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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 6th March, 2014
WEEK 5

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** (Congolese), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese), **Hola** (Spanish), **Annyeonghaseyo** (South Korea)

Our focus in 2014...

This year we are focussing on one of our STARS...

TOI MANA WHAKAHAERE SELF MANAGING

This is to support our children to manage themselves, take risks with learning and grow independence and resilience. These are important qualities of the New Zealand curriculum in addition to the seven learning areas.

Over the year we will be working with our children and families on this theme. You may already be noticing children coming home with further understandings on how they can self-manage. Our families are great at supporting school initiatives and your family may want to continue this theme at home.

OUR SCHOOL CHARTER

Our Charter has been updated to reflect our annual planning for 2014, with key learning targets (including self-managing) and action plans in place to support our school development.

To view this important document, please follow the link...

[2014 Charter](#)

TRAFFIC PLAN STARTING SOON

Our car park work is very close to being complete.. Over the next 10 days we will be gradually introducing the changes. Please follow our Facebook page and web site over the next 10 days to see important information.

Our sincere thanks for the help we have had in managing while building work has been under way, much appreciated!



GALA SATURDAY 29 MARCH WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

We need your good condition pre loved items e.g. Toys, books, puzzles, baby gear, plants, furniture, electrical items in working order please.

No Junk, No clothes/Manchester/Linen No weekly magazines

Items need to be working and complete.
Thank you!

DROP YOUR ITEMS OFF TO MATARIKI

8.00-9.00 or 2.00-3.00 Wednesday 26th March

8.00-9.00 or 2.00-3.00 Thursday 27th March

8.00-9.00 or 2.00-3.00 Friday 28th March

Helpers wanted to sort, price, sell and clear up

A sign-up sheet in Marama Pod, please help us make this event a success by giving us an hour of your time.

For more information contact:

Jolie Hopping and Lisa Clay
Caron Ace (Room 36) and
Jennie Brook-Watt (Milky Way Pod)

Te Totara
PRIMARY SCHOOL

GALA & FOOD FESTIVAL

SAT 29 MARCH 10AM - 2PM

FAMILIES, FRIENDS, FOOD & FUN!

GALA & FOOD FESTIVAL SATURDAY 29 MARCH, 2014 10.00am-2.00pm

CAN YOU PLEASE HELP WITH GROCERY ITEMS FOR OUR GALA DAY RAFFLES!

We are looking for donations from families to help us put together some amazing raffles to be quick-fire drawn on Gala Day. Over the next few weeks leading up to the big day we will be asking each family to help us out by donating a non-perishable item to put towards this. **This week we are looking for non-perishable baking items such as flour, sugar, icing sugar and also bags of lollies and chocolates.**

Please bring these to the school office over the next week. Keep an eye on next week's newsletter to see what we're looking for next! We appreciate your help and support. If you own or work for a company that may be able to offer a prize for our raffles, it would be much appreciated. Please contact Kalena on finfamily@xtra.co.nz.

The more prizes we have the more money we can make for the playground. Any queries, please contact Kalena or Jackie via e-mail: tetotara.pta@gmail.com.

WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR LARGE ACTIVITIES FOR OUR SCHOOL GALA!!!

Do you have or know anyone with a bouncy castle hire business, an old car we can smash up, horses/ponies for rides, Ferris wheel, or any other fun events that would be suitable for a gala? Are you able to help in running one of these activities?? Please email or phone Lisa Clay shaunandlisa@vodafone.co.nz (021) 133 3997 or Jolie Hopping jolie.hopping@vodafone.co.nz (021) 117 9633 ASAP if you are able to help out in any way.

GALA FOOD FESTIVAL MEETING

**Wednesday 12 March 7.30pm
in the Staff Lounge**

We are looking for your help!

Are you able to help us organise the gala or are you able to help in some way on the day of the gala?

Come along and see what we are planning.

Subcommittees are: Food; large activities; classroom activities; entertainment; parking; advertising; raffles.

You can also email tetotara.pta@gmail.com if you are unable to make the meeting but can help in some way.

SWIMMING POOL...IT IS COMING...



A concrete pad is being constructed for the swimming pool. The pool should be with us in around four weeks' time. For more information visit...

[Swimming Pool information](#)

KAPA HAKA GROUP 2014

Kia ora koutou,

I'm so excited about the number of enquiries we've had about Kapa Haka and when in 2014 we plan to start this.

Kapa Haka will be run in Term Two and Term Four this year. It is open to all children who want to take part, from our new students through to Year Six students.

There will be a small Haka Pōwhiri group which will be run later in Term One and a group of Year Six girls will be trained to karanga. This is to prepare for a whole school pōwhiri early in Term Two. Only a small number of senior students will take part in this.

We will make sure a notice goes into the newsletter to let families know when the groups are about to start again.

Ngā mihi Whaea Becky

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 7th March 2014 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall and stars our Orion 9 Team.** This week Milky Way, Orion and Ra children will attend assembly. Everyone is welcome. **Our Senior School Leaders will be announced at this assembly.**

NETBALL INTEREST MEETING

A netball interest meeting will be held Tuesday 11th March at morning tea eating for learning next week for Year 4,5,6 students interested in playing netball in Terms 2 and 3. The meeting will be held with Mrs Cathcart in the Orion pod.

SPORTS

TE TOTARA PLAYERS OF THE DAY

CRICKET

Mystics Ben McMorran
Mini's Anten Maeuea & Maxwell Gurnick

TOUCH

Gunns Aaron Cuff & William Pratt
Pacers Emma Cuff

VOLLEYBALL

Setters Lara Maniapoto & Mia Wall
Spikers Imogen Slater

YUMMY STICKERS

Keep them coming! We are still collecting Yummy Stickers. If you have any at home, or would like a sheet to stick them on please come and see Miss Pulman in Kōpū 33.

Brian Sheedy

Principal

FIBRE



Try choosing breakfast foods with more than 5g of fibre per 100g.

Fibre helps keep you fuller for longer and aids digestion.

Try adding fresh fruit to your breakfast for extra fibre.

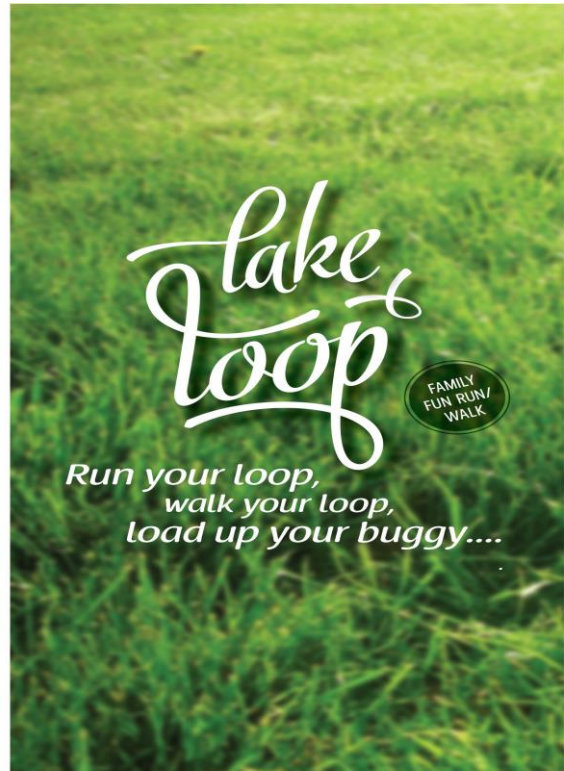


DATES COMING UP

Wed 12 Mar Gala Good Festival Meeting @ 7.30pm in the Staff Lounge
Mon 17 Mar Ra Team to Camp at Tui Ridge
Wed 19 Mar Earth Team to Camp at Tui Ridge
Sat 29 Mar **PTA School Gala & Food Festival**
Thurs 17 Apr **END OF TERM 1 @ 3.00PM**

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.



SUNDAY 16th MARCH 2014

Follow; www.facebook.com/hamiltonlakeloop for map and updates

THE VINE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

Financial Health Check Seminar
Thursday 13th March 2014
To Register email sam@vine.org.nz or phone 07 855 0375

HUKANUI ROTOTUNA FOOTBALL CLUB ENROLMENT

Registrations available online again this year visit www.hrfc.co.nz for the link to register for the 2014 Football/Soccer season. Grading will take place on Sunday 23rd March for 9th, 10th, 11th and Open Grade teams. Further details will come out closer to the date. All inquiries to Hamish McMillan : teams@hrfc.co.nz or 07 854 0447.

HRFC SAMBA STYLE COACHING PROGRAMME

HRFC welcomes ex All White - Michael Groom as the Director of our Monday night Development Program. The program caters for all skill levels – from beginners wanting to develop basic skills through to high performing kids who wish to be extended further. This runs every Monday night through term 1 at Grosvenor Park from 6pm. For further visit www.HRFC.co.nz or call Hamish McMillan on 07 8540447.

PICK YOUR OWN BLUEBERRY FUNDRAISER

On Sunday's from 3.00pm - 7.00pm at 218 Collins road, we operate a 'pick your own'.

The rate is @ \$10.00 kg (\$24.00kg in the shops).

Please bring your own containers.

As a fundraiser for Te Totara School, I am happy to donate \$2.00 from every kilo picked to go to the School. The pickers simply have to say they are from Te Totara school. I will place their name on a list (to triangulate their presence), and then forward the money to the school...

These blueberries are a later variety however their season will probably only last another 3-4 weeks.

A simple and easy way to fundraise for the PTA providing it's promoted and the school community buy into it...

218 Collins Road is only 2 kms along Collins road from the Ulrich Ave shops.

Any questions, queries, don't hesitate to phone Graeme [0276239425](tel:0276239425)

WAIKATO SCHOOLS TRIATHLON 18th MARCH 2014

For further information contact Errol Newlands ph 027 577 0079 or email errol@onyabike.co.nz



FRESH PRODUCE
GOURMET FOOD

HANDMADE	LOCAL	
FRESH GROUND COFFEE	COMMUNITY	
LIVE MUSIC	DEVONSHIRE TEA	
HOME GROWN	FRESHLY BAKED	
GIFTS	CRAFTS	DESIGNER VARIETY

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2ND SATURDAY
OF EVERY MONTH

MARKET SATURDAY
8.30AM - 1.00PM

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