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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 16th October, 2014

WEEK 1

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

Welcome back to the last term of the school year, we have noticed that everyone has come back refreshed and enjoying the warmer weather.

This term has lots of activities, so please keep using the school website, newsletter and Facebook page for information.

One important date is our annual End of Year Celebration, set down for **Monday 15th December 2014, 5.45pm for a 6.00pm start**. All our children are expected to attend in school uniform. It is on our school field (*which will have grass by then!*), families come along with a picnic, blanket and enjoy the children performing on the "hill." It lasts around 1½ hours and is a wonderful way to celebrate the end of year. More details will be sent out closer to the event.

PHOTOLIFE WHOLE SCHOOL & GROUP PHOTOS MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER, 2014

Each year we have school photos; these are deliberately done towards the end of the year so we can have as many of our students involved.

Students will need to look their best, so please ensure the correct school uniform is worn and that it is in a clean condition.

Please note: There will be no Sports Team photos this year, Coaches/Managers were advised to take their own photos during the season if required.

Cluster Representative Sports Teams photos will be taken.

PIRATES OF THE CURRY BEAN DVD's \$10.00 EACH

We have extended the deadline to order and pay for your Pirates of the Curry Bean DVD via the School Office to **Friday 24th October, 2014**. Both Earth/Matawhero & Ra/Orion Performances have been filmed for separate DVD's. You will be advised through the newsletter when the DVD's will be available to collect.

YEARBOOK 2014 - \$15.00 EACH

Our wonderful school Yearbook is currently being put together and Order Forms will be sent home today with the newsletter. At only **\$15.00** per book, it is a great record of the years' learning and events and includes over 100 full colour pages. **Orders Close on Monday 17th November** Sorry, **NO late orders will be accepted.**

SWIMMING TIMETABLE – TERM 4

We are delighted our swimming programme has started for Term 4 and below is a link to our swimming timetable and swimming protocols around children using the changing sheds.

<http://www.tetotara.school.nz/39/pages/65-swimming-pool>

SWIM SCHOOL SURVEY

We are investigating the possibility of running a Swim School here at our Te Totara school pool with lessons being held after school and school holidays. Thank you to Parents who have returned their surveys already.

Could all surveys please be returned to the school office Mooloo box by **Friday 17th October 2014**.

LEARNING PLAN PARENT COMMENT

Learning Plans are 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 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 7th November 2014.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders due by 9.15am on Friday 24th October 2014 to the school office please.

Sorry NO late orders will be accepted.

FOOD AT SCHOOL

We have children at our school who are highly allergic to dairy products and nuts and exposure to these foods could potentially be life threatening to them. At present we will continue to carry on with our normal food eating programme, but we have to carefully plan school events/learning area celebrations etc. With this in mind, please don't be offended if any kind offers of food to the school are scrutinised. Please ensure all food containers are clearly named.

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.

HEALTH WAIKATO HEARING & VISION TESTING

A Vision & Hearing Technician will be visiting our school on **Friday 17th October, 2014** to complete Routine Tests for those students who have missed their pre-school/prior school checks.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 17th October 2014 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**

Our Neptune 37 children will be sharing.

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

ENGLISH ICAS certificates for:

High Distinction - top 1%

Distinction - next top 10%

Credit - next top 10%

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 1 Full School Assembly

Matawhero and Earth Week 2 Full School Assembly

Participation will be given out at team assemblies.

DATES COMING UP

Fri 17 Oct Routine Vision & Hearing Testing

Mon 20 Oct Photolife

- Whole School & Group Photos

Tues 28 Oct PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm

Tues 4 Nov Junior School Athletics Yrs 0-2

Thurs 6 Nov Postponement Date

- Junior Athletics

Fri 7 Nov School Disco - PTA

Tues 11 Nov Senior School Athletics Yrs 3-6

Postponement Date

- Senior Athletics

Mon 15 Dec 5.45pm End of Year Celebration

Thurs 18 Dec END OF TERM @ 3.00PM

Brian Sheedy
Principal



TE TOTARA PTA

CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

ORDER FORMS FOR ARTWORK

Order Forms for the calendar artwork should have already been sent home. If you haven't received one please pick one up from the office today. You can check out the amazing products that are on display in the office foyer.

Prices as follow: Calendars \$13 each, Cards \$14 - 8 pack including envelopes, Diaries \$18 each and Mouse mats \$16 each

Order forms need to be in by 31st October 2014 to avoid disappointment.

NEXT PTA MEETING

TUESDAY 28th 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

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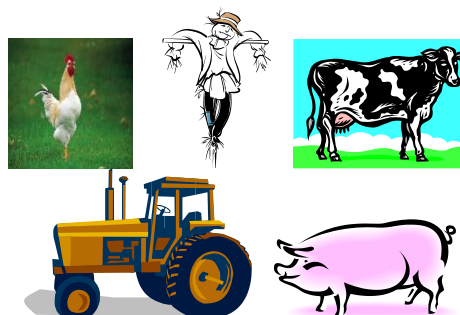
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PTA
Te Totara Primary School



PTA DOWN ON THE FARM 2014 DISCO



Te Totara Primary School PTA Presents the:

Come join the farmers, cows, sheep, horses, farm girls, hay, tractors and the rest of the farm crew for a fun night of dancing ☺

Date: Friday 7th November 2014

Time: Year 0 - 2 4.45pm – 6.00pm
Year 3 - 6 6.15pm – 7.45pm

Cost: \$2 per child to be paid on entry

Food: There will be chips, lollies, drinks etc to purchase on the night.
Note there will be no hot food served.

Lights:

- There will be a selection of lights to purchase on the night for under \$5.
Due to the amount of students now enrolled at the school we have extremely limited space in the hall, so we would prefer parents to drop their kids off. There will be security on the doors so your children will be safe and no children will be allowed to leave without an adult at the end. Alternatively why not stay and help??

Other Information:

- Prizes for best dressed, best dancers and other spot prizes
- There will be an opportunity for your child to have a photo taken if they wish
- ART COMPETITION – we would love your children to design some artwork based on the “Down on the Farm” theme that we can hang around the hall on the night ie pictures etc. There will be prizes for this. A box will be placed at reception for these and they will need to be in by Thursday 6th November 2014.
- We still need lots of helpers for on the night in each session. If you can help please email jolie.hopping@vodafone.co.nz and let me know which session you can help out with.
- If anyone can donate prizes for the kids they would be greatly appreciated. Great advertising for your business ☺. Thanks to “Big Daddy Vehicle Brokers” who were first to donate some prizes.

Any other queries just ask your disco committee – Lisa Clay, Jolie Hopping, Anna Smart, Sam Higgs, Katie Hemmingsen, Andrea Larsen, Nicky Sayers, Bryan Wrigg and Bridget McLaughlin ☺

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.

KELLY SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME DECEMBER 2014

The last day of Term 4 is Thursday 18th December 2014. Kelly Sports would like to know if Te Totara parents require care for their children on 19th, 22nd, 23rd and 24th of December. If there is enough interest, they will run their Holiday Programme at Te Totara on these days.

Please send an email or text to Kim at Kelly Sports, indicating the days you may require care, by Friday 31st October.

Email: kim@kellysports.co.nz **Tel:** 021 2733
131 or 07 839 9017

HAMILTON NORTH EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST GATHERING TE TOTARA SCHOOL WEDNESDAY 29th OCTOBER 7.30pm-9.30pm

Northeast Hamilton is growing..... (HNECDT) aims to foster a supportive community by connecting families within the community. Since 2008 the Trust has focussed on community based activities. Bring your thoughts to a Community Gathering. We'd like to hear what's happening in your area and where we might work together. Join us for DESSERT AND COFFEE!

RSVP by Tuesday 21 October to:

rhys@waikatophotography.co.nz

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- HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

- IN-SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

- BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Click [Here](#) for a full description of programme and to register online

email wlin@bricks4kidz.com
BRICKS4KIDZ.CO.NZ

HAVE YOU ENTERED ROUND THE BRIDGES?

Roundthebridges.co.nz
2km kids challenge, 6km and 12km run or walk for adults.

JITTERFIT ADULTS AEROBICS CLASS

Only two spaces left! 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 \$70 for the rest of the term. Email Jolie for a free trial - jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz or phone (021) 117 9633.

CRICKET HUBS

Hamilton Cricket will be running cricket hubs again in term 4 2014 for children in school years 0-6. These cricket hubs focus on participation and skill development. Registration can be made online at www.hamiltoncricket.co.nz under the registration tab in quick links.

For further details please contact Janice Fraser – **Phone** 022 0611 660 or **Email** janice@hamiltoncricket.co.nz

FOOTBALL WAIBOP

After-school programs are with WaiBOP are running around Hamilton during term 4. They are open to players of all abilities. The Fun Football Centre is targeting player 6-8 year olds, where the skill development clinic are for players aged 9-11 year olds. For more information contact alec.w@waibop.co.nz

MONEY WEEK: (13 – 19 October)

This year's theme is:

'Keeping your finances Fighting Fit'.

Parents: Simply finish this sentence:

'Something I wish I'd learned about money when I was young was...'

and email it through to: moneymedics@slingshot.co.nz

by Friday 5pm to be in to win one of 3 FREE 'Pocket Money Guide for parents' AND a 'syringe pen'.