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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 21st MARCH, 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** (Congolese)

### EASTER DATES – SCHOOL CLOSURES

Just a reminder that our school is **CLOSED** on the statutory holidays of **Easter Friday 29th March** and **Easter Monday 1st April**.

**Note: We are also closed on Easter Tuesday 2nd April. We reopen again on Wednesday 3rd April.**

### EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE (ERO) VISIT

This week we have been hosting three reviewers - who having busy meeting with us, visiting classrooms and seeing documentation. We started their visit with a Powhiri and our children, as usual, were magnificent. They will produce a report in around six weeks and we will let you know when it is available.

### TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL VISION AND CHARTER 2013

A copy of the 2013 School Vision & Charter will be given to the oldest child in each family today; a copy of this flyer will also be posted on our school website [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz)

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Shortly, we will be calling for nominations for our Board of Trustees. If you are interested then you might like to come along to a Board meeting to see what it entails.

Our next Board of Trustees meeting is on Thursday 28th March at 6.30pm. You would be more than welcome to come along. This will be held in the Staff Lounge.

You may be interested in also finding out further information; a good web site is the School Trustees one, which has lots of information:

[Becoming a Trustee](#)

### GREAT NEIGHBOURS

We enjoyed hosting our great neighbours, Te Totara Barnardos last Saturday for their Gala Day. A big thanks to our school community for turning out. They were thrilled with the response. They did a great job and we are delighted to have them next door!

A watch was found at the Gala by Barnardos staff, if this is yours please contact Te Totara Barnardos office to claim it. Ph (07) 852-5759.

### NEW WORLD ROTOTUNA & ANCHOR GROWING COMMUNITIES SUPPORTING TE TOTARA

Anchor Growing Communities is a joint initiative with New World supermarkets, where Anchor is donating funds to local concerns including charities, good causes, sports team and community based projects. Anchor will donate **\$3,500** via each New World store every three months. Te Totara Primary School is one of 3 local Primary Schools who have been selected by **New World Rototuna** to support this round. When you buy Anchor Milk you will be given a token, which can be placed in the Anchor Growing Communities box for Te Totara Primary School. **Every vote counts - each of the 3 schools will receive some portion of the money.** At the end of each collection period, the \$3,500 per store will be distributed proportionally according to the number of tokens each school has received. This current promotion finishes on Sunday 21st April.



### MUFTI DAY

To help our fundraising for a pool and to support our Rising STAR Regan Standing, ([more info here...Regan Standing information](#)) we will have a Mufti Day on **Wednesday 17th April**, where we hope everyone brings a gold coin donation to the School Office, with the proceeds being split 50/50.

A "Mufti Day" is when our student can come in their own clothes rather than wearing our school uniform on that day.

### NAMING OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

**Please, please, please can you make sure all items of school uniform are clearly named.** Please do not assume that your child will know that something belongs to them "because it has a black dot on the tag". If an item of clothing is found out on the fields it cannot be returned unless it is named. We go out of our way to identify and return lost property, but are unable to do this when clothing is not named.

**We ask ALL families to please check your child's uniform on a weekly basis to ensure they are wearing their own uniform rather than someone else's.**

### FAIRFIELD CLUSTER SWIMMING

Congratulations to the Year 4-6 students who were selected to attend the Fairfield Cluster Swimming Sports held yesterday. Our students participated really well and were most competitive!

#### Special mention of the following place getters:

Imogen Dryden 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Yr 4 Backstroke  
Adam Baillie 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Yr 5 Breaststroke  
Adam Baillie 5<sup>th</sup> place, Yr 5 Freestyle  
Kallum Mardon 4<sup>th</sup> place, Yr 4 Breaststroke  
James Hardy Rorimpandy 4<sup>th</sup> place, Yr 6 Breaststroke

**Well done to all our Swimming Team!**

### LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS

To help the teachers formulate Learning Plans due out during Term 2, 2013 Learning Plan discussions will take place on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March & Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2013**. To make an appointment time for your child/ren, please use our online booking system [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) – our school code is **A7GHS**. If you are unable to access a computer, please phone Marise in the School Office on (07) 853-0039 to make a convenient time.

**Bookings close Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March @ 3.00pm**

**Please Note: We will not be able to accept bookings after Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March @ 3.00pm.**

### SCHOOL FINISHING AT 2.00PM

**Due to Learning Plan Discussions, school will finish at 2.00pm on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March & Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Students will need to be collected by parents/caregivers at 2.00pm please.**

**After School Care will begin at the earlier time of at 2.00pm for those children enrolled at After School Care.**

### ICAS 2013 DATES

We would like to give your year 4 -6 children the opportunity to compete in the 2013 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) run annually by Educational Assessment Australia with the University of NSW. If your child has ability, interest or aptitude in any of the subjects below, he or she may enjoy this challenge.

The 2013 ICAS dates and costs are listed below:

- Computer Skills, English, Mathematics and Science \$8.50 per test
- Spelling \$10.50
- Writing \$19.50

SUBJECT	SITTING DATE
Computer Skills	Tuesday 21 May
Science	Wednesday 5 June
Spelling	Tuesday 18 June
Writing	Wednesday 19 June
English	Wednesday 31 July
Mathematics	Tuesday 13 August

As you will notice from the ICAS dates above, the first exam is Computer Skills on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2013. **In order to ensure all exams arrive in time we would ask that student registration and payment to the School Office by the Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.** If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Paula Wine.

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book Club orders are due back to the School Office by **9.15am Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013**. **No late orders will be accepted.**

### FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held tomorrow, **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2013 at 2.15pm in the Matariki Hall**. This week our children starring will be Orion 8. Everyone is welcome.

### FOUND SCOOTERS

We have a couple of scooters that have been found, please contact our caretaker Barnie, Ph 027 4781440 to make a time to view these. Thanks.

### TE TOTARA SPORTS

#### PLAYER OF THE DAY

##### CRICKET

**Midgets** Maxwell Gurnick, Anten Maeuea, Riley Binnie, Rylee Martin, Melanie McEwen

**Minis** Malachi Flintoff

**Terrors** Liam Jessep

**Thunders** Travis Hathaway

**Mystics** Ethan Sommerville, Riley Gerrand

##### TOUCH

**Rockets** Flynn McCormack

**Gunns** TBA

**Chiefs** Liam Crow, Trent Campbell

##### VOLLEYBALL

**Spikers** Nicci Lee

**Setters** Mikaela Blaikie

### DATES COMING UP

**Tues 26 March** Learning Plan Discussions 2pm-5.30pm  
**School Finishes at 2.00pm**

**Wed 27 March** Learning Plan Discussions 2pm-7.00pm  
**School Finishes at 2.00pm**

**Thurs 28 Mar** Scholastic Book Orders due by 9.15am

**Thurs 28 Mar** BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm

**Fri 29 March** School Closed - Good Friday

**Mon 1 April** School Closed – Easter Monday

**Tue 2 April** School Closed – Easter Tuesday

**Thu 4 April** School's 5th Birthday Walkathon  
**Fri 5 April** Balloons over Waikato Visit  
 Routine N/E Hearing & Vision Testing  
**Thu 11 April** PTA AGM @ 7.00pm, Meeting @ 7.30pm  
**Wed 17 April** "Mufti Day" at School  
**Fri 19 April** School Closes for Term 1 @ 3.00pm  
**Mon 6 May** Term 2 Begins at 8.55am

### TERM DATES FOR 2013

These can be found on our school website:  
[www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz) under "Our School" then  
 "General Information" then Term Dates"

**Brian Sheedy**  
 Principal

## TE TOTARA PTA



### NEXT PTA MEETING DATE:

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 held in the Staff Lounge.**  
 Everyone is welcome. AGM at 7.00pm, then normal  
 meeting will start approx. 7.30pm.

### ICE BLOCK FRIDAYS

#### NO ICEBLOCKS ON FRIDAY 28 MARCH 2013 AS IT IS EASTER

Iceblocks will be on sale again from Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2013.  
 Lemonade Popsicles will be available for sale at a cost of  
**\$1.50 each** outside the Matariki Hall after eating for  
 learning has finished at 12.35pm.

**Please ensure your child/ren has the correct amount of  
 money as no change will be given.**

All proceeds will go towards fundraising for our children.  
 Parents, if you are available to help with the selling of the  
 Ice Blocks on any of the Fridays (approx ½ hour of your  
 time), please e-mail [tracy.jessep@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.jessep@gmail.com) or text Tracy  
 on 021 755 385.

### CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISING

There has been a great response to this, so thank you  
 very much. I have now obtained a few more boxes of  
 the variety packs only, which contain 10 peppery chews,  
 10 chocolate fish, & 10 buzz bars. If you would like a box  
 to sell please contact me.

*\*\*\*For every full box of chocolates you sell, your name will go into the draw  
 to win a 'Fujifilm JX500 Compact Camera Bundle', worth \$119. Runner-up  
 prizes as well. All money must be returned by 3.00pm Thursday 4/4/2013 to  
 be into the draw\*\*\**

Any questions please email at [tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com)  
 or contact Lisa Clay 0211 333 997.

### ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS - \$60.00 EACH

Yes, that time of year has come already - the new bigger  
 and better Entertainment Book is at the printers now. Here  
 are some of the fantastic valuable offers in the book,  
 Furnace, The Abbey, Cullens, Keystone plus so much  
 more!

Great news is that \$12.00 of each book sold goes straight  
 to Te Totara School fundraising for new sports equipment.  
 Pre-sales are happening NOW, do not miss the exclusive  
 Bonus Offers which include over \$150.00 and can be  
 used straight away. Simply pay for your 2013-2014

Entertainment Book by contacting Kristy MacIntyre, Ph  
 021440016, [rigmac@orcon.net.nz](mailto:rigmac@orcon.net.nz)  
 Get in quick, limited supply!

### LAST DAY FOR PRE-SALES IS 27 MARCH 2013

Mid May an Entertainment Book will be issued to the  
 oldest child in each family, this is a fantastic fundraiser  
 and great treat for the family.

<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.



If you are buying, selling, renovating or building in the Waikato or  
 Auckland Greenland Property Valuers will provide you with an  
 accurate property valuation. **Plus we will donate \$50 per referral to  
 Te Totara Primary School to boost the coppers. Call 0800 428 000**

### HAMILTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FAIR

**SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2013 FROM 9AM – 3PM**

Come and enjoy the day with us. Food stalls, books, games and  
 much more. 9am till 3pm.

### SUCCESSFUL KIDS TUTORING LTD

\* maths \* spelling \* reading \* written language  
 phone: 07 854 5569 [www.successfulkids.co.nz](http://www.successfulkids.co.nz)

### HAMILTON NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Registration available online this year visit  
[www.hamiltonnorthfootball.org.nz](http://www.hamiltonnorthfootball.org.nz) for the link to register.

All inquiries to [secretary@hamiltonnorthfootball.org.nz](mailto:secretary@hamiltonnorthfootball.org.nz) or 0800 4  
 SOCCER

### PINE CONES \$10-12 PER SACK

Chapel Hill youth are fundraising for Easter Camp  
 Chapel Hill Community Church office is open weekdays 9am-1pm  
 Corner of Cate and Rototuna Roads

### MOBILE SPEECH AND DRAMA TEACHER

Sandra Timlin is available to tutor your child in your own home after  
 school. \$60.00 per 1 hour session. Can be shared as well.  
 Phone 8590377 or email [lynn18@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lynn18@xtra.co.nz)

### EDVENTURE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

To book or find out more see [www.edventure.co.nz](http://www.edventure.co.nz)

### BUBBLE DOME

Book online now. [www.bubbledome.co.nz](http://www.bubbledome.co.nz) or phone 0800 438 282

### ZIRKA CIRCUS

Call 0800 2 ZIRKA or see [zirkacircus.com](http://zirkacircus.com)