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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 11th September, 2014

WEEK 8

**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), **Gelá sou** (Greek), **Mbote.Jambo** (Congolese), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese), **Hola** (Spanish), **Annyeonghaseyo** (South Korea)

The warmer weather certainly has made a difference and we are enjoying those longer days.

### OUR SCHOOL FIELD

Our field is now out of action for **everyone** due to being upgraded with new grass and irrigation system installed. We have fenced it off with orange fencing and discussed with the children why this is happening, so they understand that it is a little short term pain for long term gain.

We expect the work to be completed in about the second week of next term, ready for Athletics Sports.

It is important than no-one goes on the field, so if you are around the school in the evening or weekend we would really appreciate you helping with this.

Once complete, it will provide a fantastic surface. The irrigation system is controlled by a moisture sensor allowing for correct watering to ensure a great surface for use.

### WINTER SPORTS TOURNAMENT

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at Southwell**  
**Meet in the School Hall by 8.15am for roll call**

(postponement day: Thursday 18 September)

The Year 5/6 Winter Sports teams will be travelling to Southwell School by bus to compete in the tournament. Children going **MUST BE IN THE SCHOOL HALL AT 8.15AM FOR ROLL CALL**. We are taking 100 students to this event. Good luck everyone, enjoy your events. Buses will promptly leave the front of school at 8.30am.

### EARLY ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL BEFORE 8.15AM

Children are welcome to arrive at school from **8.15am onwards**. We have noticed a number of students arriving around 8.00am or even earlier. Teachers have planning to do before school in their classrooms and are unavailable to supervise any students arriving before 8.15am. We offer a Before School Care facility; Enrolment Forms are available from the School Office.

### DAFFODIL DAY

Thank you for your wonderful support on Daffodil Day. With all the children dressed in yellow it was a colourful cheerful sight.

**Your donations raised the fabulous sum of \$948.00.** All contributions to the Cancer Society are greatly appreciated and you were all generous with the money you gave.

### PIRATES OF THE CURRY BEAN PRODUCTION TICKETS

A copy of the main cast details for each show will be available at the School Office.

Ticket prices are:

**\$10.00** per adult (13 years and older)  
**\$5.00** per child (12 years and under)  
**\$5.00** pre-schooler requiring own seat  
**Free** pre-schoolers (when sitting on the knee of an adult paying ticket)

**NOTE: The number on your ticket is NOT your seat number. Seating is on a first come first served basis. However, there will be wheelchair access with allocated seating - if you require this service, please advise the School Office when purchasing your tickets. **Please remember to bring your ticket to the performance, this will confirm you have purchased a seat.****

**Doors open at 12.30pm & 6.30pm.**

We acknowledge that some families may have children performing on both days and may have to purchase tickets for each of the days. Unfortunately, we cannot offer any solution to this as the money from ticket sales goes towards the costumes, lighting, sound, backdrops etc.

Because of the number of classes involved (15 classes), we have split into two groups and have certain days that we are performing.

**Wednesday 24th September**  
**at 1.00pm & 7.00pm (Ra & Orion)**

**Thursday 25th September**  
**at 1.00pm & 7.00pm (Earth & Matawhero)**

For evening performances Year 3-6 children can arrive back at school by **6:30pm** and go directly to Orion Block, where they will be supervised.

Everyone will need to arrive at school with make-up (foundation and powder) on. MAIN CAST members will meet in the staff room by **6.15pm**.

**All Year 3-6 students are required to attend each of their own team performances.**

Please note: Our children in Neptune, Milky Way, Marama and Kopu will all see a production performance in school time, but it might not be the one with their siblings in.

Tickets are **on sale now** and are available to purchase at the School Office by cash, cheque or EFT-POS only. Sorry, no internet banking please. Sorry, no refunds of any tickets purchased.

## LOST AND FOUND PROPERTY

Can you please ensure that all school uniforms are clearly named and that your family has the correct clothing. We have our Yellow Lost &



Found property box down outside our purple block Earth for Parents and Children to view daily.

## TE TOTARA BUCKET SUN HATS COMPULSORY – NEXT TERM & TERM 1, 2015

With the warmer weather approaching our thoughts are turning towards protection against the summer sun. From the beginning of Term 4, 2014 **ALL** children will need to wear their Te Totara Primary School Red Bucket Hat when outside. These can be purchased through our uniform supplier - Direct Group (07) 847-6664.

## ALLERGIES/MEDICAL CONDITIONS

In the event of a medical emergency, if your child has a medical condition, is taking regular medicine/tablets or has an allergy (including sticking plasters etc), please advise the School Office (if you haven't already), so we can amend your records accordingly

## LEARNING PLAN PARENT COMMENT

Learning Plans are offline from 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:michelled@tetotara.school.nz)

These comments will appear on the Learning Plans online and hard copy form.

Thank you very much to those parents who have already sent in their comments.

**Last day to submit comments will be Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014.**

## FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**

**Our Matawhero 16 children will be sharing.**

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

### Writing **ICAS** certificates for Matawhero and Earth:

High Distinction - top 1%

Distinction - next top 10%

Credit - next top 25%

Merit - next top 10% (note, this is a new award this year)

Week 8 Full School Assembly

Participation will be given out at team assemblies.

### Spelling **ICAS** certificates for:

High Distinction - top 1%

Distinction - next top 10%

Credit - next top 25%

Merit - next top 10% (note, this is a new award this year)

will be given out at Full School Assembly as follows:

Orion and Ra Week 9 Full School Assembly

Matawhero and Earth Week 10 Full School Assembly

Participation will be given out at team assemblies.

## DATES COMING UP

**Tues 16 Sept** Fairfield Cluster 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

- **Ra & Orion**

**Thurs 25 Sept** Pirates of the Curry Bean School Production Matinee/Evening

- **Earth & Matawhero**

**Fri 26 Sept** **END OF TERM 3 @ 3.00PM**

**Mon 13 Oct** **TERM 4 BEGINS @ 8.55AM**

**Brian Sheedy**

**Principal**

### CYCLING – PEDAL POWER

**At the Games, this includes mountain bike, road and track including four Para-Sport events.**



**As well as strong muscles, cyclists need strong bones! Calcium helps to build healthy strong bones. Some great sources are: low fat milk, dairy and cheese as well as dark, leafy vegetables.**



# TE TOTARA PTA

## DISCO 2014

Time to start planning e 2014

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014

The disco will be split into two sessions based on year levels. More details regarding session splits and times to come.

### Theme:

Students have the chance to choose the theme for this year's disco. There will be a box placed in Reception for your children to enter ideas. Make sure they include their name and room number on their suggestion. Ideas need to be in by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014.

### Organising Committee:

Are you keen to help with organising the disco? This involves a few meetings to help choose the theme, organise decorations, lights, lollies etc and is heaps of fun. Your children love seeing you get involved and helping out. We are also keen to hear from anyone who is keen to help out with artwork/decorations ie backdrop for photos etc, based on the theme we choose.

### Helping on the night of Disco:

Are you keen to help out on the night of the disco? This involves selling food/lights/security/taking money at the door/etc. We need at least 15-20 parents for each session. This is heaps of fun as you get to see your kids enjoying themselves and the kids love seeing you helping out and contributing to their school events.

We also need a keen photographer with a good camera to take photos on the night for the year book.

### Prizes:

We love giving the kids prizes for best dressed, great dancing etc so would love any items/prizes that anyone may be able to donate. Anything accepted.

If you can help out in any way with anything in regards to the disco please email Jolie Hopping – [jolie.hopping@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:jolie.hopping@vodafone.co.nz).

### DID YOU KNOW??

If you bank with ASB and draw down a housing loan of \$150,000 or more before 31<sup>st</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 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.

**TO THE TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY TAEKIDOKAI MARTIAL ARTS (TKMA)** classes on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> September and October 7<sup>th</sup>) Don't forget the DOJO SWARM at Rototuna school 24<sup>th</sup> 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

### KELLY SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

29<sup>th</sup> September – 3<sup>rd</sup> October and 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> October  
5 – 13 years old 8am – 6pm  
New Venue – Hamilton Girls High School  
Te Totara School, Southwell School and Bankwood School. Also Leamington School, Cambridge  
For more information or to BOOK ONLINE go to our website [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz)  
Email: [waiakato@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:waiakato@kellysports.co.nz) Tel: 07 839 9017

### JITTERFIT ADULTS AEROBICS CLASS

Now taking names for the waitlist for Term 4. 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 \$75 for the term plus you will need a Swiss ball. Email Jolie [jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz) or phone (021) 117 9633.

### JITTERFIT SPECIAL HOLIDAY SESSIONS

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October aerobics sessions from 7.00 – 7.50 held at Te Totara School. Heaps of fun and chance to exercise with some great ladies J. Cost \$8 per session or all 4 for \$30. Email Jolie [jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz) or phone (021) 117 9633 if you are interested.

### EXPERIENCED CLEANER AVAILABLE

I am trustworthy and reliable with good work ethics. Ring for further details 07 8472 421 or 021 0248 3780

## KIDS CAN COOK KITCHEN

For more information on all of our programs including - Parent Cooking Class's, Supa Foods, Healthy Lunch Box's, Energy Foods for your Teenager, What's on our plate and You are what you eat go to.....Kids Can Cook Kitchen Website [www.kidscancookkitchen.org.nz](http://www.kidscancookkitchen.org.nz)  
Website [www.teenscancookkitchen.org.nz](http://www.teenscancookkitchen.org.nz)  
E-mail [info@kidscancookkitchen.org.nz](mailto:info@kidscancookkitchen.org.nz) or [info@teenscancookkitchen.org.nz](mailto:info@teenscancookkitchen.org.nz)

## YOUNG GUNS HOLIDAY CAMP

Narrows is running it's annual Young Guns holiday camp for ages 10-12 or the equivalent school year. For more information and a sign up online: [www.narrowspark.co.nz/youngguns](http://www.narrowspark.co.nz/youngguns)

## FAIRFIELD SWIM CLUB

Learn to swim from 5 years old, heated pool. Assessment day 19 October 2014 10am-1pm  
Phone Ang, 8537 400 or 027 463 3776

## SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

Mark Cossey Coaching  
For further information email [waikatofootballacademy@gmail.com](mailto:waikatofootballacademy@gmail.com)

## 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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## COOK TO CURE – KIDS HELP KIDS

Hey! I'm Claire. I've developed a kids cooking programme which not only inspires your kids to cook but also raises funds for Starship... I am calling it 'Cook to Cure!' This is a fun and exciting programme and based on my previous online cooking programmes. I know the kids will love it! Follow the link at <http://www.itsmyturntocooktonight.com> and you will see how to get started.

## RUBEN THE ROAD SAFETY BEAR SAYS:

### When out walking on the footpath...

Look out for sneaky driveways.

At sneaky driveways when you cannot see if any vehicles are coming remember to **Stop, look, listen and link** as though you are crossing the road.

### Before crossing the road ...

**Stop** back from the curb

**Look** for vehicles and bikes

**Listen** for vehicles and bikes

**Link** hands with a safe person and **walk** quickly across the road, still looking as you go.

### On your bike...

Ask a big person to help you be safe by checking your helmet is buckled up and does not wobble loosely on your head.

### When out and about ...

Wear bright clothing when walking so that other road users can easily see you.

Wearing gear with reflective strips is even better especially on bicycles.

If you ride your bicycle on the road, remember it must have lights. Visit [www.nzta.govt.nz](http://www.nzta.govt.nz) and search cycle lights for the rules.

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### In the car ...

Children, you are safest sitting in the back seat of the car. Children, if you are less than 148cm tall you should use an approved child restraint (car seat or booster seat) on every trip.

