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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 19th SEPTEMBER, 2013

WEEK 8

**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), **Annyeonghaseyo** (South Korea)

### EARLY ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL BEFORE 8.15AM

Children are welcome to arrive at school from **8.15am onwards**. We have noticed a number of students arriving around 8.00am or even earlier. Teachers have planning to do before school in their classrooms and are unavailable to supervise any students arriving before 8.15am. We offer a Before School Care facility; Enrolment Forms are available from the School Office or via the school website.

### SCHOOL START AND FINISH TIMES

Just a reminder to everyone that school starts promptly at **8.55am** when the roll is taken. We finish school each day at **3.00pm** with the only exception being Fridays after assembly. All other days teachers have been asked not to release their students until the 3.00pm bell goes. This allows for the satisfactory conclusion of the afternoon teaching programme, student tidy up routines and for staff to manage the school exit areas.

If a student needs to be picked up before 3.00pm, for any unusual events such as urgent appointments then parents are asked to sign through the office area, including the reason for an early pick-up, prior to going to the classroom.

The conclusion of assembly on Fridays will be the only time when students will be released early to parents who have attended assembly.

Thank you for your assistance in ensuring we maximise learning programmes for your child.

### PHOTOLIFE SCHOOL PHOTOS DATES

**FULL SCHOOL PHOTO – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

**SPORTS TEAM PHOTOS – Wed 16<sup>th</sup> October**

**CLASS & PORTRAIT PHOTOS – Wed 23 October**

Each year we have school photos; these are deliberately done towards the end of the year so we can have as many of our students involved.

**Students will need to look their best, so please ensure the correct school uniform is worn and is in a clean condition.**

### A CARETAKERS LAMENT - RAINY DAYS PICKUPS

*IT'S ONLY RAIN  
And though it's a pain  
It will come again  
It gets quite bad  
And it drives people mad  
We know how you've felt  
But you really won't melt  
ITS ONLY RAIN  
Don't double park  
And don't drive on the path  
It's all about SAFETY for kids*

*So if you're gonna get surly  
Try coming early  
We would like some respect  
Cause it's what we expect  
And remember  
IT'S ONLY RAIN*

### ATHLETICS DAYS AT TE TOTARA

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2013 Yrs 0-2**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 Yrs 3-6**

Pop these dates in your diary, further information will be out soon.

### HEALTH WAIKATO HEARING & VISION TESTING

A Vision & Hearing Technician will be visiting our school on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2013 to complete routine tests for those students who have missed their pre-school/prior school checks.

### TE TOTARA 2013 YEARBOOK

**Te Totara 2013 Yearbook is on the way!**

Look out early next term for the pre-order form for our fabulous annual Te Totara Yearbook. Bigger, better and brighter than ever before, it will be 104 glossy pages of our children's fun filled days of learning, experiences and activities. Check out our last year's issue in the school office. Watch this space for more details!

### TE TOTARA BUCKET SUN HATS COMPULSORY – NEXT TERM & TERM 1, 2014

With the warmer weather approaching our thoughts are turning towards protection against the summer sun. From the beginning of Term 4, 2013

**ALL** children will need to wear their Te Totara Primary School Red Bucket Hat when outside.

These can be purchased through our uniform supplier - Direct Group (07) 847-6664.

### FOOD ALLERGIES AT SCHOOL

We have a few children at school who have food allergies and this is a reminder, please no food sharing at school. We would like all lunch boxes to be namely clearly with your child's name to prevent any accidental sharing of wrong lunches.

## FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 20th September 2013 @ 2.00pm** in the Matariki Hall and stars our **Earth 18** children. Everyone is welcome. This week **Marama** is rostered off assembly.

## TICKET SALES FOR LIONS QUIZ/AUCTION NIGHT 2013

It's approaching fast. There has been an overwhelming level of interest in purchasing tickets for the upcoming North Hamilton Lions' Club Te Totara T Party Quiz/Auction.

The tickets go on sale Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 September 2013 in the Te Totara School Hall. EFT-POS is available from 8 - 9.30am and again at 5-7pm. Get in quick, first in first served.

\$200.00 for table of 8 or \$60 per couple

### PLEASE NOTE:

Due to the high level of demand in purchasing tickets, tickets can **only be purchased** in person on Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 September 2013 between 8-9.30am & 5-7pm. If there are tickets still available after these dates then internet banking will be available for the purchase of tickets. Details can be obtained by contacting Tracey Gurnick on 021 514101.

We know the tickets sold fast last year so to avoid disappointment organise your team now and we will see you on Monday!

### WANTED

We would love any new and unused items that could be donated to the North Hamilton Quiz/Auction T Party night as prizes.

Alternatively, if you have a service/business that you would like to promote by donating a voucher to give away on the night or sponsor a table for \$200, your support and generosity would be greatly appreciated.

This is a massive opportunity for businesses that are among our own school community to come on board, gain exposure for their own business and support the school in this fundraising venture.

Please email [jamestracey@ihug.co.nz](mailto:jamestracey@ihug.co.nz) with your items or phone James Gurnick 027 509 9645 or Jason Trethowen 021 847 869.

## WINTER SPORTS

Our winter sports are all coming to an end. A huge thankyou to all parents and supporters during this time. A special thankyou goes out to all the Coaches and Managers, we could not do this without you. Please make sure all the sports equipment, folders and trophies come back to school as soon as possible. Please keep hold of your uniforms until sports photos. If you have already brought your uniforms back to school, your child will be supplied with one on the day. Thanks

## FAIRFIELD CLUSTER WINTER SPORTS UPDATE

On Tuesday 17 September Mr Mitchell, Miss Griffin and Mrs Kirkham took 80 Year 5 & 6 students to the Winter Sports Tournament held at Southwell School. There were over 700 students competing in this event, 72 teams, 11 schools in the Fairfield Cluster. Some teams played six to seven games before competing in the finals. We performed and achieved exceptionally well. Our students competed with pride and courage – it was amazing to see and to be a part of. The parents that helped manage the teams were outstanding and went beyond the call of duty. They encouraged and looked after our Te Totara children so well, this enabled them to perform at their very best and to shine ever so brightly. Thank you to all of those who helped this day to be such a successful one.

Results of the day were:

Hockey – Te Totara Strikers – 1<sup>st</sup>

Rippa Rugby – Te Totara Black – 1<sup>st</sup>

Netball – Te Totara Ferns – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Netball – Te Totara Tigers – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Football – Te Totara Gorse – 4<sup>th</sup>

## READERS BACK TO SCHOOL

Could all student readers be returned to school by Monday 23 September 2013 please. It would be great if you could all check at home please for any readers and return these to the school office, no questions asked! Thanks

## TE TOTARA SPORTS

### PLAYER OF THE DAY

#### MINIBALL

Pistons Dulina Haegoda

## DATES COMING UP

**Mon 23 Sept** Fairfield Intermediate Orientation Day – Year 6 students

**Mon 23 Sept** BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm

**Thurs 26 Sept** Routine N/E Vision & Hearing Testing

**Fri 27 Sept** 3.00PM END OF TERM 3

#### Mon 14 Oct TERM 4 BEGINS

**Mon 14 Oct** Photolife - Whole School Photo

**Wed 16 Oct** Photolife - Team Photos

**Wed 23 Oct** Photolife - Class & Portrait Photos

**Thurs 31 Oct** Athletics Yrs 0-2

**Tues 5 Nov** Athletics Yrs 0-2 Postponement Date

**Thurs 7 Nov** Athletics Yrs 3-6

**Thurs 11 Nov** Athletics Yrs 3-6 Postponement Date

**Fri 1 Nov** Te Totara Disco – details to follow

**Anne Fraser**  
Acting Principal

**"FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES ARE BEST"**

False. If you like eating fresh fruit and veg, go for it – it's an excellent snack, much better than chips or muesli bars. But remember that eating frozen and canned food are great options too. Just watch the syrup (sugar) and salt levels in the canned fruit, but otherwise go bananas!



## 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.

### OPI GEL NAILS

Treat yourself to a set of OPI Gelcolour Nails. Up to 14 days of chip free long lasting polish

Manicure \$ 45.00

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## TE TOTARA PTA



### NEXT MEETING

**THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

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

### PTA BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

Name: Te Totara Primary School PTA

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>

### 2013 TE TOTARA BEACH PARTY DISCO

**Congratulations to Ella Schaab for choosing this year's theme ☺**

**Date:** Friday 1 November 2013

**Time:** Year 0 – 2 5.00pm – 6.30pm

Year 3 – 6 6.45pm – 8.15pm

**Cost:** \$2.00 to be paid on entry

Please try and have the correct change

**Where:** Te Totara School Matariki Hall

**Other:** There will be flashing lights, food and drinks to purchase on the night.

**So come join the lifeguards, surfers, crabs, swimmers, Hawaiian dancers and everyone else at the beach party for a night of dancing.**

**If anyone can donate prizes for the night that would be fantastic. Anything accepted ☺. We are also still looking for more helpers on the night.**

**Any queries please email:**

[jolie.hopping@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:jolie.hopping@vodafone.co.nz)

Thanks, your disco committee – Lisa, Jolie, Lorraine, Mel, Maria, Bryan, Katie, Jackie and Wendy ☺

### BNT V8 SUPERTOURERS

Through LJ Hooker all our students, parents and teachers are able to get a FREE FAMILY PASS for the next round of the BNT V8 SuperTourers being held at Hampton Downs on September 28th. Subscribe to the V8ST newsletter, enter the name of your school and you and your family are on your way to the track! Feel free to share this with other family and friends.

<http://www.v8st.co.nz/LJHookerFreeFamilyPass.html>

### CHILD RESTRAINT LAW CHANGE

On November 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 a change to the law to improve the safety of children travelling in vehicles comes in. Currently the law states that a child must be in an approved child restraint until their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. From 1<sup>st</sup> November children will have to be in an approved child restraint until their 7<sup>th</sup> birthday. This means that your school aged children will need a booster seat.

The law will continue to require all children aged seven to be secured in an approved child restraint if one is available in the vehicle.

It is strongly recommended that to keep your child safe they continue to use their booster seat beyond their 7<sup>th</sup> birthday until the vehicle seat belt sits correctly against them – this is when they are around 148cm tall.

At the Plunket Car Seat Service our qualified child restraint technicians can provide advice around the best seat for your child and answer questions about the law change. We can be contacted on ph 07 839 2123, Mon – Fri 9am-2.30pm.

### JITTERBUGS DANCE LESSONS

Now taking names for the waitlist for Term 4 2013. Lessons for both boys (hip hop/boxing style) and girls (jazz style) held on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Te Totara Primary School (ages 3-10). Cost \$70. Limited spaces. Please email Jolie at [jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz) or phone 021 117 9633.

### AEROBICS CLASS

For adults held at Te Totara Primary School on Monday nights at 7.30pm. Heaps of fun and a great workout. Now taking enrolments for Term 4 2013. Email Jolie at [jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz) for a free trial.



**North Hamilton Lions Club**  
invite you to a night of fun and frivolity...




**Quiz & Auction Night**  
Come dressed as a 'T'... who will you be?  
**Sat 19 Oct 2013, Te Totara School Hall**  
Fundraising for the Rototuna Community Pool

Doors open 6.30pm, quiz starts 7.30pm  
Live Band and Celebrity MC  
Prizes for Best-dressed Team and Individual  
Spot prizes and prizes to be auctioned

**TICKETS ON SALE**  
Mon 23rd Sept 8AM-9.30AM AND  
Tues 24th Sept 5PM-7PM, Te Totara School Hall

DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE • SUPPER PROVIDED • EFTPOS  
TABLES OF 8: \$200 OR \$60 FOR A COUPLE  
Couples placed with others to make up tables of 8.  
Internet Banking for tickets available – ph Tracey Gurnick 021 514 101 for details.

**THE VINE COMMUNITY NETWORK MEETING**

Wednesday 25 September 2013 at the Vine 12pm.  
Contact Maree Griffiths, Phone 855 0375  
[www.vine.org.nz](http://www.vine.org.nz)

**YOUNG GUNS HOLIDAY CAMP 13**

Register now online [www.narrowspark.co.nz/youngguns](http://www.narrowspark.co.nz/youngguns) or  
contact The Narrows Park office ph 07 843 6862

**I VOTE FOR FLUORIDE BEING ADDED TO THE WATER**

Hamilton City Council voted to stop fluoridation of Hamilton's water supply in June this year.

A referendum is being held alongside the local body elections in October so Hamilton residents can have their say about whether or not they want fluoride put back into our water supply.

The health professionals here at Community Oral Health strongly recommend you vote FOR fluoride being added to the water when you get your voting papers.

Community water fluoridation is safe. It is effective. And most importantly, it makes a HUGE difference to the health of our community's teeth – especially children. Dental treatment is expensive and not accessible to many adults for that reason. Community water fluoridation is a fair way of providing at least baseline protection against dental decay for us all.

The sound scientific health advice overwhelmingly supports community water fluoridation.

There is very poor evidence against it. The most telling of which is that it has already been in our water supply for the past 47 years with the only health effect being less tooth decay.

For more information about the health benefits of water fluoridation, visit [www.waikatodhb.health.nz/fluoride](http://www.waikatodhb.health.nz/fluoride)

**CREATIVE MINDS AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES**

View [www.creativeminds.co.nz](http://www.creativeminds.co.nz), Email [info@creativeminds.co.nz](mailto:info@creativeminds.co.nz).

See our full page flyer on our school website for more information.

**WANTED TO BUY**

House in Rototuna area, 4-5 bedrooms, brick clad, private sales only. Ph. [021 204 6901](tel:0212046901). No agents please.

**MARK COSSEY COACHING – OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOOTBALL PROGRAMME**

Inzone indoor sports centre, sunshine avenue, Te Rapa  
Further enquiries or to register email: [cosseycoaching@gmail.com](mailto:cosseycoaching@gmail.com)

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