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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 5th JUNE, 2014

WEEK 5

**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)

### THANKS SWIMMING

A big thanks to everyone for their patience with our swimming, as we get through our 6 week trial, some early developments to help are:

- We will be putting changing sheds by the pool entrance, one for boys and girls.
- This will help with changing and movement of children.
- These will not be big as the maximum amount of children in the pool at once is 10.
- We expect to have these to be organised in the next few weeks.
- We will be putting a port-a-loo, which will be cleaned regularly, in the pool surrounds for use - it will smell nice ☺ This will be with us very shortly.
- Next week we will be starting the second group of students (Rooms 19, 34, 10, 20, 33, 11, 21, 5, 12, 9, 37, 4, 13 & 35) in the pool and you can find the timetable:  
<http://www.tetotara.school.nz/39/pages/65-swimming-pool>
- We do realise that some children didn't get as many swims the first time round, please don't be concerned as... The aim is to get 15 sessions this year and we will be working on this happening during the year.
- The pool temperature is currently at 30 degrees, this is above the recommended 28 degrees.
- A big thank you to so many people who have worked tirelessly to provide the opportunity that so many children don't have. We appreciate the support from parents and children in supporting this venture.

### OUR SCHOOL-THANKS

Last week our senior leadership team (Brian Sheedy, Anne Fraser & Paula Wine) visited schools on the Gold Coast in Australia. It was amazing to see what they are doing and look at ideas. We have come back with some ideas to help on our journey of continual improvement, but are careful to make sure they "fit" into our school. Each evening we were able to reflect on what we had seen and it certainly helped our thinking.

My thanks to our wonderful school staff and community for the way in which the school functioned as normal while we were away.

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book Club orders are due back to the School Office by tomorrow - **9.15am Friday 6th June, 2014**. **Sorry No late orders will be accepted.**

### LEARNING PLANS HOME – FRIDAY 13th JUNE

A Learning Plan for each student will be sent home on Friday 13th June 2014 with the oldest or only child from each family. However, if your child started at school in Term 2 this year you will not receive a Learning Plan yet.

The Learning Plans will also be available online after 3.00pm on Friday 13th June 2014. Included in the information pack being sent home with the Learning Plan will be instructions on how to log-on to the site.

### VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL (INCLUDING PARENTS)

If you are visiting our school for business reasons, or as a parent dropping off things to your child during school hours, please report to the School Office before entering the school grounds.

### LATE ARRIVALS

Have you ever arrived at a meeting late, everyone is settled in their chair, the presenter has welcomed them and is now outlining what the day has in store..... and as you walk in they all turn and look at you?

That is what it can be like for your child when they arrive late at school and their class is all settled. So please, we ask parents to ensure their children arrive at school with at least five minutes to spare, for them to organise themselves by hanging up their school bag and sorting their book bag independently. **School starts at 8.55am.**

### CHICKENPOX

We have begun the term with a number of students away with chickenpox. According to the Ministry of Health Infectious Diseases Guidelines:

- Early signs are a fever and spots with a blister on top of each spot.
- The child is infectious from up to 5 days before appearance of the rash until lesions have crusted (usually about 5 days).
- Time between exposure and sickness is 13-17 days.
- This disease is spread by coughing and sneezing and by direct contact with weeping blisters.
- Exclusion from school is approximately a week from the date of the appearance of the rash.

If you are unsure whether your child should return to school, please see to your family doctor.

A copy of the Infections Diseases Guidelines can be found on the school website under "Infectious Diseases".

### SPORTS AT TE TOTARA

Just a reminder... if you want to know the draw/ time of game for your children's sports teams; you need to contact your coaches or managers. These are your "go to" people for this information.

Alternatively you can use the organisations website to look up the information yourself.

Hockey website: [www.waikatohockey.org.nz](http://www.waikatohockey.org.nz)

Netball website: [www.netballhamilton.org.nz](http://www.netballhamilton.org.nz)

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS

Well done to Xavier Rattray, Alex King and Cayden Jackson who were selected to play soccer for the Waikato U8 Boys Representative programme for 2014.

### TE TOTARA SPORTS

#### PLAYER OF THE DAY

#### HOCKEY

**Leopards** Ashlee Lobb

#### NETBALL

**Magic** Francesca Cullen

**Comets** Ashley Cloke & Armani Carter

### FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall. Our Milky Way 6 Children will be sharing.**

This week Milky Way, Orion, Ra and Neptune children will attend assembly. Everyone is welcome.

### DATES COMING UP

**Mon 9 June** Whanau Hui @ 5.30pm

**Tues 17 June** Spelling ICAS exam

**Wed 18 June** Writing ICAS exam

**Thurs 26 June** Muffi Day to support Oxfam

**Tues 1 July** School Cross Country

**Thurs 3 July** **END OF TERM 2 @ 3.00PM**

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

**Mon 21 July** **TERM 3 BEGINS @ 8.55AM**

**Brian Sheedy**  
**Principal**

## TE TOTARA PTA



### PTA AGM MEETING RESULTS

We had a fantastic turnout for our AGM and PTA meeting last Tuesday night. Thanks to everyone that attended, it was really great to see some new faces.

Our new Executive Committee was chosen and is as follows:

<b>Chairman</b>	- Bryan Wrigg
<b>Secretary</b>	- Lisa Clay
<b>Treasurer</b>	- Katie Hemmingsen
<b>Communications Officer</b>	- Jackie Smith

A huge thank you to our outgoing Executive Members:

*Ryan Hamilton – Chairman*

*Angela Dryden – Secretary*

*Callum MacIntyre - Communications Officer*

Their commitment & hard work while on the committee are greatly appreciated. They have left very big shoes to fill!

### TE TOTARA COOKBOOKS, GRAB A BARGAIN. ONLY \$10!

Just a few available of our Te Totara Cook Books.

154 colour pages. Great recipes and great gifts.

For sale at the School Office, cash or cheque only please as this is a PTA fundraiser.

### ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS!!

Entertainment books went out a couple of weeks ago and so far we have had a great response. If you do not wish to purchase a membership or have chosen the fancy new digital version, please can you return your unwanted book to the box at the office as soon as possible. This year's offers are as exciting as ever, take a moment to flick through the book to see what discounts you can take advantage of. Don't forget to make your payment, there are lots of options - online, cheque, cash, credit card. Remember, for every membership sold, the school receives \$12 which will be going towards a new Junior Playground. Any questions, please feel free to contact Jackie @ [gregandjack@gmail.com](mailto:gregandjack@gmail.com) or [0204 220169](tel:0204220169).

### 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

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