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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2012  
WEEK 2

Kia Ora

### TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

We are delighted to have made a number of appointments to teaching positions from an outstanding pool of 164 applicants. We welcome on a permanent basis Cath Glyde and Falstaff Dowling-Mitchell. Joining us next year are new teachers Ryan Jordan, Renee Dutton, Alana Pulman and Angela Sweeney. More details on their undoubted strengths a little later!

### PLANNING FOR 2013

Now that most staffing is sorted out, we are beginning to plan further for 2013. The process for organising classes includes:

- Looking at the school structure and staff and how we can best cater for our student's
- Teachers reflecting on their student's needs
- We consider student's needs and ask them the names of three friends
- Parents have an opportunity to contribute by emailing me any factors to consider. If you would like to do this then please e-mail me by Monday 5th November at:  
[principal@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:principal@tetotara.school.nz)

We are aiming to have the organisation sorted out with 2013 Class Lists displayed on the new rooms on Friday 7th December at lunchtime. Children will visit their new class on Thursday 14th December.

### 2012 YEAR BOOK ORDERS

Get in quick for the 2012 Year Book which will be fantastic as usual! Order Forms will be sent home with each child today. Orders close Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

**Sorry no late orders will be accepted.**

### ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

Even though we are now coming into summer, there are a few bugs around which affect our children as well as staff.

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 in this.

### LEARNING PLAN PARENT COMMENT

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.

#### 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: Deputy Principal
- 3) Send it to [dp@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:dp@tetotara.school.nz)
- 4) If you do not have access to e-mail, you are welcome to complete a "Learning Plan Comment Form", which is available from the classroom teacher or at the School Office; it gives you an example of the types of comments which are suitable for this box.

These comments will appear on the Learning Plans online.

**Please note: Learning Plans are currently offline until 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012, due to teachers working on them.**

### NEW HAMILTON NORTH COMMUNITY LIONS GROUP

Our school is proud to be hosting a proposed new Lions Club starting in our area. **The first project is a portable heated pool for the school children of the Rotorua area.** We desperately need members and enclosed with the newsletter is a flyer, detailing information and also letting you know of the next meeting date - **Wednesday 31st October 7.30pm** in the Te Totara Staff Lounge. If you would like more information, please contact Brian Sheedy on (027) 207433. **This is not a school group, it is just that the Principal is involved!**

### ECO KIDS FIRST MARKET SALE

**– Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2012**

Next Tuesday afternoon at 3.00pm the Eco-kids will be holding their very first market sale.

There will be seedlings for sale and produce that is ready for eating from the garden. This will include giant sunflower seedlings, swan plant seedlings, carrot seedlings, cabbages, silverbeet, parsley, leeks, red onions and whatever else is ready.

All of the produce on sale is a gold coin donation to the Eco-kids, we look forward to seeing you all Tuesday afternoon. The stall will be situated by the gates at the Matariki Hall.

Thanks! Sue Robertson and the Eco Team

## WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO - \$16.00 EACH

The whole school photo and order form is now on display on the noticeboard in the School Office. Last day for orders will be Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2012. **Sorry no late orders will be accepted.**

## YEAR 6 ORIENTATION VISIT TO FAIRFIELD INTERMEDIATE

This will be on **Wednesday 31st October, 2012** at Fairfield Intermediate from 9.00am – 12.30pm. Your children will be involved in a number of activities with other students; parents are welcome, please make your own way to Fairfield Intermediate. The children will all need to travel by bus from Te Totara. If you haven't already done so, please complete the Enrolment Forms as soon as possible and deliver (or post) to Fairfield Intermediate School. **Enrolments close Friday 26th October, 2012.**

## PEACHGROVE INTERMEDIATE GATE TESTING

Year 6 students going to Peachgrove Intermediate next year, who would like to take part in the GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) testing, are to go to Peachgrove Intermediate on **Wednesday 24th October, at 1.00pm.**

## YEAR 6 SCHOOL LEAVERS

The time is sneaking up on us quickly and soon we will say goodbye to our Year 6 children who will move on to their chosen Intermediate Schools for 2013. **Could families please advise the School Office as soon as possible which Intermediate School your children will be attending in 2013.**

## THE BUTTON BOX PRODUCTION DVD

We will let you know when the Production DVDs are available for pick up at the School Office. If you donated any props or equipment for our school production, please can you pick them up by Friday 26th October. Thank You.

## OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

Swimming \$34.00 per student  
Mathletics \$15.00 per student

School Donation & Sports Fees

**We currently have \$18813.52 of fees outstanding (includes Voluntary Donation). We would appreciate your urgent attention to payment of these invoices.** This can be made through the School Office either by EFT-POS (no credit card), cash, cheque or internet banking.

## FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held tomorrow, **Friday 26th October, 2012 @ 2.15pm** and stars Milky Way 7. Everyone is welcome.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book Club orders are due back to the School Office by 9.15am on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2012.** **Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.**

## SPORTS DRAW

### CRICKET DRAW - 26TH OCTOBER 2012 @ 5.30pm

Te Totara Midgets v Tamahere Knights, University Grass 5  
Te Totara Minis v Marian Allstars, University Grass 6  
Te Totara Terrors v Morrinsville Primary, Morrinsville Primary  
Te Totara Mystics v Southwell Mustangs, Southwell E

## DATES COMING UP

To keep up-to-date with school events coming up, please check the "School Calendar" on our website [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz)

Wed 31 Oct	Fairfield Intermediate Orientation YR 6
Wed 31 Oct	Lions Club Mtg @ 7.30pm
Thurs 1 Nov	PTA meeting 7.30pm
Thurs 1 Nov	Fairfield Accelerate Testing YR 6
Tues 13 Nov	Whanau Meeting @ 5.30pm
Tues 13 Nov	Have a Go Athletics YR 0/1
Thurs 15 Nov	Athletics Day & PTA Sausage Sizzle
Fri 30 Nov	Learning Plans go home
Tues 4 Dec	Year 6 Leavers Dinner
Tues 11 Dec	End of year School Celebration

Brian Sheedy

Principal



**HAVE YOU ENTERED ROUND THE BRIDGES?**

[roundthebridges.co.nz](http://roundthebridges.co.nz)

Set yourself a challenge of staying active as a family, take part in Round the Bridges on November 18 and celebrate being active together!

EVERYONE'S DOING IT! new zealand HOME LOANS ROUND THE BRIDGES 2KM 6KM 12KM SUNDAY 18 NOV

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Get active and active



## NEXT PTA MEETING

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2012 @ 7.30pm in the Staff Lounge. Everyone is welcome.

## CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISING

**Just a reminder all money is now overdue.**

Please return the collection envelope with correct money (\$60 per box) cash or cheque made out to 'Te Totara Primary School PTA' to the green 'PTA' box in the school office.

Alternatively you can bank transfer to the PTA account: **Te Totara Primary School PTA 03-1355-0711498-00. Please ensure child's name & class are used for reference.**

I do still have some boxes for sale, if you want more please email [tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com), or contact Lisa Clay 0211 333 997.

## ATHLETICS DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER, 2012

The PTA will be cooking a sausage sizzle on this day, as long as we get enough helpers!!

We would like at least 10 people so we can roster people on/off during the day, that way we all get a chance to see our kids competing.

I would like to organise a meeting in the next week so urgently need to know if you are able to help.

If you are willing to help be part of the subcommittee running the event and/or can help on the day,

Please email [tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com) or contact Lisa Clay 0211 333 997.

## TE TOTARA COOKBOOK

The last of the Te Totara Cookbooks are available at the School Office at a reduced cost of **\$10.00** per book. Be in quick, makes a great gift for friends and family!

<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.

### PUKETE KINDERGARTEN – ENROLMENTS WELCOME

We are currently seeking enrolments at our wonderful Kindergarten. Enrolments start at 2yrs with an approximate starting age of 3yrs, which is subject to change. We offer a fantastic environment with a wide range of stimulating educational experiences for your child/tamariki. We offer sessional hours (am and pm) and have 20 ECE Hours available. Our fully trained team is warm and caring and would welcome your enrolment. Please phone 849-3718 for any further queries or email us at [pukete@kindergarten.org.nz](mailto:pukete@kindergarten.org.nz)

### HALLOWEEN PARTY

Raising funds for Camp Quality for kids with Cancer

Date: Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Oct Time : 6.30-8.30pm

Please bring along a plate of food for supper

Cost: \$5.00 per person all proceeds donated to the above charity. Ph Sharon 078566146 or E-mail us at [www.magicalgarden.co.nz](http://www.magicalgarden.co.nz)

Door sales available on the night.

Location: 105a Newell Rd Hamilton

### FATHERS WHO DARE WIN

Hamilton Christian School Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2012

6.45pm, \$25 single ticket and \$40 double ticket. Price included supper, Tickets available at the door, EFTPOS or cash.

### LIVE LARGE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – EARLY NOTICE

The Waikato Institute for Leisure & Sport Studies presents their holiday programme for 11-13 year olds - LIVE LARGE SUMMER 2012 from Monday 17 December – Friday 21 December. Further information will come out nearer to the time, but to register your interest email [zelda@wilss.ac.nz](mailto:zelda@wilss.ac.nz)