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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 17th October, 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), **Chom Reap Sour** (Cambodia), **Geiá sou** (Greek), **Mbote, Jambo** (Congolese), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese), **Hola** (Spanish), **Annyeonghaseyo** (South Korea)

Welcome back to Term 4, the last of a busy and happy year.

KEEPING UP-TO-DATE

There are a number of school events from now until the end of the school year. To keep up-to-date please keep checking:

- [Weekly Notices](#)
- [School Calendar](#)
- School Facebook page

All our school happenings are kept up-to-date in these publications.

***** VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED ***** FOR BOTH OUR ATHLETICS DAYS

As we have a large number of students involved in both Athletics Days we desperately seek parent helpers for both days. If you are able to help in any way, please give your name/phone number and times you can help with the School Office or e-mail our Deputy Principal, Anne Fraser on dp@totara.school.nz a.s.a.p

HAVE A GO ATHLETICS DAY FOR YRS 0-2 Only Thursday 31st October 2013

Further details will follow next week.

ATHLETICS DAY FOR YRS 3-6 Only Thursday 7th November 2013

Further details will follow next week.

TE TOTARA SCHOOL HOUSES

- Te Totara School has four houses, all named in line with our STARS theme and space expeditions: "**Apollo, Challenger, Discovery & Mercury**"
- Children are placed in houses when they arrive at school. New Entrants with family members already at school will be placed in the same house.
- We are able to use the houses for different school events and happenings i.e. Athletic Sports.

- Houses provide our children with leadership responsibilities and provide good natured competition.
- There are colours for each house (see below)
- There are Lead Teachers looking after each house.
- Students will be meeting in house groups before their Athletics Day.

HOUSE	COLOUR
Apollo	Yellow
Challenger	Blue
Discovery	Green
Mercury	Red

PHOTOLIFE SCHOOL PHOTOS CLASS, INDIVIDUAL & SIBLING PHOTOS Wednesday 23rd October

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

SIBLING PHOTOS

Sibling Photos involving pre-schoolers/older siblings not at our school will be taken between **8.15am-9.00am on a first-come-first-served basis** on Wednesday 23rd October in the Matariki Hall.

Students with siblings at school will have their photo taken during class time.

*If you wish to have a sibling photograph, Prepaid Sibling Envelopes can be collected from the School Office to complete and return to school **BEFORE** Photo Day.*

This year Te Totara Primary School photographs will be available for you to view and order Online with PhotoLife Studios.

Your son or daughter will shortly bring home an online slip with their unique Shoot Key detailed on it. This Shoot Key will display all the photographs of your child, including an individual photo. It is then an easy process for you to shop on-line and purchase the photographs you want.

If you place your order within three weeks of receiving your Shoot Key you will receive free delivery for your photo orders. PhotoLife has agreed to despatch all the orders back to the school and your child will bring their photographs home.

Any orders placed after this three week period will be sent directly to your specified delivery address and will incur a \$5.00 Postage & Packing charge. You will see this message when you go Online to view and order your photographs.

If you do not have a computer or internet access, you are welcome to collect an Order Envelope from the School Office.

CHILDRENS SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT

With the increased numbers of students, the car park is busy and the potential for an accident is greatly enhanced. To ensure everyone's safety we have implemented a few simple rules that we ask everyone to observe:

- **Children are to walk their bikes/scooters to the gate where the teacher will let them go across the crossing.**
- **Children are not permitted to walk across the car park without an adult. Parents are asked to pick their children up from the gate (even when raining). We have had a few near misses and the risk is too great.**
- **Cars are asked to give way to pedestrians on the crossing.**

We will continue to monitor this and will actively engage with drivers whom we consider are causing a risk. Some of our staff have had an unpleasant response at times which is disappointing. Health & Safety inside the school is our responsibility and to ensure the safety of our children the threshold for acceptable behaviour will be low. We will continue to monitor the situation. Some tips:

- If you are in the turning bay, **don't double park** as it causes a grid lock behind you from cars entering the school and exiting the car park. If you are behind someone who does this please feel free to toot, we won't mind...
- The students are told to wait until their parent parks against the curb before they get into the vehicle.

The weather is finer:

- Scooter, bike or walk to school.
- Arrive at 3.12pm - less traffic, parking is easier, less stress all round.
- Smile and accept that a few minutes wait is better than a lifetime of misery because one of our children has been injured or something worse has happened.
- If your child is older, meet at the playground at the end of Hector Drive.

We have had several near miss incidents reported to us recently involving children who are not looking before crossing the road while cycling/scootering home unaccompanied.

We recommend that children under the age of 10yrs do not cycle to school unsupervised.

HEALTH CURRICULUM LEARNING

During Term 4 in your child's class we will be teaching the personal safety programme called "**Keeping Ourselves Safe**". In the Year 0-3 classes the unit is called "*Knowing What to Do*" and in the Year 4-6 classes it is titled "*Getting Help*".

Keeping Ourselves Safe has been designed to give children the skills to cope in situations involving abuse. It has three overall aims:

- To develop and strengthen children's skills to keep themselves safe with other people;
- To support and encourage abused children to get help from caring adults;
- To make teachers and parents more aware of the need to keep children safe from abuse by adults or other children.

The **Keeping Ourselves Safe** units will be taught by your child's teacher, with help from the local Police Education Officer as required.

To be successful, **Keeping Ourselves Safe** needs your help and support. Your child will have Home Activities to work on with you.

It is important that you participate as much as possible and talk to your child about what they have been learning. This will help reinforce the messages the school is giving, and help your child to use his or her new skills with confidence.

Please contact Anne Fraser at our school, Phone 853 0039 if you would like any more information about the programme or about child abuse.

Our Police Educator Adrienne Clarkin will be in the Staff Lounge on Tuesday 22nd October 2013 at 8.30am to answer any parent queries.

TE TOTARA 2013 YEARBOOK IS HERE!

Look out **next week** for a 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 office. You'll be able to secure your copy by completing a re-order form. Watch this space for more details!

FIRST CREDIT UNION SCHOOL BANKING

Application packs can be picked up from the school office, check out the Kids first newsletter Spring 2013 edition, on our website to win \$50 for their savings account by completing the colouring in competition.

HEALTH WAIKATO HEARING & VISION TESTING

A Vision & Hearing Technician will be visiting our school on Tuesday 29th November 2013 to complete routine tests for those students who have missed their pre-school/prior school checks.

VOLLEYBALL TERM 4

If your son or daughter is interested in playing volleyball this term they will have brought home an information letter with a permission form to sign. All permission forms are due back to the school office by **tomorrow**, Friday 18 October. Practices will start Monday lunch time and Tuesday lunch time next week. Games will be each Monday afternoon from 4.00-5.00pm. Please see Paula Wine for further details.

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

PUKEKOS Chloe MacIntyre
Lyrik Johnson
TUI'S Sophie Hancock

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book Club orders are due back to the School Office by **9.15am Friday 25th October 2013. No late orders will be accepted.**

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 18th October 2013 @ 2.00pm** in the Matariki Hall and stars **our new children**. Everyone is welcome. This week **Orion** is rostered off assembly.

ENGLISH ICAS

Certificates for Credit, Distinction and High Distinction will be given out at this time. Participation certificates will be given out at team assemblies.

DATES COMING UP

Wed 23 Oct	Photolife - Class & Portrait Photos
Mon 28 Oct	Labour Day, School Closed
Wed 30 Oct	Fairfield Accelerate Testing
Thurs 31 Oct	Athletics Yrs 0-2
Fri 1 Nov	Te Totara Disco – details to follow
Tues 5 Nov	Athletics Yrs 0-2 Postponement Date
Thurs 7 Nov	Athletics Yrs 3-6
Tues 12 Nov	Athletics Yrs 3-6 Postponement Date
Tues 26 Nov	Cluster Athletics
Wed 27 Nov	Fairfield Cultural Festival
Fri 29 Nov	Routine N/E Hearing & Vision Checks
Tues 10 Dec	End of Year Celebration
Wed 11 Dec	End of Year Celebration (reserve date)
Fri 13 Dec	END OF TERM 4 @ 3.00PM

Brian Sheedy
Principal

TE TOTARA PTA

NEXT MEETING TONIGHT

THURSDAY 17th 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
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Te-Totara-Primary-School-PTA/30090011661692>

2013 TE TOTARA BEACH PARTY DISCO JUST OVER 2 WEEKS UNTIL THE DISCO!!!

Date: Friday 1st 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 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.

Thanks to DTS and Newmerica Imports for donating prizes for the disco. Check out www.newmericaimports.com or their facebook page for lots of yummy lollies and other treats to purchase. If anyone else would like to donate prizes for the night that would be fantastic. Anything accepted ☺.

I will be in touch with those who have offered to help out on the night next week. Any other queries please email jolie.hopping@vodafone.co.nz
Thanks, your disco committee – Lisa, Bridget, Jolie, Lorraine, Bryan, Katie, Jackie and Wendy ☺

Our Year Book Crew urgently needs someone to take photos of both sessions on the night of the disco. The photos need to be in colour, taken in the highest quality setting and be ready by the Monday following the disco. Please e-mail jolie.hopping@vodafone.co.nz if you are able to help out.



COMMUNITY NOTICES:

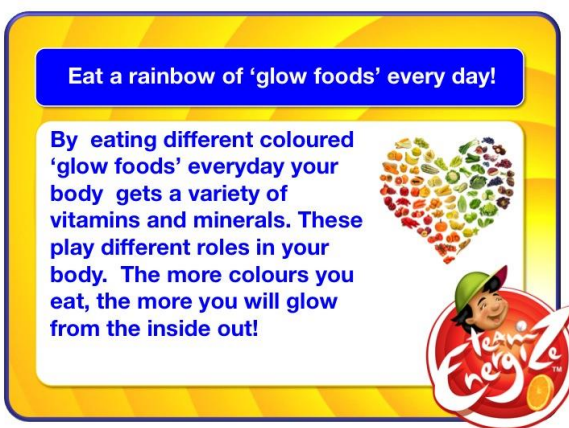
We are often asked to put Community Notices in our newsletter. Due to the large number of requests, we now have a "Community Notices" section on the notice board in the School Office, where you will find more information on the notices below. Please note that this does not necessarily imply School endorsement of these notices.

CHILDREN'S POTTERY CLASSES

For information Phone 07 8381950 or
info@waikatopotters.co.nz
Website www.waikatopotters.co.nz

AFTER THE RAIN - ARTS THERAPY GROUPS FOR WOMEN

Discover your creativity, learn about yourself and have fun with art, movement and writing. Contact Dione at dionee@gmail.com ph 021877214



IMPECCABLE CLEANING

Phone (07) 854-0020 or mobile 020 400 926 75. Email luz445@live.com

NEW CHILD RESTRAINT LAWS

Visit www.nzta.govt.nz/childrestraints for further information.

CREATIVE MINDS ART CLASSES

Creative Minds are offering another exciting after school art classes in Term 4 after school once per week at our school for ages 5-12 years. This "Dynamic Drawing" class begins in Week 2 and runs with creative and knowledgeable art tutors. Registration is required. For more information and to register, please visit: www.creativeminds.co.nz



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
Tues 24th Sept
8AM-9.30AM AND
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.

AEROBICS CLASS

For adults held at Te Totara Primary School on Monday nights at 7.30pm. Heaps of fun and a great workout. Email Jolie at jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz for a free trial. Only 4 spaces left. Cost \$70 for the Term.

CHARTWELL CHURCH ANNUAL FAIR

Chartwell Church, 124 Comries Rd | Hamilton
Saturday 19th October 2013 9-12 Noon.

TOOLBOX PARENTING COURSE

Phone Maree to register 07 855 0375 or txt 021 755 487.
Website www.theparentingplace.com