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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 13th November, 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** (Congoese), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese), **Hola** (Spanish), **Annyeonghaseyo** (South Korea)

TECHNOLOGY AT TE TOTARA

Over the last year we have been extensively evaluating what we do in this area. The team, led by our Curriculum Leader, Anne Fraser, have been involved in research including what works well currently in our school. We have examined current research, considered equity for all and examined other schools models and also looked at practice in Australia.

This has led us to the next step of our journey to support our children with their learning.

We are sending an early signal that next year the school will be opening up our network for children to bring their own learning device which are iPads to support learning in our school.

If you are considering purchases for technology we would urge you to consider iPads as this is technology that we will be supporting in school.

We know there are many queries around this and next year we will be hosting opportunities for parents to come along, ask questions and be a part of the process.

Currently each class has between 4 and 6 iPads, which will continue.

Some early FAQ's can be found here. These will be updated over time to reflect the queries families have at...

<http://www.tetotara.school.nz/77/pages/87-bring-your-own-device-faqs>

SOCIAL MEDIA

Is such a useful tool and can move information and thoughts, feelings and ideas so quickly.

We do follow social media and if we are aware of any matters concerning the school, we do try and make contact with the author. This is so that we have the opportunity to help and clarify.

Contributions on social media can be genuinely shared that may need clarification.

The school uses social media respectfully, positively and informs the community if needed on school matters. We do value the overwhelming and dignified support we have around this.

If you have a query, concern or complaint the school has a comprehensive Policy in place. On our website you will find it at:

[Query, concern or complaint](#)

SWIMMING UPDATE

We have been so impressed with the progress our children are making with their swimming lessons so far this term.

Regarding payment for lessons, we will:

- Ensure that our children have their 15 lessons at least before we ask for further payments, this could well be into 2015
- For those children who don't get 15 lessons and are leaving at the end of 2014 we will make a pro-rata refund based on the number of lessons
- We will try and get our Year 6 students as many lessons in as possible before they leave us

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me at:

principal@tetotara.school.nz

PARENT SURVEY

As outlined in last week's newsletter we are surveying Parents, Students and Staff to help review what we do and look at where to next.

The Parent Survey is in paper form and staff and students will be online.

Further details will be provided next week, watch this space....

TE TOTARA SWIM SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS STARTING TUESDAY 18th NOVEMBER, 2014

We have had a great response to our swim school online bookings for the 5 week block course which will start Tuesday 18th November 2014. Beginner Level 1 to Level 5 will be offered, lessons will be 25 minutes with a 5 minute turnaround time.

The block course of 5 lessons will cost \$72.50 (\$14.50 per lesson)

Steps are:

1. Complete the online booking.
2. Complete the booking form and read the Terms and Conditions, a copy is available in the school office or available on our school website (click on the below link)

<http://www.tetotara.school.nz/210/pages/86-swim-school>

3. Hand your completed booking form into the school office and make payment before your first lesson please.

To book lessons for your child/ren, please use our online booking system:

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz – our school code is **2QQ3K**.

An electronic confirmation note will automatically be sent via e-mail upon completion of your booking, so don't forget to include your e-mail address.

Bookings Close Friday 14th November, 2014 5pm.

Payments can be made through the School Office by cash, cheque or EFT-POS or via Internet banking to the following account:

Account Name: Te Totara Primary School

Bank: ASB Bank Chartwell

Account Number: 12-3171-0270973-00

Please ensure your child's name and "Swim School" are used as a reference.

Please contact Celeste via email

celestem@tetotara.school.nz for any further enquiries.

YEAR 6 LEAVER'S SUPPER EVENING

This will be a night to remember, our Year 6's are leaving us. Invitations will be sent home today.

Tuesday 9th December 2014 6.30pm-8.00pm in the Matariki hall.

Please bring a plate of finger food to share for supper and BYO drink. Due to limited space, no siblings please.

If anyone has a white or cream flat sheet we would be able to have for the evening, and keep for our future Year 6 Leaver's Supper Evenings, could you please drop in to Celeste in the School Office a.s.a.p.

We are really looking forward to this special evening.

DEFIBRILLATOR AT TE TOTARA SCHOOL

Through the generosity of the Lion Foundation, we now have an AED machine which has been installed on the wall to your left in the Matariki Hall. These are very simple to use and I enclose a quick video for you to watch.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b8N6tgj6bIA>

PERFORMING ARTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME AT TE TOTARA, "NEVERLAND"

GLO (Giving Life Opportunities) is an all day, week long Performing Arts Holiday Programme which will run from 12th-16th January 2015 at Te Totara Primary School for children aged 6-13 years of age.

The January 2015 "Neverland" workshops will be Stunts & Combat, Dance, Musical Theatre, Art, Songwriting and Percussion. This popular Holiday Programme caters for a range of abilities, whether early beginners, or for those already with some level of expertise. Family and friends are encouraged to attend the Friday night 'SHOWCASE' where students will put on a performance to show what they have learnt during their week.

This is a very well-priced Holiday Programme at only \$169 for the week, 9am-4pm daily and includes the Showcase performance on Friday evening.

For further details and to make a booking, please email Celeste at:

celestem@tetotara.school.nz

Limited spaces, so get in quick!

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO - \$16.00 EACH

The whole school photo and order form is now on display on the noticeboard in the School Office. Last day for orders will be **Friday 28th November**. Please drop your order form in to the office Mooloo Box.

Sorry no late orders will be accepted.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book Club orders are due back to the School Office by **9.15am Friday 21st November 2014** so that we can make sure the orders are back before school finishes for the year. If your order is a "Gift or Christmas Present", please write this on the top of your order and we will hold it at the School office for you to collect.

Scholastic Book club are offering a \$2 gift voucher for every item over \$2 purchased from order forms that are marked with this special offer. The \$2 gift voucher can be used towards any purchase from the book club Issue 1, 2015.

Sorry No Late Orders will be accepted.

YEARBOOK 2014 - \$15.00 EACH

Order Forms available at the school office, at only **\$15.00** per book, it is a great record of the years' learning and events and includes over 100 full colour pages. **Orders Close on Monday 17th November.** Sorry, **NO late orders will be accepted and no extra copies will be printed.**

WEET-BIX TRYATHLON 2015 SUNDAY 15th FEBRUARY

If your child is 7 years of age or older (by February 2015), and would like to be part of our school team, you can go to the website www.weetbix.co.nz and register your child online, LINK to our School Group and pay online yourself. All registrations will be done by parents this year. Your child may enter as an individual or as a team of two in the same age bracket. Entries close **Wednesday 28th January, 2015.** The event is located at the University of Waikato Fields in Hamilton East. More information about the event can be found on the Weetbix Tryathlon website.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 14th November 2014 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.** Our Neptune 28 children will be sharing. This week Milky Way, Orion, Ra and Neptune children will attend assembly. Everyone is welcome.

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

CRICKET

Thunders

Wyatt Wink

Tigers

Lucas Hill, Sanvir Harike

HOCKEY

Tuis

Gemma McCormick, Ravvi Serna,
Bradley Silcock

TOUCH

Chiefs

Cooper Jones

Gunns

Blake Finlayson

Pacers

DATES COMING UP

Tues 18 Nov Te Totara Swim School Starts
Tues 25 Nov Fairfield Cluster Athletics
Tues 25 Nov PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm
Tues 2 Dec Fairfield Cluster Athletics
- postponement date
Tues 9 Dec Year 6 Leavers Supper @ 6.30pm
Mon 15 Dec 5.45pm End of Year Celebration
Thurs 18 Dec END OF TERM @ 3.00PM

Brian Sheedy
Principal

Te Totara Primary School

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STUFFED SPUDS

EASY LOW COST RECIPE

1. Scrub 5 medium potatoes, prick and microwave till soft; halve potatoes,
2. scoop out and mash flesh
3. Cook 1 diced onion and 200g of bacon
4. Add 1 tin of creamed corn, 1/2C of diced vegetables and mashed potato
5. Mix and spoon into potato shells and sprinkle with cheese and bake at 180°C for 10 minutes; serve with salad

TIP:
Try replacing creamed corn with baked beans or chilli beans!



TE TOTARA PTA

NEXT PTA MEETING
TUESDAY 25th NOVEMBER

7.30pm, Held in the Staff Lounge.

All welcome, we would love to see some new faces.

PTA EMAIL ADDRESS

tetotara.pta@gmail.com

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



A BIG THANK YOU!

"WOW! What an awesome team of people we have in our PTA!

The **Down on the Farm Disco** was a huge success on Friday and the kids seemed to have a great time. Thanks to Jolie for co-ordinating the event, and to the Disco Committee and many helpers for once again putting together a fantastic disco.

Another couple of fundraisers have recently come to an end;

Thanks to Jackie Smith for handling the Entertainment Book programme this year, it was another successful year.

We also had an enormous response for the new Calendar Art Fundraiser - thanks to Katie Hemmingsen for organising and collating the orders, and to Paula Wine and the teachers for handling all the artwork

And lastly, thank you to all the Parents, Guardians, Grandparents, Step-parents and everyone else for supporting Te Totara Primary School this year."

Cheers

Bryan

PTA Chairman



TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL 2014 DOWN ON THE FARM DISCO

We hope all your children enjoyed the Disco last Friday night ☺. We had over 595 kids attend which is a great effort.



A HUGE THANKYOU to our Disco Committee for all their hard work over the past couple of months to get things organised - **Lisa Clay, Jolie Hopping, Anna Smart, Sam Higgs, Katie Hemmingsen, Andrea Larsen, Nicky Sayers, Bryan Wrigg, Kate McMorran and Bridget McLaughlin.** Without these people volunteering their time the disco would not go ahead. Also a big THANKYOU to all those who helped out on the night of the disco.

Aimee, Elysia and Kate took heaps of photos at the disco and these will be uploaded to the PTA Facebook page next week for you to look. There will be an option to purchase these photos at a small cost with all proceeds going to the Te Totara PTA. More details to follow next week.

Don't forget to support those businesses who supported our disco with prizes, music, lights, decorations etc. These businesses include Big Daddy Vehicle Brokers, Gallaghers, Annexa Animal Health, De Laval, Palmers Planet Rototuna, Bullswool Farm, Jitterbugs Dance Lessons, Definitive Sounds, and Cornerstone Alpacas.

"Left over disco lollies, chips and drinks will be on sale next Friday outside the hall. Lollies will be half price \$1!"

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.

STRAWBERRIES, STRAWBERRIES, STRAWBERRIES

Sweet, juicy and plentiful - 1st & 2nd grade available in our shop. Orders now taken for Christmas berries so don't miss out! Also available fresh fruit, ice-creams and/or yoghurt made to order. We look forward to seeing you at **Fruitdale Orchard, 78 Osborne Road, Horsham Downs. Ph: (07) 829-4838**

HELP NEEDED FOR ROUND THE BRIDGES

Can you spare some time to help fundraise at this Sunday's **Round the Bridges** event? Parafed Waikato desperately needs people who can collect donations (ie carry a small bucket and wear a high vis jacket). Phone or email Carol Armstrong (whose daughter also attends Te Totara) on 027 494 5587 or parafedsf@sportsforce.org.nz

PHYSIQUES FITNESS ROTOTUNA Classes held at Te Totara Primary School

Physiques Fitness Rototuna

NEW CLASSES
Starting 29 October (pay per session)

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Classes take place at Te Totara School

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Saturday 22 Nov. 2pm

Founders Theatre
Hamilton



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www.ticketek.co.nz

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SCALLYWAGS AND MUNCHKINS MARKET

Saturday 29 November 2014

1:30-4:30pm

Chartwell Cooperating Church

(St Albans)

Comries Road

Chartwell, Hamilton

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