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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 14th August, 2014

WEEK 4

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)

HELP PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

Schools in the Rototuna area along with the Ministry of Education have been working cooperatively to help with the planning for the future.

To help each school and the Ministry of Education we are asking each family to complete this one page survey on line. Please complete by Friday 22 August

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JLKYLKM>

NEW SCHOOL ZONE

If your child is moving to either Endeavour or Rototuna School Schools, then please contact the school brians@tetotara.school.nz as soon as possible and by 20th August please. We do understand if parents wish to take this option. This helps with our planning for out-of-zone students as well as for staffing levels for the school. The Ministry of Education is also conducting an online survey for the community to help determine where students are going to help all the schools with their planning.

SAFETY TO/FROM SCHOOL & AROUND DOGS

We have had a phone call from a concerned member of our community who uses the Chesham Street/Chadwick Place entrance to our school.

On occasion, there has been a large tan coloured bull mastiff type dog roaming the streets which is not very friendly. Animal Control are aware of this dog and have suggested that we inform our families and encourage them to take extra care within this area.

If you see a dog roaming without an owner, please call **Animal Control Ph: 07 838-6632** (save this number to your mobile phone). To help Animal

Control act accordingly (within the boundaries of the law), then they must be informed immediately.

Any dog roaming without an owner has the potential to cause serious harm. If you have a camera or mobile phone handy, it would be helpful to **take a photo of the dog** in question.

TE TOTARA BOARD OF TRUSTEES, WHAT THE BOARD ACTUALLY DOES AND WHY

The board is responsible for setting the direction of the school through its charter and policies. We are responsible for governance of the school, where as Brian, Anne and Paula (the Senior Leadership Team) are responsible for the Management of the School.

Governance determines the what (designing the future), the ends (the outcomes to be achieved) and the policies (statements of what's expected). Through a self review program, the Board measures the performance of the school and the principal against the plans set.

Why? Well, we strive for our children to achieve and continuously improve and progress. The Board is ultimately responsible to the Crown but also to you the schooling community, to ensure we meet the National Administration Guidelines (commonly called the NAGS) which are legislated statements of the boards responsibilities covering all areas of the schools operations.

At the end of July, our school roll was 748 and this is expected to continue to increase to around 800 by the end of the year. We have planned for this and have the capacity to house the students in modern fully equipped (technology wise) classrooms and capability with teachers that we are proud of and who are all high achievers. We are assessing priorities for infrastructure advancements, including considering a café, extension to the library and the refurbishment of the school field area. So please know, that to us, the members of the Board, the children are our greatest priority and we will continue to strive to ensure they have the best possible ability to achieve at Te Totara Primary School – a school we can all be proud of.

Rod Carpinter
Chair, Board of Trustees, Te Totara Primary School

SPORTING EVENTS COMING UP

Cluster Cross Country

Our Year 4-6 school representatives are busy preparing for the Fairfield Cluster Cross Country, which is being held on **Tuesday 2nd September 2014** at Porrit Stadium. Mr Rodger and Mrs Corkill are preparing our team through a running programme. Great dedication everyone!

Winter Sports Competition

We have begun our selection and preparation process for the Fairfield Cluster Winter Sports for Year 5-6. We will be taking our sports teams in the codes of Netball, Hockey, Football and Touch Rugby. This event is being held on **Tuesday 16th September** at Southwell School. More details to follow for our participating students.

AHOY ME HEARTIES..

Our school production of "**Pirates of the Curry Bean**" is looming and we are on the hunt for some key props to help with decoration.

We need: a captains wheel, triangle bunting flags, a blow up dinghy, a recliner beach themed chair, sea blue fabric material and any other nautical 'pirate themed' items.

If you have any of these items lying around then we would love to use them.

We also need parent helpers to help with prop organisation and marketing.

If you are able to help with any of the above, can you please come and see me in Matawhero 17 or contact me by email jemmac@tetotara.school.nz.

NOTICES TO CHILDREN DURING SCHOOL HOURS

We are always pleased to help families at school, but we have noticed an increase from parents to get messages to children regarding after school arrangements. We are happy to do this **in an emergency** but lately there has been an increase in the frequency of messages. This can often lead to disrupted learning times as classes have to be interrupted for the message to get thorough.

YEAR 6 ORIENTATION FOR TE TOTARA PRIMARY STUDENTS TO FAIRFIELD INTERMEDIATE Wednesday 17th September, 2014

Our Year 6 students have been invited to an **Orientation Day at Fairfield Intermediate** from 9.00am – 12.30pm on Wednesday 17th September. Students will travel by bus to/from school. Parents/caregivers are most welcome to accompany your child on this

Orientation Day however, parents/caregivers are asked to meet our group at Fairfield Intermediate. Enrolment Packs have already been sent home with your Year 6 child, additional Enrolment Packs can be obtained from Fairfield Intermediate.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our Year 6 students which we anticipate all of our students will attend. If you do not wish your child to attend, please let the classroom teacher know in advance.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 15th August 2014 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**
Our Matawhero 14 children will be sharing and our Marama Dance Group.

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

Computer ICAS certificates will be given out at Full School Assembly tomorrow 15th August for the Earth Team for:

High Distinction

Distinction

Credit

Participation will be given out at team assemblies.

Science ICAS certificates will be given out at Full School Assembly Week 5 for the Ra Team and then Week 6 for the Earth Team for:

High Distinction

Distinction

Credit

Participation will be given out at team assemblies.

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

HOCKEY

Stormers Charlotte MacKenzie

All Stars Marc Agluba

Strikers Quin Davie

Thunder Ella Leeson

Leopards Gurveer Singh & Hayley MacIntyre

Cheetahs Sarah King & Charlotte Kirton

Tigers Ella Candy

Lightning Raphael Deloy

Shooters TBA

NETBALL

Comets Sophie Clay

Magic Juhi Fitzwalter

Ferns TBA

Rebels Kate Bennett

Tigers Emily Fitzgerald

PLAYERS OF THE DAY FOR THE HRFC

(HUKANUI/ROTOTUNA FOOTBALL CLUB).

Blake Taylor Hayley McEwan

Xavier McGrath Logan McKay

Keegan Hassell Thomas Hudson

AFTER SCHOOL CARE RELIEVERS POSITION AVAILABLE

We are currently seeking relievers for our programme at Te Totara Primary School, with possibility of permanent hours. Before and After School Care provides a safe, secure, friendly environment for the care of children aged 5 years to 11 years through a structured, well-balanced programme.

The ideal applicant will have

- A fun "can do" attitude
- Good verbal and written communication skills
- Empathy for children and their development

All enquiries and CV's can be emailed to offerschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz or can be left at the office attention Anna Herbert.

FIRST CREDIT UNION

Banking can be deposited in the Credit Union Drop Box in Reception and will be collected every Wednesday morning by First Credit Union. Passbooks will be returned and will go home with students the following day (Thursday).

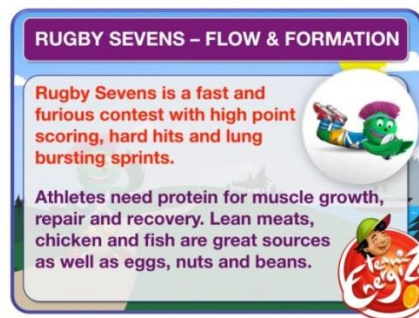
Application Packs can be collected from the School Office.

Check out our school website for the Kids First Winter 2014 newsletter.

DATES COMING UP

Mon 1 Sept	Mid-term break – School Closed
Tues 2 Sept	Cluster Cross Country Year 4-6
Thurs 4 Sept	Postponement Date: Cross Country
Tues 16 Sept	Winter Sports Competition Year 4-6
Wed 17 Sept	Y6 Students to Fairfield Intermediate Orientation Day
Thurs 18 Sept	Postponement Date: Winter Sports
Wed 24 Sept	Pirates of the Curry Bean School Production Matinee/Evening
Thurs 25 Sept	Pirates of the Curry Bean School Production Matinee/Evening
Fri 26 Sept	END OF TERM 3 @ 3.00PM

Brian Sheedy
Principal



TE TOTARA PTA



DID YOU KNOW??

If you bank with ASB and draw down a housing loan of \$150,000 or more before 31st December 2014, Te Totara School receives a cash donation of \$500. This applies to parents, staff or members of the school.

If you would like to know more please email tetotara.pta@gmail.com

CHANGE OF BANK ACCOUNT

The PTA have changed their banking details to ASB Bank. The ASB offer an amazing school related banking package which enables us to take advantage of fantastic interest rates for our hard earned fundraising monies. Every dollar our wonderful staff, parents & children help us raise will now work a little bit harder towards future projects.

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 9th SEPTEMBER 2014 7.30pm

Held in the school Staff Lounge. All welcome, we would love to see some new faces.

PTA EMAIL ADDRESS

tetotara.pta@gmail.com



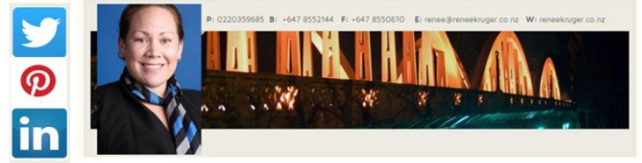
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Te->

Have a great day,

Kindest regards,

Renee Kruger

SELLING HOMES THROUGHOUT HAMILTON - LICENSED HARCOURTS REAL ESTATE AGENT REAA 2008



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.

"Does your child like Lego? Check out our flyer on the noticeboard in the School Office for a Brick Building Birthday Party. For more information e-mail letsbuildaparty@gmail.com".



Does your child like LEGO?

Let's give them a birthday they will never forget

Over 8,000 bricks - Games & Challenges - All at your own home

For more information and bookings

Contact Steve at letsbuildaparty@gmail.com

bodywise

Bodywise is a family based programme aiming to manage over weight issues in children aged 5-12 yrs. Participation in a 6 week group programme is supported by on going individual visits for a further 12 months. Programme topics include: healthy eating for families, school lunches and snacks, getting active, promoting self esteem and confidence, tips for dealing with bullying, problem solving and goal setting. Bodywise is now accepting referrals for groups that will run later this year and 2015

For more information contact:

Helen, Bodywise Dietitian:

P: 07 838 3565 ext. 22142 E.

helen.stockman@waikatodbh.health.nz

Soroya, Bodywise Active Families Co-ordinator

P: 858 5388 E. soroyam@sportwaikato.org.nz

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR THE ICC CRICKET WORLD CUP 2015

The ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 will be jointly hosted by Australia and New Zealand in February and March 2015. Fourteen countries will compete for cricket's ultimate prize. Around one million fans will attend. A further one billion people around the world are expected to watch match broadcasts. And just one team will make it happen.

We are looking for volunteers to join us to help ensure the Tournament's success.

There are a variety of volunteer roles available, each requiring different skills and experience, so check out our website

www.cricketworldcup.com/volunteers for more information. Volunteers must be 17 years or older to apply.

Applications are open for a limited time, so apply today to be a part of this once in a generation opportunity!

VOLUNTEER TO BE PART OF THE ICC CRICKET WORLD CUP 2015

Apply now!

www.cricketworldcup.com/volunteers.

AOTEAROA IWI SNOW CHAMPS 2014

7-10 September Turoa Ski Field

For more information Phone 06 385 9500

THE LETTERBOX CAT AND OTHER POEMS

Books for Kids 310 Grey Street Hamilton

Friday 22 August 3.30 – 4.30pm.

Young readers can listen to and talk about poetry, meet Paula and ask questions. Come along for a great time!

SUBURBS PIAKO HOCKEY KIDS DAY

Saturday 16th August, Gallagher Hockey Centre
Register online at
www.suburbspiakohockey.org.nz/kidsday

**WAIKATO PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS
CHAMPIONSHIP TENNIS**

Held at the Waikato Tennis Centre
For more information phone 07 856 8181
www.tenniswaikatobays.co.nz