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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER, 2013

WEEK 9

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)

LAST NEWSLETTER FOR 2014

This is the last newsletter for the 2014 school year.

My thanks to our school community (BOT, PTA, Whanau, parents, families) for their contribution to making our school a great place for our children.

Our staff are fantastic, they do so many things that are seen and unseen. What really comes through is that they care. My sincere thanks!

TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A BUSY PLACE OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Over the holiday period there will be lots happening, this includes:

- The completion of the new car parking system before the start of the 2014 school year (hopefully)
- The exterior painting of all the buildings except for Ra, Earth and new rooms added during 2013
- Kelly Sports Holiday camps
- Two tennis camps
- Building of two classrooms for Hamilton North School
- Building of a new pod of five rooms

MORE BUILDING WORK APPROVED

We have just had confirmed the addition of a classroom to each of the Earth, Ra and Orion pods. The new pod being built at present will also have another classroom added. They will all fit into, and match, our existing buildings, giving our children great learning environments.

SECURITY OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

A note to everyone asking for your assistance over the School Holidays with regard to security at Te Totara School. We would really appreciate you keeping an eye out for any suspicious behaviour around the school. Several of our neighbouring schools have been the victims of burglary and graffiti lately, and we would like to do our very best to ensure that this does not happen to our school.

It is just a matter of keeping our eyes peeled for any suspicious behaviour and phoning the police (**dial 111**) if you do.

NEW CAR PARKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2014

Next year will see a total redesign of the car park and pickup and drop-off zone. We will be using our Facebook page and website to let you know what is happening. I strongly urge you to look at these pages before the start of the school year, as they will have the latest information and will help make it safe for all.

ART EXHIBITION

Wow – I am sure you all agree it looked absolutely amazing. What a tremendous learning opportunity for our students. Special thanks go to Michele Gordon, Angela Sweeney, Paula Wine, Jenna Nasmith, Kate McMorran and Vicki Jordan for all their help in setting up the art display.

SCHOOL STATIONERY ORDERING FOR 2014

We have teamed up with OfficeMax MySchool so that you can buy all your school stationery needs for 2014 over the internet or by mail order. If you do not have access to the internet, you can purchase stationery direct through Office Max (cnr Victoria St & Princes St, Hamilton) Ph: (07) 838-8604. Advise them that you are from Te Totara Primary School and the year level your child (ren) will be in 2014. They will have hard copies of stationery lists available at the shop from Monday 16th December 2013 onwards.

Many of our families used this online system last year and will be familiar with the ordering process. This website is available from Friday 13th December 2013 for ordering at www.myschool.co.nz/tetotara Instructions on ordering stationery will be placed on our website under "Newsletters".

Please note: You do not need a Student ID, please leave this field blank. If you have a new entrant starting in Term 1, 2014 you are able to order through this website – your child will be a Year 1.

Please ensure you have placed your order no later than 16th January 2014 to ensure delivery before school starts on Monday 3rd February, 2014. Be in to Win \$1000, order by 16th January 2014 and you're in the draw!

OfficeMax MySchool

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- Multiple ordering options
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- Earn rewards for your school
- Find a lower price and we'll match it! (see myschool.co.nz for details)
- Check delivery windows at myschool.co.nz to ensure you receive before school starts.

Buy online at myschool.co.nz, or download your class list requirements to take with you to your local OfficeMax Store!

myschool.co.nz
Phone 0800 724 440 Fax 0800 367 724 RETAIL STORES NATIONWIDE

SCHOOL HOLIDAY READING

Over the holidays students can experience the "summer slump." This is a loss in reading achievement over summer if children stop reading. Providing some fun reading experiences during the holidays can help prevent the summer slump. Here are a few ways to get children reading:

- Read aloud to your child. It is the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for their own success in reading. It stimulates their imagination and improves their language and listening comprehension skills.
- Encourage your child to read anything – the TV guide, magazines, joke books, recipes, travel guides, video game instructions...
- Find a series for your child to get hooked on. This will make choosing the next book to read easier. A recent survey showed that the primary factor in choosing a book for 7 – 12 year olds was a familiar character or series.
- Find books that match your child's interests – arts and crafts, skateboarding, cooking, animals...
- Read graphic novels. These comic books can be really appealing for children.

If you would like to see the most popular books at Te Totara this year then visit <http://www.pinterest.com/tetotara/most-popular-books-of-2013/>

SUMMER HOLIDAY LENDING

We are happy to confirm that our library will be open **every Monday** in the school holidays from **1pm - 4pm**. In order to be able to issue books during the holidays students must be accompanied by a parent, have no outstanding invoices or overdue library books and be returning to Te Totara next year. We will be increasing our lending limits to a maximum of **six books** per student. All books will be due back by 7 February (the first Friday back at school). This means that if you are away for some of the holidays you don't have to worry about your books being overdue. If you are staying in Hamilton we would love to see you. It is a nice way to meet up with friends while the kids have a play on the playground and then take home some new books to read.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 13th December 2013 @ 2.00pm** in the Matariki Hall. Everyone is welcome.

NEW BANK A/C DETAILS – INTERNET BANKING

Our school has changed to ASB Bank, details are:

ASB Bank - Chartwell
Te Totara Primary School
12-3171-0270973-00

If paying by internet banking, please place your child's name, (or surname only if making payment for more than one child) and what the payment is for, in the reference boxes).

ORGANISATION FOR 2014

Brian Sheedy			Principal
Anne Fraser			Deputy Principal
Paula Wine			Assistant principal
Team & Teacher	Level	Room	Notes
Jennie Brook-Watt			Team Leader
Angela Zillwood	Year 1		Likely start in March
Caron Ace	Year 1	36	Likely start in Feb
Marama			
Jemma Shannon	Year 1	35	
Sharon Hatherill	Year 1	1	
Anna Pratt	Year 1	2	Team Leader
Bridie Carr-Neill	Year 1	3	
Casey Frew	Year 1	4	
Kopu			
Cath Glyde	Year 2	5	
Jennifer Dalton	Year 2	34	Team Leader
Alana Pulman	Year 2	33	
Milky Way			
Suzie Goile	Year 2	6	
Andrea Johns	Year 2	7	Team Leader
Cyra Wells	Year 2	8	
ORION			
Ryan Jordan	Year 3/4	9	
Sue Robertson	Year 3/4	10	Team Leader
Brenda Wollen	Year 3/4	11	
Emma Dunbar	Year 3/4	12	
MATAWHEREO			
Megan Leitch	Year 3/4	14	
Whaea Becky	Year 3/4	15	Team Leader
Sarah Corkill	Year 3/4	16	
Jemma Campbell	Year 3/4	17	
Rebecca Griffin	Year 3/4	18	
Earth			
Kelly Fletcher	Year 5/6	19	Team Leader
Jo Stewart	Year 5/6	20	
Angela Sweeney	Year 5/6	21	
Ra			
Renee Dutton	Year 5/6	22	
Helena Kirkham	Year 5/6	23	Team Leader
Falstaff Mitchell	Year 5/6	24	

SOME POINTS

- We welcome Sarah Corkill, a new teacher for next year. Sarah comes to us from Te Kowhai School and was selected from a very strong field of candidates.
- We are delighted to confirm two new leaders next year; Whaea Becky and Sue Robertson.
- The classes are not streamed; we have taken into account the children's needs, friends, parent's information and school input, with the final decision resting with the Principal.
- We have catered for roll growth and will add more Year 1 classes as the school roll grows.
- Kopu is the name of our New Year 2 team, in English this means Venus and fits well into our school theme of the STARS.
- We have also allowed for roll growth by having at least 6 options for children at Year 2 and above, this will keep numbers to a reasonable level.
- At times we get asked about how we organise classes, and you will find information on this on our web site [How we put our classes together](#)
- Importantly your child should be safe, happy, smile a lot and have a great teacher.

DIRECT GROUP SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERING

Direct Group Uniforms have advised they will be closed from Friday 20th December 2013 and re-opening on Monday 6th January 2014.

Direct Group will open a pop-up store, 2 doors down the road from their store to help with the busy period of purchasing school uniforms before school starts. This will be open from Monday 20th January 2014 – Wednesday 5th February 2014, 8am-5pm.

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

We would appreciate any outstanding invoices to be cleared by the end of term. You are welcome to pay through the School Office either by EFT-POS (sorry, no credit card), cash, cheque or internet banking. Our internet banking details are:

Te Totara Primary School
12-3171-0270973-00

Please indicate what the payment is for i.e. school donation, hockey fees, athletics etc...

Any queries regarding your invoice, please e-mail Wendy Bulloch, our Executive Officer on executiveofficer@tetotara.school.nz

TUI RIDGE CAMP 2014

The Earth and Ra Teams are going to the Tui Ridge Camp next year.

Ra Team - Mon 17th to Wed 19th March

Earth Team - Wed 19th to Fri 21st March

A notice will be going home with your child on the first day back in Term 1, 2014 with more information about this as well as a request for Camp parents. We are currently working out costs, at this stage we will be asking parents to pay up to \$185.00 however, this will be finalised early next term. We thank you for your ongoing support.

**SCHOOL STARTS FOR 2014 ON:
MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY
@ 8.55am**

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

Cricket Terrors Leo Hayes

DATES COMING UP

Fri 13 Dec **END OF TERM 4 @ 3.00PM**

Brian Sheedy
Principal



TE TOTARA PTA



NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2014

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

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.

NUMBER 1 TENNIS COACHING

Private, Semi-private and Group lessons at:

Te Totara Primary School on Wednesdays and Thursdays Before and After School Term 1 2014

Also available:

- Cardio tennis
- Adult coaching

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

- Mon 20-Thu 23 Jan
- Tue 28 - Fri 31 Jan
- Based at Te Totara Primary School

Your Coach...ANDREW SHEEDY...

- Coaching tennis since 14 years old
- Trained with the New Zealand Academy until 18 then accepted a Tennis scholarship to an American University
- Coaching in Australia, since February 2013, working in schools and clubs across whilst becoming a fully qualified tennis coach
- Coach of internationally recognised "Hot Shots" programme

For more details... andrewsheedy@hotmail.com
Facebook...Number 1 Tennis

The new Endeavour Primary School is looking for a Treasurer. This person will be co-opted onto the Board with full speaking and voting rights. Preference will be given to a person who will have children attending the school in the future. Expressions of interest to Bill Noble at nobleview@xtra.co.nz

MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL: 50th REUNION

Held on 4, 5 and 6 April 2014.

Registrations are now open. Register online at <http://reunion.melville-high.school.nz> or download a form at www.melville-high.school.nz / 50th Reunion. You may also request a Registration Form from Reunion Committee, Melville High School, Private Bag 3107, Hamilton 3240. www.facebook.com/melvillehighschoolhamilton/events.

FLAGSTAFF CHRISTMAS AT THE PARK

On Sunday, 15 December 2013, Christmas at the Park will be in its 3rd year at Flagstaff Park and it's promising to be even bigger than 2012! With some fantastic sponsors on board, we will be offering lots of free activities for the children and some great stage entertainment for families from local kindergartens, schools, kapa haka groups, choirs, international opera singers and awesome vocalists! Members of the Chiefs Rugby team will be there signing autographs and showing off their Super 15 Trophy! And of course, no Christmas Event would be complete without Santa!! The entertainment kicks off at 3pm and won't finish until 8pm. We will look forward to seeing you there - please consider bringing a Gold Coin Donation to support Rainbow Place.

DEAR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF YEAR 6 STUDENTS

Do you have a child who is interested in playing cricket next year as a Year 7 at Fairfield Intermediate? Then we would love to hear from you. Please email Louise Handley at lhandley@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz anytime from now until February with your child's name. We are looking forward to a great year in 2014.

XTRACE MYSTERY ADVENTURE RACE

This is the second season of Xrace which is for children aged 7-12 years old, an event that is dedicated to strengthening the bonds of parents and children. Contact Jason Kitchener Jason@xtrace.co.nz or view details at www.xrace.co.nz. Flyers can be viewed in the school office.

HUGE GARAGE SALE

Saturday 14th December @ 7.30am.

HEAPS of toys and games, Household items and Scooters. **All MUST GO!!!!**

4 Piwakawaka Court (by Te Totara primary school)

CHARTWELL SCOUTS, CUBS AND KEA'S

Registration night Tuesday 4 February 2014;
Sausage sizzle and water slide available. We look forward to seeing returning members as well as welcoming new members.

Any queries please contact Richard McColl 021 742516.

GUITAR AND UKULELE LESSONS FOR 2014

With the year 6 students moving on we now have some places in the guitar and ukulele classes. Please contact Mike on 021-768638 or mike.orum@musiqhub.co.nz

NEW! SINGING LESSONS FOR 2014

We now have a singing teacher on the musiqhub staff and are asking for expressions of interest in singing classes at Te Totara. Please contact mike on 021-768638 or mike.orum@musiqhub.co.nz

JITTERBUGS DANCE LESSONS

Now taking names for the waitlist for Term 1 2014. Lessons for both boys and girls (either hip hop/boxing style or jazz style) held on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Te Totara Primary School (ages 3 – 10). Cost \$75. Limited spaces. Please email Jolie at jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz or phone (021) 117 9633.

AEROBICS CLASS

For adults held at Te Totara Primary School on Monday nights at 7.30pm. Heaps of fun and a great workout. Now taking enrolments for Term 1 2014. Cost \$75 (11 weeks). Come for a free trial next Monday for our last session of the year. Email Jolie at jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz.

CLUB ENERGIZE TRIATHLON TRAINING

A great opportunity for children to learn the basics of triathlon, Swim, Bike, Run.

Registrations open now, contact Energizers:

Milly Connell Ph 0272481669,

millyc@sportwaikato.org.nz

Dianne Rodger Ph 021626493

dianner@sportwaikato.org.nz

"LOOP THE LAKE" FAMILY FUN RUN/WALK

WHEN: 9a.m. Sunday 16th March 2014

WHERE: Lake Rotoroa, Innes Common, Hamilton.

THE EVENT: Either a 3.5km or a 7km Loop of Lake Rotoroa.

AWESOME SPOT PRIZES, FOOD to REPLENISH & LOTS OF FAMILY FUN!

See the school noticeboard for the full flyer.



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