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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 10th APRIL, 2014

WEEK 10

Kia Ora (Maori/NZ), **Hello** (English), **Bula** (Fijian), **Welkom** (South African), **Huān yǐng** (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)

THANK YOU

Thank you to our community for their efforts to support our children. The active support is most appreciated.

A great example is our PTA, who donated \$25 000 to the school this week, to be used for the swimming pool as well as shading on the playground. It is fantastic to see a tangible reward from the efforts of our school community.

PLAYGROUND FOR OUR CHILDREN

We are looking to move forward on providing an additional playground for our children. Progress so far...

- Our Gala raised over \$15,000, a fantastic effort
- A Playground committee is being formed involving School leaders in Junior area of the school, children, PTA and the Principal
- We are looking at the area between Kopu and Marama near the existing sand pit to build a playground
- We are liaising with Sport Waikato for help with specific activities to help our children
- A playground may cost \$40-\$50k, with costings to be determined
- We will keep the Community kept up to date via the newsletter

Please, Please, Please, keep supporting our school PTA events as they will help our children.

SWIMMING POOL-INSTALLED THIS SUNDAY!!!!

This is being installed at the school this coming Sunday 10-2. We do need a few more helpers to help install the pool. The North Hamilton lions are helping as well. If you can help, please contact me at brians@tetotara.school.nz.

It promises to be a fun few hours putting it together under the direction of the installer. The BBQ will be going, so bring a sausage or two☺.

Once up and running we are aiming to get all of our children experiencing the pool, more information as it comes to hand.

To find out more about the pool visit...

[School Pool information](#)

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

On the home page of our website we have a community directory. All products and services listed in this directory come from people who are directly related to students/staff at our school. We aim to bring our community together and support one another. If you wish to add your product/service to this list contact michelles@tetotara.school.nz

A listing for the year costs \$10.00. With over 730 views in the past year it is good value.

TEACHER ONLY DAY -CHANGE OF DATE

Friday 30th May - School is now OPEN

Friday 4th July - School CLOSED for Teacher Only Day

The original Teacher Only Day planned for Friday 30th May has now been changed to **Friday 4th July**, due to our Mathematics adviser Bruce Moody now being available on this day. Six of our staff (and children) are also involved in Arbor Day planting on 30th May, as well as the Senior Leadership Team on professional development that day.

If you have already made arrangements for your child and family for Friday 30 May, we will understand if away from school. My apologies for the change.

CHANGE OF DETAILS/ADDRESS

Just a little reminder that if you have changed any of your details i.e. phone, address, e-mail etc; to please advise the School Office so we can update your records accordingly.

We encourage our families to check your contact details are correct through the parent portal at www.atschool.co.nz using the User ID and Passwords that were provided with your child/ren previous Learning Plan. If you do not have access to a computer, you are welcome to check your details with the School Office on (07) 853-0039.

RETURNING OF SPARE SCHOOL CLOTHES

Just a little reminder.... if you have borrowed any of the schools spare uniform or undergarments, can you please return them to the School Office a.s.a.p.

NAMING OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please, please, please can you make sure all items of school uniform are clearly named. Please do not assume that your child will know that something belongs to them "because it has a black dot on the tag". If an item of clothing is found out on the fields it cannot be returned unless it is named. We go out of our way to identify and return lost property, but are unable to do this when clothing is not named.

We ask ALL families to please check your child's uniform on a weekly basis to ensure they are wearing their own uniform rather than someone else's.

EX STUDENT OF TE TOTARA PRIMARY

We are always so very proud to hear of great achievements of our past students.

Cameron Long has been selected as Head Boy of the Rimu pod at Fairfield Intermediate.

He was chosen by his peers after Cameron wrote a campaign and speech for this position.

TE TOTARA PTA



OUR GALA DAY

"The PTA would like to say a **huge Thank you to everyone** for making our first ever gala such a success. We raised around **\$15,000**, which will be put towards a new playground at the school. Thank you to all our helpers on the day and the days leading up to the gala, those who donated items for raffles, white elephant, lollies for the lolly stall or gave their time helping out in some way. Please support our wonderful sponsors who also contributed to the gala in some way."

Congratulations to our Raffle Winners,

New World Hamper - Elaine Fletcher

Countdown Hamper - Linda Myburgh

I-Pod - Nathan Dinan

Good Neighbour Voucher (1) - Fran Icke

Good Neighbour Voucher (2) - Brad

NEXT PTA MEETING DATE: TBA

Held in the Staff Lounge 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

PTA ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Please remember to save your entertainment book money for the School PTA, who will be selling these shortly.

Funds raised going to the PTA to support the school. Watch this space...

PTA BANK ACCOUNT

Te Totara Primary School PTA 03-1355-0711498-00.

Please ensure child's name & class are used for reference.

PTA EMAIL ADDRESS

tetotara.pta@gmail.com

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Te-Totara-Primary-School-PTA/30090011661692>



FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 10th April 2014 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall, starting our Marama 2 children.**

This week Marama, Kopu, Matawhero and Earth children will attend assembly. Everyone is welcome.

SETTERS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Congratulations to our Te Totara Setters Volleyball Team who competed in the KiwiSport Volleyball Competition last night and won Runners Up. Well done girls! You have done so well.

SPORTS

TE TOTARA PLAYERS OF THE DAY

CRICKET

Terrors Teia Benefield

DATES COMING UP

Thurs 17 Apr END OF TERM 1 @ 3.00PM

Mon 5 May TERM 2, BEGINS @ 8.55AM

Fri 30 May School is open for learning

Mon 2 June QUEENS BIRTHDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Thurs 3 July END OF TERM 2 @ 3.00PM

**Fri 4 July TEACHER ONLY DAY
– SCHOOL CLOSED**

Brian Sheedy

Principal

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.



- We offer a huge (800+) selection of quality toys, puzzles, educational and family games, musical instruments, ride-ons and dress-ups, catering from babies to school-age children.



- We have a Bouncy Castle for hire to members.
- New toys always arriving – there's always something fresh!
- Come check us out and see for yourself what we have to offer – all for just \$7 per month!

WHERE ARE WE?

Chartwell Cooperating Church,
cnr Comries Rd & Belmont Ave,
Chartwell, Hamilton
(just along from Westfield Chartwell)

WANT MORE INFO?

Email: kidzkornertoylibrary@gmail.com
Web: [facebook.com/kidzkorner](https://www.facebook.com/kidzkorner)



Saturday 12 April
8:30am – 1pm Hukunui Park
1st 100 people through the gate get
Free: Hot Cross Buns
Home Made Hot Cross Bun Baking Competition
Entries to received be at the market by 9:30am
Prizes for: 1 Best bun - taste and look
2. Most original taste
Prizes winners announced and prizes awarded 10:00am
facebook: Gordonton Country Market or email:
gordontonmarket@gmail.com for more information.

ROTARY CLUB OF FAIRFIELD BOOKFAIR

Te Rapa Racecourse
11,12,13 April 2014
All proceeds to local and International Projects

KELLY SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

22nd – 24th April
and 28th April – 2nd May

5 – 13 years old 8am – 6pm

At Te Totara School, Southwell School
and Bankwood School.

Also Leamington School, Cambridge

For more information or to **BOOK ONLINE**
go to our website www.kellysports.co.nz

Email: wai_kato@kellysports.co.nz Tel: 07 839 9017

PLAYGROUND MAGAZINE

Stuck for ideas on what to do with the kids these holidays?

Playground provides information on holiday programmes
and after school activities in your area. Visit us at
<http://playground.org.nz/regions/> and view the magazine
for your region you either live in or will be visiting. Happy
holidays from the **Playground** team.

KIDS GOLF HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Based at St Andrews Golf Course and also using Callum
Brae Pitch n Putt.

Spaces are limited, book now.

Email Andrew@standrewsgolf.co.nz

Or phone the Pro Shop 07 8495 088

MARK COSSEY COACHING – EASTER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

Inzone Indoor Sports Centre

Sunshine Avenue, Te Rapa

Further enquiries or to book email:

Andrea Marden - Administrator, Mark Cossey Coaching

cosseycoaching@gmail.com

GORDONTON COUNTRY MARKET

Come and celebrate our **Easter Market**

GORDONTON COUNTRY MARKET
FRESH • PRODUCE • CRAFTS

FRESH PRODUCE

GOURMET FOOD

HANDMADE	LOCAL
FRESH GROUND COFFEE	COMMUNITY DEVONSHIRE TEA
LIVE MUSIC	FRESHLY BAKED
HOMEGROWN	CRAFTS
GIFTS	DESIGNER VARIETY

WWW.GORDONTONMARKET.CO.NZ

2ND SATURDAY
OF EVERY MONTH

MARKET SATURDAY 8.30AM - 1.00PM

HOSTED BY **Oaks Christian Centre**
www.oaks.org.nz

GORDONTON DISTRICT COMMITTEE

VIVID IMAGES

By Seacliffe Design Print, Graphic, Web