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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 14th NOVEMBER, 2013

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** (Congolese), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese), **Hola** (Spanish), **Annyeonghaseyo** (South Korea)

Dear Parents & Guardians

The end of the school year is fast approaching and this newsletter will update you on events coming up until the end of the School Year and also dates for 2014.

LEARNING PLAN PARENT COMMENT

On the Learning Plan is a 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.

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) In the subject line of your e-mail type – Parent Comment Attn: Deputy Principal
- 3) Send it to dp@tetotara.school.nz
- 4) If you do not have access to e-mail, you are welcome to complete a "Learning Plan Comment Form", which is available from the classroom teacher or at the School Office; it gives you an example of the types of comments which are suitable for this box.

These comments will appear on the Learning Plans online.

If you have placed a Parent comment on your child's Learning Plan in the middle of the year, you may like to refresh your comments for the end of the year Learning Plan.

DATES COMING UP

- Tue 19 Nov** PTA meeting @ 7.30 pm
Wed 20 Nov Volunteers Morning Tea @ 9.00am
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
Thurs 6 Dec 2014 Organisation in newsletter

- Fri 7 Dec** Next year's class live on parent portal
Tues 10 Dec Art Exhibition
Tues 10 Dec End of Year Celebration @ 5.45pm
Wed 11 Dec Art Exhibition
Wed 11 Dec End of Year Celebration (reserve date)
Thu 12 Dec Students visit 2014 classes
Fri 13 Dec **END OF TERM 4 @ 3.00PM**

* A note will be sent home for those families involved

SCHOOL DATES CONFIRMED 2014

TERM 1

MON 3 FEB – THURS 17 APRIL

THURS 6 FEB, School Closed for Waitangi Day

TERM 2

MON 5 MAY – FRI 4 JULY

FRI 30 MAY, School Closed for Teacher Only Day

MON 2 JUNE, School Closed for Queens Birthday

TERM 3

MON 21 JULY – FRI 26 SEPT

MON 1 SEP, school closed for Mid Term Break

TERM 4

MON 13 OCT – THURS 18 DEC

MON 27 OCT, school closed for Labour Day

SOME NOTES:

There is a longer than normal Queens Birthday weekend for a Teacher Only Day involving schools in our area.

We have a mid term break during the third term to help with illness etc at that time of the year.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 15th November 2013 @ 2.00pm** in the Matariki Hall and stars **Matawhero 15**. Everyone is welcome. This week **Milky Way** is rostered off assembly.

VOLUNTEERS "THANK YOU" MORNING TEA WEDNESDAY 20th November 2013 @ 9.00AM

A warm invitation is extended to helpers of our school for a special morning tea in the Staff Lounge @ 9.00am to say "Thanks". If you were involved in helping out in any way at school (ie, coaching, book binding, sports help, classroom help, transport etc.) or in any other way, we would love to see you. **Please advise the School Office if you would like to come to the morning tea by Monday 18 November 2013. Thanks!**

ATHLETICS DAY & HAVE A GO DAY AT TE TOTARA SCHOOL

Congratulations to all our children who competed in our Athletics and Have a Go Day at school, they were great days. We were very proud of the skill level and positive attitudes our students displayed. Thanks to all our wonderful helpers and supporters who helped on these days!

Certificates will be given out next week at Team assemblies as follows:

Matawhero & Earth Teams – Friday 22nd Nov @ 9.00am

Ra Team – Friday 22nd Nov @ 12.00 lunchtime

FAIRFIELD CLUSTER ATHLETICS YRS 4-6 TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER, 2013

Well done to all our children in years 4-6 who have been selected to represent Te Totara School in the Interschool's Athletics competition at Southwell School. We wish you all the best!

EARLY ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL BEFORE 8.15AM

Children are welcome to arrive at school from 8.15am onwards. We have noticed a number of students arriving around 8.00am or even earlier. Teachers have planning to do before school in their classrooms and are unavailable to supervise any students arriving before 8.15am. We offer a Before School Care facility for families and Enrolment Forms are available from the School Office.

CAN YOU HELP ORION 10??

Orion 10 would like any empty shoe boxes that you have at home for an art project (*they don't need to have the lid with them*). If you have any unwanted shoe boxes at home please drop them in to Orion 10.

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

CRICKET

Giants Wyatt Wink & David Philip
Mystics Ethan Hight
Terrors Olivia Kjestrup-Traue

HOCKEY

Pukekos Bella Barnes & Arnav Kumar
Tuis Brooke Manderson

TOUCH

Pacers Kendyll Blissett

VOLLEYBALL

Flyers Nicci Lee
Setters Mia Carter

Brian Sheedy
Principal



TE TOTARA PTA

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2013

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

**** SALE ** SALE ** SALE ** SALE ****

Friday 15th November from 2.30pm:

Lollies, chocolate, chips, drinks!!! Reduced price as we need to sell these!!!

Drinks, chips, lollies, peppery chews, dairy milk - ALL \$1.00

Buzz bars, chocolate fish, marshmallow bunnies, crème eggs – ALL 50c!

(best before date passed for these chocolates and the dairy milk, still ok to eat!)

We will be outside the hall.

2013 DISCO PHOTOS

Our photographers took lots of great photos of your children at the disco. These are now available to view on facebook on the **Te Totara Primary School PTA** facebook page. If you would like a high resolution copy of any of the photos (without the watermark) you can order these by emailing the photo number to Kate McMorran at mkmcm@ihug.co.nz. Kate will send you the image file for you to keep. Photos will be \$2 for each file and your image will not be sent until your money is received. Please place your money in an envelope in the green PTA box at the office. You only have until **Friday 22nd November** to order photos.

Beach Party Art Poster Competition

Don't forget to pick up your artwork from the School Office if you entered the competition. There is still some great artwork that hasn't been picked up and it would be a shame to throw it out!

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
<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.

DO YOU WANT THE CHANCE TO WIN \$10,000?

Alyssa from Room 17 & Ryan from Room 35, along with their Mum & Dad, have a 1 in 5 chance of winning an all expenses paid trip around the South Island, as a part of the Hyundai Family time project – but they need your votes! You can vote each day until Monday 18th Nov and for every vote you have the chance of winning \$10k!

https://www.facebook.com/HyundaiNZ/app_161307960718945

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME, WAIKATO TENNIS CENTRE

Contact www.tenniswaikatobays.co.nz or Roslyn Brown
Ph 856 8181.

NEW ZEALAND RED CROSS REFUGEE SERVICES

A new life for your used furniture! Support refugees being resettled in Hamilton. Any donations of furniture items in good condition would be appreciated.

We can collect, contact Carolyn or Simon Ph 021 188 4457.

INTRODUCTORY COURSE TO PUBLIC SPEAKING AND PERFORMANCE SKILLS

This is a short course designed to build confidence and improve basic public speaking and performance skills. This is a fantastic opportunity for students and has never been offered before.

For more information please contact Laura Watson ph 022089 6158 or 8563 303. Email lauraw09@gmail.com.

CHIP HUMBLE, REAL ESTATE AGENT LUGTONS ROTOTUNA

Call Chip today for a free market appraisal or for any advice on any up and coming real estate requirements that you may have.

A donation will be made back to our School with every completed house sale or purchase and all referrals that also leads to a successful sale or purchase.

Phone 027 475 2349 or After Hours 854 6228 or Email chiphumble@lugtons.co.nz