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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 21st August, 2014

WEEK 5

**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)

### SIBLING OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

The Board of Trustees are looking to accommodate, if possible, younger siblings and children of staff in the 2015 school year. To help determine this, we urgently need to have Enrolment Forms in to the School Office to help with this process. Enrolment Forms are available online from our school website or by visiting the School Office.

At the Board of Trustees meeting on the 29th August, the Board will look at the number of enrolments, the level of predicted student growth and determine how many spaces for out-of-zone students are available for the 2015 school year. This will be completed in September, allowing for lots of time for families to know what is happening.

### SCHOOL FIELD

We are delighted to let you know that our school field will shortly be upgraded majorly, with a significant investment of resources, this means that:

- The field will be sown with new grass
- An automated irrigation system will be installed
- The field will be able to be used year round
- The quality will be fantastic
- There will be an ongoing maintenance contract to ensure it continues to look good.

Depending on the weather, the field is likely to be out of action for the last two weeks of the term. It should be ready for use in very early November, in time for Athletic Sports and our End of Year Celebration.

### UNWELL CHILDREN WHO NEED TO GO HOME

Our Administration team and teaching staff act in the very best interests of your child and their well-being is paramount. When children arrive at the School Office, and depending on the situation, most of the children are offered a rest in our Wellness Room and re-assessed before a phone call home; often they return to their classroom.

We understand many of our families have work commitments however, if you are phoned by the school to collect your child from school due to illness, it would be appreciated if you could arrange for their collection as soon as possible.

If your child is sick please keep them at home until they are well. If your child has diarrhoea or vomiting we ask that they do not return to school unless they are well and have had **no further diarrhoea or vomiting for 24 hours prior to returning – these bugs can be highly contagious.** Thank you for your assistance.

### DAFFODIL DAY – FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

Our school is once again supporting the Cancer Society on Daffodil Day.

We are having a 'dress in yellow' day - yellow clothes, yellow faces, hats, hair - as much yellow as you can.

Show your support for this worthy cause by bringing a gold coin donation for our coin trail. Thank you!

### CUPCAKE DAY – MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

Some Year 6 students have organised a fundraiser for the SPCA called Cupcake Day.

**It's on the 25th of August (next Monday).** Cupcakes will be sold outside the Ra Pod at morning tea time. Also, if you would like to purchase a cupcake before school please go to the Ra pod in between 8:30am-9:00am. The price has changed; an iced cupcake is now **\$2.00** and a plain cupcake (un-iced) is **\$1.00**

Please buy cupcake and help raise money for the SPCA. Thank you.

### SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Our school uniform supplier is Direct Group Uniforms located at 115 Ellis Street Hamilton. Phone (07) 847-6664.

Orders can be phoned through or placed online at [www.shop.directgroup.co.nz](http://www.shop.directgroup.co.nz)

We also have a pre-loved Uniform board in the School Office where parents can buy and sell second hand uniforms.

## CONGRATULATIONS! - PAST PUPILS

We received this lovely letter from a parent.

*On Thursday 14 August 2014, we had the opportunity to experience Waimath Competition for Intermediate schools around Waikato. Our son, James-Hardy and two of his classmates took part in the competition, representing Peachgrove Intermediate.*

*During the evening, we met some other students that we know from Te Totara Primary School. Among them were Tiana Mayo, Ethan Hight, Cullen Hooper, and Caitlin Rolfe.*

*They all did very well at the competition. Tiana and Ethan are both representing Year 7 Fairfield Intermediate and won the 3rd place. Caitlin Rolfe won first prize for a video shot about Waimath (hopefully we are remembering it right). The highlight of the evening for us, of course, was that James-Hardy and his team managed to win first place and bring back the trophy for the third time to Peachgrove.*

*However, we are delighted to see many of these are former students of Te Totara Primary School. That said something about Te Totara Primary School, its teachers and staff.*

*We felt really proud for being related to Te Totara. James-Hardy said it is quite awkward to meet his former classmates as his opponent, especially when he played chess against Cullen Hooper at the Inter Intermediate Chess Competition last month.*

*We are sure there are many more of them that are doing really well. We believe this kind of news would bring smile to every teacher, knowing that they have contributed the basic skills to these young generations.*

## AFTER SCHOOL CARE RELIEVERS POSITION AVAILABLE

We are currently seeking relievers for our After School Care 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 e-mailed to [afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz) or can be left at the School Office Attn: Anna Herbert.

## YUMMY STICKERS

It is nearly time to send all of the stickers that we have collected away to claim our free sports gear. The more stickers we collect, the more free gear we will get. Please collect a chart from Room 33 or bring in the stickers that you have already collected.

## FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 22nd August 2014 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**

**Our Orion 10 children will be sharing.**

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

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

High Distinction

Distinction

Credit

Participation will be given out at Team Assemblies.

## TERM 4 TOUCH RUGBY

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August, children will be able to collect an Interest Letter regarding Touch Rugby in Term 4, 2014.

This letter will provide you with information on when and where the games are held.

Copies of the Interest Letter will also be available outside the Marama 3 pod door from Tuesday afternoon.

Thanks, Mrs Carr-Neil

## TE TOTARA SPORTS

### PLAYER OF THE DAY

#### HOCKEY

<b>Stormers</b>	TBA
<b>All Stars</b>	Jadon Embling & Matthew O'Rourke
<b>Strikers</b>	TBA
<b>Thunder</b>	TBA
<b>Leopards</b>	Ashlee Lobb & Olivia Cullen
<b>Cheetahs</b>	Sammy Dent-Allen & Sophie Hancock
<b>Tigers</b>	Luigi Araneta & Lovejot Nahal
<b>Lightning</b>	Lisa Bosman
<b>Shooters</b>	TBA

#### NETBALL

<b>Comets</b>	TBA
<b>Magic</b>	Sarah King
<b>Ferns</b>	Arwa Mekkey & Ashlee Gray
<b>Rebels</b>	Lara Maniapoto
<b>Tigers</b>	Sophie Wine

## DATES COMING UP

<b>Mon 25 Aug</b>	Cupcake Day
<b>Thurs 28 Aug</b>	BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
<b>Fri 29 Aug</b>	Daffodil Day
<b>Mon 1 Sept</b>	Mid-term break – <b>School Closed</b>
<b>Tues 2 Sept</b>	Cluster Cross Country Year 4-6
<b>Thurs 4 Sept</b>	Postponement Date: Cross Country
<b>Tues 9 Sept</b>	PTA Mtg @ 7.30pm
<b>Tues 16 Sept</b>	Winter Sports Competition Year 4-6
<b>Wed 17 Sept</b>	Y6 Students to Fairfield Intermediate Orientation Day
<b>Thurs 18 Sept</b>	Postponement Date: Winter Sports
<b>Wed 24 Sept</b>	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**  
**Mon 13 Oct** **TERM 4 BEGINS @ 8.55AM**

**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](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com)



### CHANGE OF BANK ACCOUNT

The PTA has 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com)



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

## 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.

### SOUTHWELL OPEN DAY

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

Come along to our Open Day and see for yourself that Southwell School is a great place!

Phone 07 855 2089 or [www.southwell.school.nz](http://www.southwell.school.nz)

### SCALLYWAGS AND MUNCHKINS MARKET

This market is being held on Saturday 30 August 1:30-4:30, at Chartwell Cooperating Church on Comries Road in Chartwell. The market is for new and pre-loved items for maternity to 7 years. There will be more than 25 stalls selling a variety of goods and products, also spot prizes, bake stall, and face painting.

[www.facebook.com/ScallywagsAndMunchkinsMarket](http://www.facebook.com/ScallywagsAndMunchkinsMarket)

## MEN IN EDUCATION RUGBY GAME

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

See Ryan Jordan (Orion 9) for further information on how to purchase your tickets.



**Waikato**  
**MIE**  
**Men in Education**



**Waikato Educators**  
**vs**  
**Gisborne Educators**

**Saturday 27 September**  
**11.30am Kick Off**  
**Hamilton Old Boys Club**

Then head to Waikato Stadium to watch the **Mooloo's vs Manawatu - 2.30pm**  
*Discounted tickets booked from school office.*



**Come along and support your Teacher / Principal**  
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