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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 24th July, 2014

WEEK 1

**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)

Welcome back to Term 3. It has been a busy start with the Cross Country on Tuesday and the building work continuing. This term has a number of exciting developments and we will continue to keep you up-to-date on these. We are finding that our Facebook page is being well used as a way to find out information, so you might like to join up.

### SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

We were absolutely delighted with our school Cross Country which was able to be held on a beautiful frosty winter day last Tuesday.

Our students looked fantastic in their house colours and all tried their best with their running, we were very proud of them all.

Wonderful results were achieved by our top runners. Tino Pai Te Totara learners.

Thanks to all families who shared the day with us and were able to enjoy this community occasion.

Special thanks to all our parent, teacher and student helpers who made the day run so smoothly for all.

Well done to our Te Totara Sports Team Committee for their organisation.

Anne Fraser, Sports Committee Leader

### COMMONWEALTH GAMES CHALLENGE TABLOIDS THURSDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2014

Today marks the beginning of the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

At school we are taking the opportunity to acknowledge this within our learning programmes and with a special Tabloid Sports Day next **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014**.

This is to be a "low key" event where the emphasis is on participation and fun for all.

Our students who are our Senior Leaders are organising and running the tabloids as a leadership opportunity for them. They have had a leadership training day with project Energise personnel and the school Senior Leadership team.

You are warmly invited to come along and have a look at this fun event. Activities will be held on our school field.

The programme for the day is as follows:  
9.00am - **Opening Ceremony.**

9.15am - 10.30am - First set of tabloid activities  
**Milky Way, Orion & Matawhero**

11.10am - 12.30pm - Second set of tabloid activities  
**Neptune, Marama and Kopu**

1.30pm - 2.45pm - Third set of tabloid activities  
**Ra & Earth**

### SWIMMING UPDATE

Our lovely heated pool is challenged by the temperature! When the outdoor temperature goes below 0 Degrees, the heat pump switches off. This has meant we haven't been able to get the temperature to 30 Degrees, so we are stopping swimming until the temperature gets warmer. This may well be a month or two depending on how cold our winter is. In the background, we will be working with the installers to see if there is a solution to help cope with the Hamilton weather.

This is disappointing as we have been so impressed with the progress our children are making, but we are determined to get it right before proceeding further.

Regarding payment for lessons, we will:

- *Ensure that our children have their 15 lessons at least before we ask for further payments, this could well be into 2015*
- *For those children who don't get 15 lessons and are leaving at the end of 2014 we will make a pro-rata refund based on the number of lessons*
- *We will try and get our Year 6 students as many lessons in as possible before they leave us*

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me at [principal@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:principal@tetotara.school.nz)

### SIBLING PHOTOS – MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JULY

Sibling Photos involving pre-schoolers/older siblings not at our school will be taken between **8.00am-9.00am on a first-come-first-served basis** on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July in the Matariki Hall.**

Students with their siblings at school will have their photo taken during class time.

*If you wish to have a sibling photograph, prepaid Sibling Envelopes can be collected from the School Office to complete and return to school **BEFORE** Photo Day.*

This year Te Totara Primary School photographs will be available for you to view and order Online with PhotoLife Studios.

**Please note: Sibling photos will be sent directly to the school and cannot be viewed on-line.**

## SUPPORTING COMMUNITY - NEW ROLE

We value our school as a vital place in our school community.

Our school continues to have a wonderful and diverse community and we are keen to support families and community groups in the school.

To help this we are launching a new role, that of a Community Liaison person. The role is about:

- Welcoming new families to the school and helping with enrolling and information
- Building links with groups to the school
- Provide information to support queries on school happenings
- Being a positive contact to support and help families with queries about school
- Build links with different aspects of our community
- Cater for our growing NZ mix of wonderful cultures

We are delighted that Marise Crow, who is our Administration Manager and has enrolled every student ever at Te Totara will be combining her role with the new position.

You will see Marise out and about the school, at school events and in the day-to-day life of the school. When you see her and you have a query please let her know, she is only too happy to help.

A number of the roles that Marise currently has have been shared among others in our wonderful Office Team, so that Marise can further focus on supporting families and community

Marise has her own office space in the School Office and is happy to answer any queries that you may have. Her contact details are: E-mail [receptionist@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:receptionist@tetotara.school.nz) or phone her direct on (07) 853-0039 ext 858.

## PHOTOLIFE SCHOOL PHOTOS

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July – Sibling Photos**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July – Class & Individual**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Whole School, Groups & Sports Photos**

**Students will need to look their best, so please ensure the correct school uniform is worn and that it is in a clean condition.**

In Term 3 your son or daughter will bring home an online slip with their unique Shoot Key detailed on it. This Shoot Key will display all the photographs of your child, including an individual photo. It is then an easy process for you to shop on-line and purchase the photographs you want. If you place your order within three weeks of receiving your Shoot Key you will receive free delivery for your photo orders. Photolife has agreed to despatch all the orders back to the school and your child will bring their photographs home.

Any orders placed after this three week period will be sent directly to your specified delivery address and will incur a \$5.00 Postage & Packing charge.

You will see this message when you go Online to view and order your photographs.

If you do not have a computer or internet access, you are welcome to collect an Order Envelope from the School Office.

## SCHOOL CAFÉ POSSIBILITY

We have some exciting news!

We have begun investigating having a school café that will be onsite at Te Totara and we will be able to offer school lunch orders to our children and staff. We are looking at using an online ordering system which will be quick and easy to use.

We have been working with a registered dietician from Sport Waikato to offer healthy food options approved by the Heart Foundation and the Fuelled for Life programme.

We welcome your feedback and going home today with your Child will be a quick survey to complete. Please return this to the school office before Friday 1st August 2014. The survey can also be completed online at survey monkey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Z7DZQ9N>

## SCHOOL DATES FOR 2015 & 2016

Below are the school dates for the next two years, hope it helps with planning.

Dates	2015	Holidays
Term 1	Tue 3 Feb- Thu 2 April (9 weeks)	<u>Week 1</u> Fri 6 Feb-Waitangi
Term 2	Mon 20 April- Friday 3 July (11 weeks)	<u>Week 2</u> Monday 27 April-ANZAC <u>Week 7</u> Mon 1 June Queens birthday
Term 3	Mon 20 July- Fri 25 Sep (10 weeks)	<u>Week 7</u> School mid-term break Monday 31 August
Term 4	Mon 12 Oct- Thu 17 Dec (10 weeks)	<u>Week 3</u> Mon Labour Day 26 Oct

Term	2016	Holidays during term time
<b>Term 1</b>	Tue 2 Feb- Fri 15 April (11 weeks)	<u>Week 2</u> Mon 8 Feb-Waitangi Day (Monday)  <u>Weeks 8 &amp; 9</u> <u>Easter</u> Fri 25 March Mon 28 March Tue 29 March
<b>Term 2</b>	Mon 2 May- Fri 8 July (10 weeks)	<u>Week 6</u> Mon 6 June-Labour Day
<b>Term 3</b>	Mon 25 July- Fri 23 Sep (9 weeks)	<u>Week 7</u> School mid-term break Monday 5 September
<b>Term 4</b>	Mon 10 Oct- Fri 16 Dec (10 weeks)	<u>Week 3</u> Mon 24 Oct- Labour day

### FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall. Our Orion 11 children will be sharing.**

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

### HEALTH WAIKATO HEARING & VISION TESTING FOR STUDENTS THAT HAVE NOT COMPLETED ROUTINE TESTS

A Vision & Hearing Technician will be visiting our school on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2014 to complete routine tests for those students who have missed their pre-school/prior school checks.

### TE TOTARA SPORTS

#### PLAYER OF THE DAY HOCKEY

**Stormers** Samantha Ward  
Special Awards to Emma Lobb & Mazone Skinner

#### NETBALL

**Comets** Olivia Connolly  
**Magic** Stella Cattle  
**Ferns** Chloe MacIntyre  
**Rebels** Georgia Cocurullo  
**Tigers** Jaymee Frater  
Most Valuable Player Teeshan Kottaiya  
Most Improved Player Denee Read

### DATES COMING UP

**Mon 28 July** School Photos – Sibling @ 8.00am  
**Tues 29 July** PTA Mtg @ 7.30pm in Staff Lounge  
**Wed 30 July** School Photos – Class & Individual  
**Thurs 31 July** Commonwealth Games Challenge  
Tabloid Sports Day  
**Thurs 31 July** Cluster Music Festival @ Southwell  
**Thurs 31 July** BOT Mtg @ 6.30pm  
**Fri 1 Aug** Vision and Hearing Testing at school  
**Fri 26 Sept** **END OF TERM 3 @ 3.00PM**

## Brian Sheedy Principal



### TE TOTARA PTA

#### ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS – NOW OVERDUE

We **urgently** need all unwanted books returned please – pop them into the Entertainment Book box at School Office. If you have purchased a Digital Membership, **you need to return the book.**

If you still wish to purchase your book, please get your payment organised as soon as possible. Remember, for every book sold, the school receives \$12.00

Any questions, please contact Jackie 0204 220169 or via e-mail [gregandjack@gmail.com](mailto:gregandjack@gmail.com)

#### 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.

#### NEXT PTA MEETING

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2014 @ 7.30pm** in the School Staff Lounge. All welcome, we would love to see some new faces.

#### PTA EMAIL ADDRESS

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## 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.

#### CREATIVE MINDS ART CLASSES AT TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Creative Minds After School Art Classes will be offered at our school for Term 3, starting week 2. 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)



#### JITTERBUGS DANCE LESSONS FOR TERM 3

Jitterbugs Mini's (girls ages 3-5 ½) on a Thursday at 4.35.\*\*

New class added - TWO SPACES LEFT

Jitterbugs Intermediate (girls aged 6 – 10) on a Thursday at 3.40 \*\* TWO SPACES LEFT

Lessons held at Te Totara Primary School. Cost \$75.

Please email Jolie, [jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz) or phone (021) 117 9633 ASAP.

#### AEROBICS CLASS

One space left for Term 3 2014. Guaranteed to increase your fitness and help tone your bums, tums and thighs! Class held at Te Totara Primary School on Monday nights at 7.30pm. Heaps of fun and a great workout. Cost \$70 for the term plus you will need a Swiss ball. Email Jolie for a free trial session.