co.nz or ph 021 886039

HAMILTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Year 7 to 13, Friday 2nd August 2013 9am- 5pm, All Welcome.

4 North City Road Hamilton Ph 854 0010

www.hamiltonchristian.school.nz

AEROBICS CLASS

For Adults held at Te Totara Primary School on Monday nights at 7.30pm. Heaps of fun and great workout. Email Jolie at jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz for a free trial.

GUITAR OR UKULELE LESSONS

There are a few spots available in guitar and ukulele lessons from the 4th week.

For enquiries or to sign up please visit

http://www.musiqhub.co.nz/teacher/4777/Mike_Orum