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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 28th August, 2014

WEEK 6

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), **Mbofe, Jambo** (Congoese), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese), **Hola** (Spanish), **Annyeonghaseyo** (South Korea)

MID-TERM BREAK MONDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2014

A reminder school will be **CLOSED** for this mid-term break.

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 **this evening 28th 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 lots of time for families to know what is happening.

DAFFODIL DAY – FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST Dress in Yellow

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!



SCHOOL APP

Good news again - we now have a School App, available on Apple and Android. Go into the App store and type in Te Totara... we hope you enjoy this new addition to school life.

2014 JUMP JAM COMPETITION Te Totara Stars Jump Jam Team

After months of training for the preliminary round of judging for the 2014 Jump Jam Competition, the Year 3 & 4 "Te Totara Stars" Jump Jam Team have made it through to the finals to be held in Tauranga on Saturday 1st November, where they will perform live on stage for the judges. We wish them the best of luck!



Team members are:

Tayla Read, Madison Long, Ella Schaab, Emma Lobb, Juhi Fitzwalter, Danae Nasmith, Ava Bence, Ethan Gavin, Alyssa Sayers, Danielle Evans, Jasmine Fitzwalter, Lauren Avery, Charlotte Kirton, Danica Cooke, Sarah Turner, Calais Kaiki and Miss Leitch.

(Natalya Walker - absent)

OUR CUPCAKE DAY

Our Cupcake Day was a huge success. Collectively we raised over \$805 for the SPCA with more donations coming in. A big thank you goes out to those parents who helped their children make cupcakes for the day and to the cupcake crew who made this all possible. It was such a fun way to raise money for a good cause, and at the same time teaching our children that together they can make a difference.

Well done everyone!

FAIRFIELD CLUSTER WINTER SPORTS TOURNAMENT

A notice went home yesterday to those children participating in this event with a permission slip and information regarding the tournament. Unfortunately, there was an error with the date on the front page of the notice - the date of the tournament is **Tuesday 16th September 2014.**

LEARNING PLAN PARENT COMMENT

Learning Plans will be offline from 5th September 2014 for Teachers to begin their writing process.

On the Learning Plan is a box titled "Parent Comment". This box gives parents and caregivers the opportunity to comment in a positive manner on the Learning Plan and reflect some goals for your child's learning.

A flyer about this is available from the School Office; it gives you an example of the types of comments which are suitable for this box.

HOW WILL MY PARENT COMMENT BE PUT INTO THE PLAN?

- 1) **Type your comment as a separate word document and attach it to your e-mail.** It must be less than 500 characters in total (including punctuation and spaces).
- 2) In the subject line of your e-mail type – Parent Comment Attn: Michelle Druett
- 3) Send it to **michelled@tetotara.school.nz**

These comments will appear on the Learning Plans online. We will let you know when this has occurred. Thank you very much to those parents who have already sent in their comments.

CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL

Lately, we have noticed an increased trend in children being picked up late. Our school finishes at 3.00pm and all children must be picked up and have left the premises by 3.15pm.

Remember, After School Care facilities are available at the school for \$6.00 - \$8.00 per hour per child. Enrolment forms can be obtained from the School Office.

SCHOOL GATE SURVEY

On Tuesday 9th of September there will be a group of our Year 5 & 6 students completing a 'school gate' survey at the front of the school. They are part of a Hamilton City Council initiative and are called The Road User Safety Team (TRUST). We look forward to seeing the results of their survey and sharing these with the community.

SUMMER HOCKEY

Expressions of interest notices will be going home next week for Summer Hockey and all children can apply. Children please listen out for a bing bong notice at school.

YUMMY STICKERS

It is nearly time to send all of the stickers that we have collected away to claim our free sports gear. Any stickers you have at home need to be handed in to Room 33 or the office before the end of week 9 so that we can send them away. The more stickers we collect, the more free gear we will get!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book Club orders are due back to the School Office by **9.15am Friday 5th September 2014.** Sorry, NO late orders will be accepted.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 29th August 2014 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**

Our Matawhero 18 children will be sharing.

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

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

High Distinction

Distinction

Credit

Participation will be given out at Team Assemblies.

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

HOCKEY

Stormers Sahil Thanki & Emma Lobb

All Stars Raavi Serna & Paul Araneta

Strikers TBA

Thunder Hayley Forshaw & Aria Whanga

Leopards Jacob Hubbard & Tejveer Singh-Randhawa

Cheetahs Emily Cocurullo & Emilia Weatherell

Tigers Francesca Cullen

Lightning Jaime Timmo & Anika Cuppanda

Shooters TBA

NETBALL

Magic Danica Cooke

DATES COMING UP

Thurs 28 Aug BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm

Fri 29 Aug Daffodil Day – Dress in yellow

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 9 Sept Museum Trip – Rooms 16 & 18

Tues 9 Sept PTA Mtg @ 7.30pm

Wed 10 Sept Museum Trip – Rooms 14 & 17

Thurs 11 Sept Museum Trip – Room 15

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**
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

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 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-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.



18th Annual Red Cross Book Fair

Te Rapa Racecourse
Fri 29th August 9am - 7pm
Sat 30th August 10am - 5pm
Sun 31st August 10am - 4pm
60,000 + Books
Plus: Magazines, Movies, Music, Puzzles and Our Famous \$1 Room



SEPTEMBER SPORT MONTH HAS ACTIVITY OPTIONS FOR EVERY ONE

September is going to be a month full of low cost of free activities and events in the east Hamilton area, with a range of options available for all fitness levels. The event is being held by the East Hamilton Sport and Recreation Hub.

The project is a partnership between Hamilton City Council, Sport Waikato and the University of Waikato and is also supported and primarily funded by Sport NZ. For further information please contact; Zoe Toombs East Hamilton Sport & Recreation Hub Project Manager zoet@sportwaikato.org.nz m 021 240 9244

ASPERGERS CONNECTIONS WAIKATO

This is an organisation that provides support and resources to help those living with Aspergers Syndrome or High Functioning Autism and their families in the greater Hamilton area. For more information contact aspergersconnections-waikato@gmail.com

Our organisation also has a presence on Facebook at: [facebook.com/pages/Aspergers-Connections-Waikato](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Aspergers-Connections-Waikato)

TAEKIDOKAI MARTIAL ARTS

Taekidokai Martial Arts (TKMA) classes on the 16th and 23rd September are cancelled due to the school production. Please train at Rototuna on Wednesday or Hukanui on Friday during this time. Doshi Emily will be back in Te Totara school hall during school holidays (Tuesday 30th September and October 7th) Don't forget the DOJO SWARM at Rototuna school 24th September -OUTSIDE fun training 5.30pm to 6.30pm. FRIENDS, FAMILY and NEW STUDENTS most welcome. We will share some food afterwards. Regards Tasshi Marie Phone 027 497 0499 for more information

PIRONGIA CRAFT DAY

Our Committee's 36th Annual Craft Day is being held on Saturday 27th September 2014 between 9am and 3pm on Franklin Street, Pirongia.