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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 20th FEBRUARY, 2014

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

It has been delightful to visit the classes during this week and see our settled hardworking learners and teachers.

We have been enjoying having a Maths consultant Bruce Moody working with Mrs Wine this week observing and offering feedback to our staff. We are involved in a two year contract with Bruce, which will allow us to reflect on and grow our strengths in Mathematics across the school.

### PROGRESSIVE ACHIEVEMENT TESTING

During the next 2-3 weeks the students from Years 3,4,5,6 will be completing a series of important assessments that we do at this time every year called PAT Tests. (Progressive Achievement Tests).

They are in the curriculum areas of Literacy; Listening and Reading Comprehension and Reading Vocabulary, and Mathematics.

These assessments are standardised and provide useful information about the student's strengths and needs. Teachers use this information to track student progress and to plan their programmes.

The results of these assessments, once marked, are put onto the students Learning Plans which will be discussed with you at the Learning Plan interviews in Week 9 of this term.

### SCHOOL OFFICE

#### "MOOLOO" EXPRESS DROP-BOX

To help smooth the flow of traffic through the School Office our caretaker, Barnie, has kindly organised an **Express Drop-box** in the School Office. This box can be used for many things including the the return of payments (cash or cheque only) /notices i.e.

- Scholastic Book Orders
- Sports notices/payment
- Camp notices/payment
- Milk in Schools Notices
- School Donation
- Athletics
- After School Care

It's easy.... just place your notice and/or payment in an envelope or plastic bag clearly marked with your child's name and room number and drop it in the box. The box will be cleared daily.



### SCHOOL DONATION FOR 2014

Thank you for the fantastic support we are receiving for the school voluntary donation, it is appreciated and the funding will be used for resources for the children.

If you wish to pay your voluntary School Donation, we are happy to accept payment by cash, internet banking, cheque or EFT-POS at the School Office. The Board of Trustees has set payment at:  
\$100.00 for the first family member  
\$50.00 for each subsequent child

Please check with the School Office as the voluntary School Donation is adjusted depending on which term your child/ren started school.

A GST receipt will be issued. A % of your donation may be claimed as a tax rebate using a "Rebate Claim Form" – please refer to Inland Revenue for further details.

### FOOD AT SCHOOL

We have children at our school who are highly allergic to dairy products and nuts and exposure to these foods could potentially be life threatening to them. We have procedures in place for 1:1 support for these children to ensure their safety. At present we will continue to carry on with our normal food eating programme, but we have to carefully plan school events/learning area celebrations etc. With this in mind, please don't be offended if any kind offers of food to the school are scrutinised. Please ensure all food containers are clearly named.

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Orders are due by **9.15am on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014**. Sorry no late orders will be accepted.

## SPORTS AT TE TOTARA

Welcome back to 2014 sports. Here are the sports on offer this year:

### Term 1:

Cricket, Touch, Volleyball

### Term 2 and 3:

Hockey, Netball, Miniball and Fun Ferns

### Term 4:

Summer Hockey, Touch, Cricket and Volleyball

If your child may be interested in playing any of these sports now is an opportunity to discuss this with them. **It is their responsibility to listen out for notices over the loud speaker to receive the first interest letter. Children who do not come and collect an interest letter or do not bring it back on time will miss out on being a part of a sports team.**

Multimedia is now being used to inform families of when sports teams are being called for so remember to keep checking our website and facebook and remind children to listen out for the interest letters. It will also be in printed form in the weekly newsletters. Sports are called months before the season begins to give our staff enough time to organise what is required.

A reminder that all children playing in a sports team must now purchase the red polo shirt as part of their sports uniform.

### Friendly Reminders:

- We could not enter any sports teams without the amazing help from parent coaches and managers. Often these parents have little to no experience in coaching and would appreciate any help available.
  - We want children to join a sports team to learn many different skills including fair play, co-operation, working together as a team, being a good sport, competition and encouraging team mates. Encourage that the time spent at practices and games are focused on learning these skills and learning more about the sports game.
- If you need more information please take the time to read our questions and answer sheet and codes of behaviour found under sports on our website.

### **FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW**

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall and stars our Orion 11 children.** This week Milky Way, Orion and Ra children will attend assembly. Everyone is welcome.

### **HEADLICE**

Our Public Health Nurse dropped in to see us and has some excellent tips on treating Headlice. She has recommended a product called "NitEnz" which is a natural shampoo proven to be very effective in

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eradicating headlice. It can be purchased from the supermarket. She urges that 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.

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

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>

**Anne Fraser**  
Deputy Principal



## TE TOTARA PTA



### **GALA & FOOD FESTIVAL ORGANISATION MEETING WEDNESDAY 26TH FEB @7.30PM IN THE STAFFROOM**

We are looking for your help!

Are you able to help us organise the gala or are you able to help in some way on the day of the gala? Come along and see what we are planning. Subcommittees are: Food; large activities; classroom activities; entertainment; parking; advertising; raffles.

You can also email [tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com) if you are unable to make the meeting but can help in some way.

### **TE TOTARA GALA AND FOOD FESTIVAL SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2014 CAN YOU COOK WITH AN INTERNATIONAL FLAVOUR?**

Do you have flair creating ethnic meals? If so, please register your interest in helping us out by emailing Katie and Kristy on [hacah7@gmail.com](mailto:hacah7@gmail.com). We are looking for food from all over the world to sell at our school food festival to help raise money for a junior playground.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR LARGE ACTIVITIES FOR OUR SCHOOL GALA!!!

Do you have or know anyone with a bouncy castle hire business, an old car we can smash up, horses/ponies for rides, Ferris wheel, or any other fun events that would be suitable for a gala? Are you able to help in running one of these activities??

Please email or phone Lisa Clay [shaun.lisa@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:shaun.lisa@vodafone.co.nz) (021) 133 3997 or Jolie Hopping [jolie.hopping@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:jolie.hopping@vodafone.co.nz) (021) 117 9633 ASAP if you are able to help out in any way.

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Pre Orders will be happening soon. Make sure you keep an eye out for link/flyer that will be sent out towards the end of the month. We raised \$2652 last year which meant we were able to buy some High Jump equipment. Let's see if we can do better this year.

## 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](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com)  
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Te-Totara-Primary-School-PTA/30090011661692>

## HAMILTON BOOK MONTH IS ON IN MARCH WITH EIGHT FREE EVENTS.

We have poet Kate Camp, young adult writer Elizabeth Knox, science writer Rebecca Priestley and fiction writer Hamish Clayton coming to Hamilton.

There's also a good reads panel talking about what they have read lately and what is coming out soon. We have a session for pre-schoolers and one about people who collect interesting books.

Here's the Web site

<http://hamiltonbookmonth.wix.com/2014>

## CREATIVE MINDS ART CLASSES AT TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Creative Minds After School Art Classes will be offered at our school for this term. Art classes run after school once per week for ages 5-12 years, with creative and knowledgeable art tutors. Registration is required and limited to 10 children. For more information about what the children will learn during this exciting opportunity and to register, please go to the Creative Minds website at: [www.creativeminds.co.nz](http://www.creativeminds.co.nz)

## 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](mailto:chiphumble@lugtons.co.nz)

## DATES COMING UP

- Wed 26 Feb** PTA Gala & Food Festival Meeting @ 7.30pm in Staff Lounge  
**Thurs 27 Feb** BOT Meeting at 6.30pm  
**Mon 17 Mar** Ra Team to Camp at Tui Ridge  
**Wed 19 Mar** Earth Team to Camp at Tui Ridge  
**Sat 29 Mar** PTA School Gala & Food Festival  
**Thurs 17 Apr** END OF TERM 1 @ 3.00PM

## 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.

### MATURE NANNY

Mothers help looking for part time work. Very experienced, good references, former nurse.  
Ring Lyn Ph 854 5384

### WAIPA FUN RUN

Sunday 16 March 2014  
Visit [www.waipafunrun.co.nz](http://www.waipafunrun.co.nz)

### ST PAULS COLLEGIATE SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Saturday 8 March 2014



The poster features the Te Totara Primary School logo at the top, which includes a stylized tree with red berries and three red stars. Below the logo, the text 'Te Totara PRIMARY SCHOOL' is written in a clean, sans-serif font. The main title 'GALA & FOOD FESTIVAL' is rendered in large, colorful, block letters with a hand-drawn, multi-colored outline effect. At the bottom, a yellow banner with a torn-edge effect contains the text 'SAT 29 MARCH 10AM - 2PM' in bold black letters, and below that, 'FAMILIES, FRIENDS, FOOD & FUN!' is written in a smaller, bold, black font.