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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 23rd May, 2013

WEEK 3

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** (Congoles)

INFORMATION

We are pleased to introduce a new system which will enable you to quickly and easily access school information. We have developed a quick slideshow on our website which displays weekly school and team notices. This will be updated every Friday for the following week.

Simply go to: www.tetotara.school.nz and click on weekly notices. Each week we are putting a close up an image from somewhere around the school and children can guess what it is. Look at Orion's page this week.

If you have any feedback or ideas please contact me at principal@tetotara.school.nz

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are delighted with the transition to our new supplier Direct Group. All the purchasing systems are in place and are working well.

We would like to thank our families for their patience while we made sure we got things right.

This means that all items are available to purchase (minus the white school polo which is due by the beginning of Term 3).

We are now well placed for all our children to be in correct uniform. When the white polo shirts are available we will confirm a date when we expect all our children to be in correct uniform, this is likely to be a few weeks after they are available to purchase.

Meanwhile, we would suggest that families might like to think about getting their children in the right uniform in preparation for the confirmed date.

WINTER UNIFORM

Our Uniform expectations are that ALL students are expected to be wearing their full correct winter uniform from Term 2, 2013. All 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 uniform items should be clearly named.

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. Also follow this link: [Uniform expectations](#)

Direct Group Uniforms are our School Uniform supplier, 115 Ellis Street Frankton Hamilton, Ph 07 847 6664 or order online [Direct Group School Uniforms](#)

SPORTS AT TE TOTARA

We are so fortunate to have a strong commitment from staff, parents and students to sport at Te Totara.

This has resulted in the school fielding as many as 26 teams. As a school we have supported this by having a dedicated sports committee headed by Anne Fraser, our Deputy Principal, who coordinates this area. This involves seven teachers, meets regularly, has defined roles and always looks to improve what we do.

Over the last few months we have been working on a sporting code to help support our coaches, parents and students in their roles and responsibilities as part of our school. We have used our STARS to help support this development.

We are proud of our sports teams and want to make sure that all involved continue to represent our school well but also have clear guidelines to support them in their roles.

Below are the links to these...

[Code of Behaviour for Students](#)

[Code of Behaviour for Parents](#)

[Code of Behaviour for Coaches](#)

[Sports Frequently Asked Questions](#)

You will also find these on the school web site.

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

LEARNING PLANS HOME – FRIDAY 7th JUNE

A Learning Plan for each student will be sent home on Friday 7th June 2013 with the oldest or only child from each family. However, if your child started at school in Term 2 this year you will not receive a Learning Plan yet.

The Learning Plans will also be available online after 3.00pm on Friday 7th June 2013. Included in the information pack being sent home with the Learning Plan will be instructions on how to log-on to the site.

The work involved in developing these Learning Plans is immense and reflects our goal of developing a personalised plan for each student.

Much thought and consideration has gone into these plans. We have managed to include a lot more of each child's comments and goals, to ensure they have an increased sense of ownership of their Learning Plan.

We strongly advise that you:

- Go through the Learning Plan with your child
- Look especially at the "Where to Next" and "How We Can Help" sections and incorporate these into supporting learning at home.

PARENT COMMENT ON THE LEARNING PLANS

You will notice on the last page of the Learning Plan is a new box titled "Parent Comment". This box gives parents and caregivers the opportunity to comment in a positive manner on the Learning Plan and reflect some goals for your child's learning.

If you wish to take up this opportunity, then have a look at the hyperlink Parent Comment online or in the information booklet in the Learning Plan folder. This gives you an example of the types of comments which are suitable for this box.

HOW WILL MY PARENT COMMENT BE PUT INTO THE PLAN?

- 1) **Type your comment as a separate word document and attach it to your e-mail.** It must be less than 500 characters in total (including punctuation and spaces).
- 2) Please forward your comment to Anne Fraser dp@tetotara.school.nz **no later than Tuesday 28th May 2013** should you wish to have the comment printed on your child's Learning Plan.

SWIMMING PAYMENTS

Payments of **\$30.00 per student** (\$24.00 for those students swimming in week 5) can be made through the School Office either by EFT-POS, cash, cheque or internet banking. Internet banking details are: KiwiBank, Te Totara Primary School 38-9006-0273959-00

We would appreciate payment of swimming fees by - Friday 31st May 2013.

Thank you to those families who have already sent along their payment for swimming.

TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

Voting papers must be received at school by on **Thursday 30th May 2013 at 12 noon.** These have been posted to eligible voters along with candidate profiles; you will NOT be able to obtain a copy from the School Office.

IMPORTANT ** IMPORTANT ** IMPORTANT
Voting papers must be returned separately to the school in the envelope provided with your voting paper to be valid (e.g. 1 voting paper per provided envelope).
Envelopes can be either posted to the school or hand delivered, please place it in the sealed "Board of Trustees Ballot Box" at located in the School Office.

Key Dates are:

Voting Closes

noon 30th May 2013

Votes counted &

5th June 2013

Results declared

6th June 2013

New Board take Office

SWIMMING AT WATERWORLD

Please find below a swimming timetable over the next few weeks.

| Session Times: | WEEK 3 20-24 May | WEEK 4 27-31 May | WEEK 5 Tue 4-7 June (4 days) due to Queens B'day | WEEK 6 10-14 |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---|------------------|
| 9.30-10.10 | Room 18 | Room 23 | Room 12 | Room 6 |
| 10.15-10.55 | Room 17 | Room 24 | Room 9 | Room 5 |
| 11.05-11.45 | Room 16 | Room 22 | Room 10 | Room 4 |
| 11.50-12.30 | Room 15 | Room 21 | Room 11 | Room 3 |
| 1.00-1.40 | Room 14 | Room 20 | Room 8 | Room 2 +35/36 |
| 1.45-2.25 | Room 13 | Room 19 | Room 7 | Room 1 +35/36 |
| \$ Cost per student | \$30 | \$30 | \$24 | \$30 |

I have a query who do I contact?

Please e-mail the Principal principal@tetotara.school.nz with any queries. Class teachers are not involved in the organising this programme, it is done by the Principal. Teachers have been instructed to relay any concerns to the Principal so there is one point of contact.

WHANAU MEETING

Whanau Korero and Kai

We would love to invite families interested in an evening Whanau Meeting to a meal and meeting on **Wednesday 29th May**.

Where: Te Totara School Staff Lounge

When: Wednesday 29th May

Time: 5.30pm – 7.00pm (we will eat at 6.00pm)

What to bring - a plate of food to share and your own drinks. Please bring your family. Children can enjoy dinner and then play on the playground (or in Matariki) while the adults chat. We will have a brief meeting after our meal.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 24th May @ 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall and stars our Milky Way 5 Children**. Everyone is welcome.

HEADLICE

A product has been recommended to our School called "NiteNz" which is a natural shampoo proven to be very effective in eradicating headlice. It can be purchased from the supermarket. Directions **MUST** be followed and a test patch conducted before applying.

We suggest to all our families to check your child/ren's hair on a weekly basis and wash hats regularly. I have included a link below from the Ministry of Education that may be useful.

<http://www.minedu.govt.nz/NZEducation/EducationPolicies/Schools/SchoolOperations/HealthAndSafety/HeadliceAndNitsGuideForSchoolCommunities.aspx>

Please note: Children who are not treated may be asked to go home until treated.

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

HOCKEY

Cheetahs Sarah King, Sophie Hancock
Lightening Seo-Hyun Lee
Tigers Riley Jones
Thunder Dylan Baillie

NETBALL

Comets Tianne Martin
Ferns Denee Read
Tigers Mehar Wadhwa

DATES COMING UP

Mon 20 – Fri 24 May

Swimming - Rooms 18, 17, 16, 15, 14 & 13

Mon 27 – Fri 31 May

Swimming – Rms 23, 24, 22, 21, 20 & 19

Wed 29 May Whanau Meeting/Kai 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Thurs 30 May BOT Voting Closes at **12 noon**

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Thurs 30 May BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
Mon 3 June Queen's Birthday Holiday
– **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Tues 4 June – Fri 7 June

Swimming – Rooms 12, 9, 10, 11, 8 & 7

Tues 4 June Mobile Dental Unit at School

Wed 5 June Votes counted & results declared

Wed 5 June Science ICAS

Thurs 6 June New BOT takes office

Mon 10 – Fri 14 June

Swimming – Rooms 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 & 35/36

Fri 7 June Learning Plans go home

Thurs 20 June Routine N/E Vision & Hearing Testing

Tues 25 June Life in the Zoo, PTA Evening

Thurs 27 June BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm

Thurs 4 July PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm

Fri 12 July 3.00pm - **END OF TERM 2**

Brian Sheedy

Principal



TE TOTARA PTA



NEXT MEETING

Thursday 4th July 2013 in The Staff Lounge at School 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

LIFE IN THE FAMILY ZOO PTA EVENING

Join the Te Totara Primary School PTA and the Queen of Fun, Lisa McKimm from Parenting Worx for a fun filled evening about Life in the Family Zoo.

Where: The Te Totara School Hall

When: Tuesday 25th June

What Time: Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start
Tickets cost \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. Includes a light supper.

Tickets are limited so get in quick. Email Kalena at finfamily@xtra.co.nz or text 027 201 5079.

See the School website for the flyer regarding this fun filled evening!

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISING

This Friday after school the PTA will be selling the left over variety bars of chocolates for \$1 each.

I still have: Peppy chews! Caramel chews, chocolate fish,

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buzz bars, marshmallow bunnies, Crème eggs, & Caramello eggs.

Also we will be selling the blocks of chocolates from last year for \$2 each – Caramello, Crunchie, Top Deck, and Dairy Milk.

Come and see us outside the hall this Friday 24 May.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS - \$60.00 EACH

Yes, that time of year has come already - 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. Purchase your new book now and use offers straight away. Simply pay for your 2013-2014 Book by contacting Kristy MacIntyre, Ph 021440016, rigmac@orcon.net.nz

In mid-May Entertainment Books will be issued to the oldest child in each family, this is a fantastic fundraiser and great treat for the family. If you don't want one sent home please contact Kristy to opt out.

<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.

PEACHGROVE INTERMEDIATE PTA QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 7th June 2013 at Peachgrove Intermediate School Hall Hamilton. Get a group of friends, family or colleagues together or parents from your child's class!

Table bookings can be made at the school office.

Please call in or phone 855 7596.

NEW PUB QUIZ FORMAT!

EXPERIENCED HOUSE CLEANER

Available Thurs & Fri. Phone Fay 027 408 9996

LEARN TO MARCH CLASSES

Hosted by Marching Waikato.

WHEN: Every Tuesday night 6pm – 7.30pm

If you are aged between 7 and 50 marching could be the sport for you. Please register your interest by phone

Marie Brown 854 1062

THE FARM SHOP

Good Fresh Honest Local Food

We only sell products that have been grown, raised, cooked, baked or produced within your local community.

Visit us in the Gordonton Village on Gordonton Road or view their website, www.thefarmshop.co.nz

2013 GWYNNE SHIELD RUGBY TRIAL DATES

Gwynne Shield teams (Panthers / **Tigers** / Wasps / Eagles)

First trial: Sunday 26th May at 1pm at Stan Heather Park, Saxbys Road, Melville.

Second trial: Sunday 2nd June at 1pm at Stan Heather Park, Saxbys Road, Melville.

Any queries contact Mike Gregan, Kiwisport Rugby Officer Ph 839 5675, email mikeg@mooloo.co.nz

BARNARDOS TE TOTARA RELIEVING TEACHERS

If you are interested in doing some casual relieving next door at Barnardos Te Totara Early Learning Centre and like to have lots of fun while you work, then we want to hear from you! Please give Daz a call on 8525759 or pop in today to find out more.

HOCKEY JUNIOR PACK OFFER

From Grant Bradburn Sports. See our School website under newsletters for the flyer to redeem this great offer.

MISSING/STOLEN SCOOTER

From School on Wednesday 22nd May, Pink MADD Gear scooter, perhaps taken by mistake. Please return that would be very much appreciated. Thank You. Any details to Sophie Davie Room 5 please.

LOOKING FOR A FUN PLAYGROUP FOR YOUR PRE-SCHOOL CHILD?

Chapel Hill Playgroup is a fun, warm environment where you and your little ones can play, socialise, learn and laugh. Suitable for babies, pre-schoolers, parents and caregivers, the playgroup is well equipped with toys, ride-ons, craft activities, musical instruments, dress-ups, outdoor play and much more. Operates during primary school terms, 9am-12pm. We currently have spaces available on Tuesdays & Wednesdays. For more information, please contact Kelly on [07 854 1299](tel:078541299) during Playgroup hours.

NETBALL CLINIC WITH KHAO WATTS

FROM THE KIA MAGIC TEAM, KELLY SPORTS

AGE: 9 – 13 years old **COST:** \$90.00

WHEN: Tuesdays 28th May – 9th July 4:30pm – 5:30pm

WHERE: At Rototuna Primary School – covered courts

TURBO TOUCH EXTREME

Invented in NZ by Kiwis

AGE: 7 – 13 years old **COST:** \$70.00

WHEN: Fridays 31st May – 12th July 5:00pm – 6:00pm

WHERE: At Peachgrove Intermediate School – covered courts

EARTHCARE ENVIRONMENTAL KIDS MARATHON

Kelly Sports will prepare and train your child

AGE: 5 – 13 years old **COST:** \$70.00

WHEN: Mondays 5th August – 23rd September 5:00pm – 6:00pm

WHERE: At Peachgrove Intermediate School – covered courts

For more information and to **BOOK ONLINE**

visit our website www.kellysports.co.nz

Email: waikato@kellysports.co.nz Tel: **07 839 9017**

