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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 15th AUGUST, 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** (Congoese), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese), **Hola** (Spanish)

ILLNESS HITS TE TOTARA

This week we have been hit hard with lots of illness amongst children and staff. Tummy bugs, viruses and the flu are really impacting on us.

I do realise juggling family life is a challenge sometimes and in this busy world we can sometimes overlook our most important assets, being our health and well-being.

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

So, please look after yourself and family and if anyone is not well keep them home, look after them and send them to school when they are well and ready to learn ☺

ABSENCES

If your child will be away from school then please let us know by either:

- Phoning the school on (07) 853-0039
- Text the School Office on 027 207-4466 with name, details and reason for absence.

We would appreciate any absence messages before 9.00am.

If your child arrives late at school (after 8.55am) we would appreciate you reporting to the School Office before heading to your learning areas.

SWIMMING POOL

Today we are launching an information tab on our web site with information about our proposed swimming pool. Please follow the link to see this exciting project on our Web site:

[Swimming Pool Project](#)

TE TOTARA'S GOT TALENT

Check out our website for the Te Totara's Got Talent flyer with all the action that will be happening week by week.

CHEESECAKE FESTIVAL AT SMITH AND MCKENZIE

This is the 4th annual cheesecake Festival at Smith & McKenzie, sample some delicious flavour combinations and help by voting for Te Totata's flavour. For each slice sold \$1 comes back to the school plus the winner of the most slices sold gets a \$500 book voucher for our school.

WHANAU MEETING

Kia Ora Koutou, Te Totara will have a Whanau Meeting next Wednesday 21st August at 12.35pm in the meeting room. The main focus of the meeting will be to discuss the kapa haka uniforms. All welcome.

DRESS-UP DAY AT TE TOTARA TO SUPPORT SPCA FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST, 2013

We are having a dress up day in support of the SPCA as we are all learning about animals from the living world strand of the Science Curriculum. We have asked all our students to dress up this day as their favourite animal. Please bring a can of pet food or a gold coin, which will be donated to the SPCA. **Students, please hold onto your coin/pet food as we will be making a visual presentation between Matawhero and Earth Pod.**

Any questions, please see Miss Good – Earth 18

SCIENCE ICAS

Certificates for Credit, Distinction and High Distinction will be given out at this week's full school assembly. Participation certificates will be given out at team assemblies.

WEET-BIX SPORTS GEAR

Schools may be familiar with the popular All Blacks collectors cards found in specially marked Weet-Bix packs, and this year Weet-Bix and TV2 are giving young card collectors the chance to win sports gear for their school as well.

Each card collected features a unique code that can be registered at www.weetbix.co.nz/codeblack. Every code entered has the chance to win amazing personal prizes and in addition, kids can also attribute codes to their school. All they need to do is select from a dropdown box when entering.

MEADOW FRESH STICKERS

We have the chance to win a share of \$500,000 worth of sports gear. Start collecting the stickers found on Meadow Fresh dairy products. Bring the stickers to school and put them on the sticker charts in your classroom. The competition ends on Friday 27th September. Good Luck.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 16th August @ 2.00pm** in the Matariki Hall and stars our **Orion 10 Children**. Everyone is welcome.

This week the **Milky Way Team** is rostered off assembly.

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

HOCKEY

Cheetahs	Sarah King
Lightening	Emma Lobb
Tigers	No Game
Thunder	Juhi Fitzwalter

NETBALL

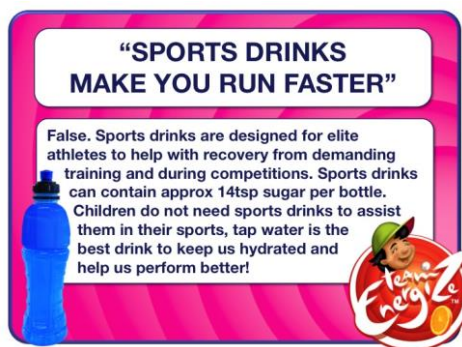
Comets	TBA
Ferns	Sophie Wine & Kendyll Blissett
Magic	TBA
Tigers	TBA

DATES COMING UP

- Thurs 15 Aug** Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm-7pm
School Finishes at 2.00pm today
- Wed 21 Aug** Whanau Meeting @ 12.35pm in Meeting Room, School Office
- Tues 27 Aug** Selected Yr 4-6 children to Fairfield Cluster Cross Country
- Thurs 29 Aug** Postponement date for Fairfield Cluster Cross Country
- Thurs 29 Aug** BOT Meeting at 6.30pm
- Fri 30 Aug** Dress-up day to support SPCA
- Fri 27 Sept** **3.00PM END OF TERM 3**

Brian Sheedy

Principal



TE TOTARA PTA

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2013

In The Staff Lounge at School 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS - \$60.00 EACH

Entertainment Books - \$60 each

Books or payment are now overdue. If you have any queries or you wish to purchase extra books, please contact Kristy MacIntyre on 021 440 016 or rigmac@orcon.net.nz.

2013 TE TOTARA SCHOOL DISCO

Date Confirmed: Friday 1 November 2013

THEME IDEAS WANTED!!



Last chance to get your ideas in. There a box in the office for your children to enter their theme ideas. There will be a prize for the chosen theme. **Themes need to be in the box by Friday 16th August 2013.** We have some great ones already, so thanks to all those who have entered so far. Any queries please email: jolie.hopping@vodafone.co.nz

PTA BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

Name: Te Totara Primary School PTA
Bank: SBS Bank
Account: 03-1355-0711498-00
(please ensure your child's name and class are used as a reference)
E-mail: tetotara.pta@gmail.com
<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.

ROTOTUNA PRIMARY PTA & ANNEX GROUP TRIVIA NIGHT

Where: Rototuna Primary School Hall
When: Friday 13th September
Cost: \$20 per person, including supper
Tickets available from the school office. No door sales.
Doors open at 7pm, Trivia starts at 7.30pm
If you require further information, please contact us via email, or by phoning the Rototuna Primary School office (853 2470).

JAMBO CUP 2013 TOP KIDZ SOCCER FESTIVAL

15th September 2013
Website www.jambo.co.nz or for further information contact 07 8476 968 or Kayla Smith Ph 021 164 9429

PEACHGROVE MIDWINTER PANTOMINE

Dick Whittington and his cat. 20-22 August 2013
Tickets at Peachgrove Intermediate school office now!

NEW ZEALAND RED CROSS 17TH ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

30 Aug – 1 September at the Te Rapa Racecourse Hamilton

D'ZIGNZ BOUTIQUE JEWELLERY SALE!

Everything half price or less, closing down sale
Mon 19- Thurs 22 August, 19 Caversham Drive Rototuna
Ph Delia 0274 724 494

SUPPORT YOUR STUDENTS AT TE TOTARA

Emma and Sophie Timmo will be selling some delicious baking outside the school hall after the 3pm bell on Friday 16th August 2013. All items for \$1 or \$2 each so bring along your loose change and help support the girls who are working towards a brownie badge for girl guiding.