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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 24th October, 2013

WEEK 2

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), **Chom Reap Sour** (Cambodia), **Geiá sou** (Greek), **Mbote, Jambo** (Congolese), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese), **Hola** (Spanish), **Annyeonghaseyo** (South Korea)

SCHOOL CLOSED MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

***** VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED ***** FOR BOTH OUR ATHLETICS DAYS

We desperately seek parent helpers for our athletics days. If you are able to help in any way, please give your name/phone number and times you can help with the School Office or e-mail our Deputy Principal, Anne Fraser on dp@tetotara.school.nz a.s.a.p

We will be using some Year 4 student so help on the "Have a go Day" to help promote some leadership skills.

HAVE A GO ATHLETICS DAY FOR YRS 0-2 ONLY

Thursday 31st October 2013

Orion Team and Milky Way 5 & 6

Start at 9.15am finishing at 11.30am

Marama Team and Milky Way 3 & 4

Start at 11.45am finishing at 2.15pm

With our Year 0-2 year students we are developing and sharing their skills through a fun activity based event called the "Have a Go" day. They will be rotated around the following activities:

High jump, long jump, sprints, mini hurdles, cricket ball throw, quots, egg & spoon and beanbag throw.

- Children may arrive at school in their house colours; they can remain in their house colour clothes for the whole day.
- Check with your classroom teacher if you are unsure which house your child belongs in.
- Sports shoes are optional; children may wish to compete in bare feet.

- Te Totara bucket sunhats are compulsory.
- Plenty of lunch and water are important.
- We will need parent helpers to assist in each event, please e-mail Mrs Fraser on dp@tetotara.school.nz if you are available.

Postponement date is Tuesday 5th November

If "Have a Go" day is postponed, it will be notified on our Facebook page at 7.30am or via our school website at 8.00am.

ATHLETICS DAY FOR YRS 3-6 ONLY

Thursday 7th November 2013

Further details/timetable will follow next week.

PLANNING FOR 2014

We are beginning to plan for 2014 and are looking at next year's classes for our students. The process for organising classes includes:

- Looking at the school structure, the staff and how we can best cater for our student's.
- Teachers reflecting on their student's needs.
- We consider student's needs and ask them the names of five friends.
- Parents have an opportunity to contribute by e-mailing me any factors to consider. If you would like to do, this then please e-mail me by **Friday 1st November 2013** at principal@tetotara.school.nz

STUDENTS ARRIVING/LEAVING TE TOTARA

To help with our planning, it would be appreciated if you could please let us know if your child is leaving Te Totara at the end of 2013 (*other than Year 6 students*). If you have a child coming to Te Totara in the future, we would love to have an Enrolment Form - it would be much appreciated and certainly help with our future planning!

MOVING HOUSE?

Just a little reminder.... if you have moved or will be moving, please remember to advise the School Office of your new contact details so that we can update your child's records accordingly.

2013 YEAR BOOK ORDERS AND PAYMENT

Get in quick for the 2013 Year Book which will be fantastic as usual! Order Forms will be sent home with each child shortly. Orders close **Monday 4th November, 2013.**

Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.

Year Books will be handed out in the last week of this term.

Full payment is required at the time of ordering.

TE TOTARA BUCKET SUN HATS/SUMMER UNIFORM COMPULSORY – TERM 4, 2013 & TERM 1, 2014

ALL children will need to wear their Te Totara Primary School Red Bucket Hat when outside this term. These are purchased direct through Direct Group Ph: (07)847-6664.

PHOTOLIFE SCHOOL PHOTOS

This year Te Totara Primary School photographs will be available for you to view and order Online with PhotoLife Studios. Your son or daughter will shortly bring home an online slip with their unique Shoot Key detailed on it. This Shoot Key will display all the photographs of your child, including an individual photo. It is then an easy process for you to shop on-line and purchase the photographs you want. If you place your order within three weeks of receiving your Shoot Key you will receive free delivery for your photo orders. PhotoLife has agreed to despatch all the orders back to the school and your child will bring their photographs home. Any orders placed after this three week period will be sent directly to your specified delivery address and will incur a \$5.00 Postage & Packing charge. You will see this message when you go Online to view and order your photographs. If you do not have a computer or internet access, you are welcome to call Photolife direct on the number provided on the Shoot Key.

Unfortunately, PhotoLife were unable to complete some of the Individual Photos and Sibling Photos yesterday. As soon as they can arrange another date to complete these, we will let you know.

CAN YOU HELP ROOM 14?

Mrs Leitch would love some cardboard tubes - the kind from handee towels, glad wrap, baking paper, foil, etc (not toilet rolls). If you are able to help, please drop them down to Room 14.

WELCOME BACK MRS ANNA PRATT

Anna Pratt will be joining us to begin our last new entrant class of the year based in the Milky Way Room. We expect the numbers to start at 1 and grow to 12 in the last week of the school year. Anna will be joining us full-time from 11th November ☺

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 25th October 2013 @ 2.00pm** in the Matariki Hall and stars **Marama 36**. Everyone is welcome. This week **Earth** is rostered off assembly.

MATHEMATICS ICAS

Certificates for Credit, Distinction and High Distinction will be given at Full-School Assembly as follows:

Ra and Matawhero Friday 25th October at 2:00 pm
Earth Wednesday 30th October at 2:00 pm
Participation certificates will be given out at Team Assemblies.

NEXT WEEK'S FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Due to set-up for the School Disco, next week's full school assembly will be held on **Wednesday 30th October 2013 @ 2.00pm** (instead of Friday) and stars **Earth 17**. Ra Team will be rostered off assembly.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book Club orders are due back to the School Office by **9.15am Friday 25th October 2013**. **No late orders will be accepted.**

FOUND SCOOTERS

Barnie has these scooters in his shed, please contact him direct to claim your lost scooter.
Ph 027 478 1440.



FIRST CREDIT UNION BANKING

First Credit Union provides a school banking service to all pupils at Te Totara Primary School.

Getting started is easy- just pick up an application pack from the School Office, fill in the application form and return it to the School Office.

If your children are already doing school banking, remember that the school banking is collected on **Wednesdays at 9.15am** each week!

DENTAL CLINIC FOR TE TOTARA CHILDREN

- FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY DENTAL CLINIC

Our school Dental Clinic is the Fairfield Community Dental Clinic C/- Fairfield Intermediate School Ph: (07) 853-8145. The physical address is: Kensington Place (end of road not far from Davies Corner Medical Centre)

SPORTS GEAR

Reminder..... any sports folders, gear bags and trophies need to be returned as soon as possible please. There are a number of these things missing and we would like them back so we can keep them for next year. We are also missing a number of hockey trophies that we need to pass on to the summer hockey teams.

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

PUKEKOS - TBA

TUI'S HOCKEY - Sophie Timmo

DATES COMING UP

Mon 28 Oct	School Closed – Public Holiday
Wed 30 Oct	Fairfield Accelerate Testing
Wed 30 Oct	Full School Assembly
Thurs 31 Oct	Athletics Yrs 0-2
Thurs 31 Oct	BOT Meeting at 6.30pm
Fri 1 Nov	No Full School Assembly due to Disco
Fri 1 Nov	Te Totara Disco – details to follow
Tues 5 Nov	Athletics Yrs 0-2 Postponement Date
Thurs 7 Nov	Athletics Yrs 3-6
Tues 12 Nov	Athletics Yrs 3-6 Postponement Date
Tues 26 Nov	Cluster Athletics
Wed 27 Nov	Fairfield Cultural Festival
Thurs 28 Nov	BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
Fri 29 Nov	Routine N/E Hearing & Vision Checks
Tues 3 Dec	Year 6 Leavers Dinner
Tues 10 Dec	End of Year Celebration
Wed 11 Dec	End of Year Celebration (reserve date)
Fri 13 Dec	END OF TERM 4 @ 3.00PM

Brian Sheedy
Principal



TE TOTARA PTA

NEXT MEETING
THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2013

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

JUST OVER 1 WEEK UNTIL THE DISCO!!!

2013 Te Totara Beach Party Disco

Date: Friday 1 November 2013

Time: Year 0 – 2 5.00pm – 6.30pm
Year 3 – 6 6.45pm – 8.15pm

Cost: \$2.00 to be paid on entry.

Please try and have the correct change

Where: Te Totara School Matariki Hall

Other: There will be flashing lights, food and drinks to purchase on the night.

So come join the lifeguards, surfers, crabs, swimmers, Hawaiian dancers and everyone else at the beach party for a night of dancing.



Beach Party Art Poster Competition

We would love you to draw us a picture of your interpretation of the "Beach" to place up on the wall at the disco. There will be a prize for the best poster from each session (year 0-2 and year 3-6). Please place artwork in the appropriate boxes in the office by **3.15pm Thursday 31st October**. Make sure you put your name and room number on the back of your picture so we can find you if you win ☺. Winners announced at the disco.

Thanks to DTS and NM Newmerica Imports for donating prizes for the disco. Check out www.newmericaimports.com or their facebook page (www.facebook.com/newmericaimports) for lots of yummy lollies and other treats to purchase. Great for stocking fillers for xmas. Free delivery to Rototuna if you mention you are from Te Totara when ordering ☺.

We are still after a few more prizes if anyone else would like to donate prizes to give away for best dressed, best poster, best dancer etc at the disco. Anything accepted ☺.

Any other queries please email:

jolie.hopping@vodafone.co.nz

Thanks, your disco committee – Lisa, Bridget, Jolie, Lorraine, Bryan, Katie, Jackie and Wendy ☺

PTA BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

Name: Te Totara Primary School PTA

Account: 03-1355-0711498-00

(please ensure your child's name and class are used as a reference)

E-mail: tetotara.pta@gmail.com

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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.

LETS DANCE STUDIO Home Phone: 07 855 0052.

Simon's Mobile: 027 500 1900 Michelle's Mobile: 027 426 5463

Email: lets.dance@outlook.com or s_eastick@hotmail.com

AEROBICS CLASS – for adults held at Te Totara Primary School on Monday nights at 7.30pm. Heaps of fun and includes conditioning work to tone those bums, tums and thighs! Email Jolie at jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz for a free trial. Only 2 spaces left.

WOODLANDS JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB IS UP AND RUNNING

Are you year 5, 6, 7 or 8 and interested in playing cricket this term? We need you! Games are Saturday mornings and will start 26 October. If you are interested or have any enquiries please call or email Antoinette on 07 8243969 or lictwork@no8wireless.co.nz

RIVER DOWNS PLAYCENTRE'S SILVER JUBILEE

Saturday 9 November 2013 at River Downs Playcentre, 5 Endeavour Avenue, Hamilton. 3pm-5:30pm. If it is raining the open day will be cancelled. Phone 07 854 3606 or email kstringing@hotmail.com

CHAPEL HILL PLAYGROUP CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday 2nd November 2013, 8am-noon. Car spaces \$10. Book today. Phone Kelly Ph 027 339 1813 or 854 6239.

HAIRDRESSING FUNDRAISER

Sunday 10th November 2013, 10am-4pm Bryant Road, Hamilton. Come down to Who's Ya Barber to help fundraise for Waikato@Heart. This supports kids with heart defects and their families through life. All proceeds go to the charity.