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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 17th APRIL, 2014

WEEK 11

Kia Ora (Maori/NZ), **Hello** (English), **Bula** (Fijian), **Welkom** (South African), **Huān yǐng** (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)

LEARNING AT TE TOTARA

Our children continue to do well. Recently our Board of Trustees received a Curriculum Report from our Deputy Principal, Anne Fraser. This was on the Visual Arts, which culminated in the wonderful Art exhibition at the end of 2013. To see how our children are doing visit:

<http://www.tetotara.school.nz/1/pages/38-latest-news>

SCHOOL POOL

This is now on site and will be filled shortly. A huge thanks to the North Hamilton Lions for the install, some of them spent 10 hours on Sunday, much appreciated!

The pool is looking to be up and running in the second week of next term after final testing. More details will follow in the first newsletter next term about swimming



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The school closes today for the holidays. It will be busy at school with exterior painting of Milky Way, Orion and Matawhero taking place. In addition, building will continue on the additional classrooms being built.

Please come and use the school, we do appreciate the support from the community in watching out for our school.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are delighted with the large number of students who look really great by wearing their uniform in the correct manner.

However, we have noticed a few students who are not complying with our Uniform Expectations and we ask your assistance with this.

ALL students are expected to be wearing their full correct uniform.

Students are to arrive at school and leave from school in their Te Totara Primary School uniform, **including footwear**.

- Uniforms are to be worn clean, neat and tidy.
- Students are encouraged to take pride in their school uniform and to wear it well.
- Hair is to be off the face, tied back if longer than the bottom of the collar, and be the natural hair colour.
- Nail polish and cosmetics are not permitted.
- Second hand uniforms may be available. Please see the notice board in the School Office for details.
- Any hair accessory is to be of a single school uniform colour – red, white, black, green.
- Variations in relation to the Human Rights Act may be negotiated with the Principal.
- All pupils are encouraged to use sunscreen at home before school and expected to wear the regulation school hat while outdoors. No hat – play in the shade.
- All uniform items should be clearly named.

From the beginning of Term 2, 2014 we will be expecting all students to be wearing their winter school uniform.

JEWELLERY

Items of jewellery can be easily lost or damaged at school. They may also cause injury to the wearer or other students. **For safety reasons items of jewellery are NOT to be worn.** The school accepts no responsibility in the case of loss, damage or injury.

However, students may wear:

- a) One small earring stud per ear.
- b) A watch.
- c) A necklace of religious or cultural significance – to be worn underneath clothing.
- d) A Medical Identification Tag as required.

For a full description of our Uniform Expectations for our school uniform, please check the notice board in the School Office or the school website.

If you have any queries, please contact me at principal@tetotara.school.nz

SCHOOL UNIFORMS, ORDER WITH DIRECT GROUP

Direct Group will be offering ordering online, in store or by telephone. They are located at 115 Ellis Street Frankton Hamilton, Ph 847-6664 or visit their website www.shop.directgroup.co.nz.

Orders can be placed now and in most cases Direct Group have the garments already in their store to purchase. Direct Group is also offering a wonderful embroidery service for individually naming your Children's School Uniform. Items will cost \$5 each to embroide, please include this request on your online order form or ask while you are ordering the Uniform in their store.

For access to Direct Group's website for online ordering please use the following log-in details: Log in = ttp and Password = uniform (all lowercase)

ULTRA FAST BROADBAND

We have just been informed that next term we will be having fast internet installed, this will help our speed and ease of access. We have deliberately studied what it is to be a digital citizen with our children this term to help prepare for this forthcoming resource.

The in class learning during this term has been about Citizenship, both in the Real world and the Digital world.

The classes have been working on some I C T presentations of their learning. Watch this on our website next term.

WINTER SPORTS TEAMS

As the school continues to grow we are receiving much more interest in children wanting to play in a sports team. This is fantastic news, and we are all doing the best we can to ensure we can register as many teams as possible. Thank you so much to the parents who have offered to coach and manage a sports team. Another huge thank you to our teachers who spend a lot of their time organising and registering these teams.

A reminder to everyone that if we don't have enough children to make teams a notice will be sent home explaining this. Unfortunately, this happened with miniball this year. Also, if we cannot find enough parents to coach teams, a notice will be sent home indicating this - if we do not have enough coaches, we cannot register teams.

If you need any further information about our sports teams please head to our website to read over our "frequently asked questions and codes of behaviours".

Elastics

Our PE Shed has now got elastics to play with during morning tea and lunch time. If you think your children may be interested, take some time over the holidays to look up elastics games to have a go at in Term 2.

ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

We have a few bugs around school at the moment which affects our children as well as staff.

If your child is sick please keep them at home until they are well. If your child has diarrhoea or vomiting we ask that they do not return to school unless they

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are well and have had **no further diarrhoea or vomiting for 24 hours prior to returning – these bugs can be highly contagious.** Thank you for your assistance in this.

SCHOOL DONATION

We certainly appreciate the fantastic support we are receiving for the school voluntary donation, it is appreciated and the funding will be used for resources for the children.

If you wish to pay your voluntary School Donation, we are happy to accept payment by cash, cheque, internet banking or EFT-POS at the School Office. The Board of Trustees has set payment at:

\$100.00 for the first family member

\$50.00 for each subsequent child

A GST receipt will be issued. A % of your donation may be claimed as a tax rebate using a "Rebate Claim Form" – please refer to Inland Revenue for further details.

DATES COMING UP

Thurs 17 Apr **END OF TERM 1 @ 3.00PM**

Mon 5 May **TERM 2, BEGINS @ 8.55AM**

Fri 30 May **School is open for learning**

Mon 2 June **QUEENS BIRTHDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**

Thurs 3 July **END OF TERM 2 @ 3.00PM**

Fri 4 July **TEACHER ONLY DAY
– SCHOOL CLOSED**

Brian Sheedy

Principal

TE TOTARA PTA



NEXT PTA MEETING DATE: AGM

Tuesday 20th May 2014 at 7.00pm

& General Meeting at 7.30pm

Venue: Good Neighbour if possible, but we will confirm closer to the time. This is an important meeting as Executive members are elected – Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, & Comms officer.

If you are keen on any position please email us (tetotara.pta@gmail.com) if you want further details or come along on the night. Ryan our current chairperson is unfortunately stepping down; so we thank him for all his hard work over the years!

See PTA page on school website for the agenda of the AGM & General meeting.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS!!

The brand new 2014/15 Entertainment Books are coming to our school next term. This year you have a choice between the traditional Book or to purchase a new digital membership which puts the value of the Entertainment Book into the convenience of your smartphone. This year all funds raised (\$12 per membership or Book sold) will go towards a new Junior

Playground. If you want to order your new digital membership in time for the Easter holidays please click here

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/15502m5>

"We have been involved with the Entertainment books for the last few years and they have always provided good value for money. The book sales support the school and help our children enjoy additional facilities such as playgrounds and shading. The Entertainment Book is a great resource for families, with lots of discounts on events and experiences."
Brian Sheedy- Principal

GALA DAY COLOURING IN COMPETITION WINNERS

Thank you to all our children who completed the Gala day colouring in flyers, there were some wonderful pictures!

Congratulations to our winners:

Year 1-2

First Place – Libby McMillian
Second Place – Ayla Gillies
Third Place - Kobi Trethowen

Year 3-4

First Place – Danica Cooke
Second Place – Poen Hsieh
Third Place – Noor Maky

Year 5-6

First Place – Anna Wilson
Second Place – Kendyll Blissett
Third Place – Olivia Connolly

PTA BANK ACCOUNT

Te Totara Primary School PTA 03-1355-0711498-00.
Please ensure child's name & class are used for reference.

PTA EMAIL ADDRESS

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<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.

HOLIDAY TENNIS PROGRAMME

Contact Roslyn Brown
www.tenniswaikatobays.co.nz
Phone 856 8181

WATERWORLD AQUATIC HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Contact Waterworld for information
waterworld@hcc.govt.nz, Phone 07 958 5860 or website
www.hamiltonpools.co.nz

R.E.A.P

We are an afterschool enrichment programme with the purpose of providing children, in the Waikato, with a range of courses to help develop them as global citizens. Our programmes are starting on Monday 5th May. In term 2 we are offering; Fabric Art, Violin, Chess, French, Jazz,

Spanish, Korean, Singing, Speech and Drama, Sewing, Keyboard, Piano, Fun with Watercolour and eBooks. For more information you can see our timetable and booklet at www.hamiltonreap.co.nz or e-mail us at admin@hamiltonreap.co.nz.

CREATIVE MINDS ART CLASSES AT TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Creative Minds After School Art Classes will be offered at our school for term 2, starting week 2. Art classes run after school once per week for ages 5-12 years, with creative and knowledgeable art tutors. Registration is required and limited to 10 children. For more information about what the children will learn during this exciting opportunity and to register, please go to the Creative Minds website at: www.creativeminds.co.nz

GO GRAPHIC

Looking for school holiday activities? GO Graphic is coming to Hamilton on Wednesday 23 April. Best suited to creative children who love art and computers, aged 8 and above. GO Graphic costs \$50 per child. Phone Mary on 07 849 484207 849 4842 for details, or see <http://ultranet.giftededucation.org.nz/WebSpace/464/>.

JITTERBUGS DANCE LESSONS – last chance to enrol for Term 2 2014. Lessons for both boys and girls (either hip hop/boxing style or jazz style) held on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Te Totara Primary School (ages 3 – 11). Cost \$75. Limited spaces. Please email Jolie at jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz or phone (021) 117 9633.

AEROBICS CLASS – guaranteed to increase your fitness and help tone your bums, tums and thighs! Class held at Te Totara Primary School on Monday nights at 7.30pm. Heaps of fun and a great workout. I have 5 spaces left for 2014 as this term we will be including some Swiss Ball work. Cost \$70 for the term plus you will need a Swiss ball – around \$10. Email Jolie at jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz.

BOOTCAMP – Due to popular demand I have been asked to hold another bootcamp over the holidays. This is a guaranteed 45 super workout!! Sessions at 5.30 – 6.15 on Tuesday 22/4/2014, Wednesday 23/4/2014, Monday 28/4/2014, Tuesday 29/4/2014 and Thursday 1/5/2014. Cost \$35 for all 5 sessions or \$8 per session. Minimum of 8 people required per session to go ahead with it. Sessions held outside at Te Totara Primary School in any weather conditions! Email Jolie if you are interested at jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz by Sunday 20th April.

SKSS GOGGLES AND SWIM CAPS EASTER SPECIAL

Half price special, contact Wendy Smith Swim Safe Advisor for Waikato.
Email wendy@swimmingnz.org.nz to order.