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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 23rd October, 2014

WEEK 2

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), **Geia sou** (Greek), **Mbote, Jambo** (Congoese), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese), **Hola** (Spanish), **Annyeonghaseyo** (South Korea)

SCHOOL CLOSED MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

USE OF NEARBY PARK

Our children have been fantastic in coping with the field being out of action due to irrigation and new grass being added.

To help them with their play, we will be taking children to the park and playground on the corner of Moonlight Drive and Borman Road from time to time. This will be done in Teams and teachers take medical support, phones etc. to make sure everyone is safe.

NO PARKING ON/OVER FOOTPATHS

Please.... **No** parking on or over the footpaths at all. Several cars are parking over the footpaths, particularly on Hector Drive, blocking access for pedestrians.

PLANNING FOR 2015

We are beginning to plan for 2015 and are looking at next year's classes for our students. The process for organising classes includes:

- Looking at the school structure, the staff and how we can best cater for our students.
- Teachers reflecting on their students needs.
- We consider students needs and ask them for five names of their friends.
- Parents have an opportunity to contribute by e-mailing me any factors to consider. If you would like to do, this then please e-mail Anne Fraser, Deputy Principal, by **Friday 31st October 2014** at dp@tetotara.school.nz

STUDENTS ARRIVING/LEAVING TE TOTARA

To help with our planning, it would be appreciated if you could please let us know if your child is leaving Te Totara at the end of 2014 (other than Year 6 students). If you have a child coming to Te Totara in the future, we would love to have an Enrolment Form - it would be much appreciated and certainly help with our future planning!

MOVING HOUSE?

Just a little reminder.... if you have moved or will be moving, please remember to advise the School Office of your new contact details so that we can update your child's records accordingly.

MEDICAL ATTENTION AT SCHOOL

With 788 students currently at our school, there are many children who require medical attention during the school day. Thanks to the caring families we have at our school however, any phone calls/text made to the parents of a sick or injured child **MUST** come from the School Office staff, rather than from another parent. If a parent has a concern about another child, please liaise with the office direct.

We have an Accidents, Incidents & Illness Procedure and First Aid Trained staff in place to deal with matters and if deemed necessary, WE will make contact with the family.

CHICKENPOX

We have begun the term with a number of students away with chickenpox. According to the Ministry of Health Infectious Diseases Guidelines:

- Early signs are a fever and spots with a blister on top of each spot.
- The child is infectious from up to 5 days before appearance of the rash until lesions have crusted (usually about 5 days).
- Time between exposure and sickness is 13-17 days.
- This disease is spread by coughing and sneezing and by direct contact with weeping blisters.
- Exclusion from school is approximately a week from the date of the appearance of the rash.

If you are unsure whether your child should return to school, please see to your family doctor.

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 by **Friday 24th October, 2014**. Both Earth/Matawhero & Ra/Orion Performances have been filmed for separate DVDs. You will be advised through the newsletter when the DVDs will be available to collect.

YEARBOOK 2014 - \$15.00 EACH

Order Forms available at the school office, 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 and no extra copies will be printed.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS, GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

Scholastic Book orders due by **9.15am tomorrow, Friday 24th October 2014** to the School Office please. Sorry **NO** late orders will be accepted.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

During the second week of the school holidays the Gymsports New Zealand National Championships were held in Auckland. Hamilton had 13 trampoline athletes compete and our student **Zahraa Bester** competed and her results were as follows:

Zahraa Bester **4th** 10 & Under Women's Synchronised Trampoline

3rd – BRONZE 10 & Under Women's Individual Trampoline

8th 10 & Under Women's Double Mini Trampoline
Well done Zahraa.

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.

YUMMY STICKERS

Well done everybody! This year we have received \$1400.00 worth of new sports gear for our P.E shed from the Yummy Stickers that we have been collecting. A fantastic effort by everyone who collected the stickers! If you would like to continue collecting the stickers over the summer for next year, please download a Yummy Sticker Collection Sheet from:

http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/pdf/Sticker_Collection_Sheet.pdf

WAIKATO DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD EBOLA INFORMATION

Our Public Health Nurse has given us the Waikato District Health Board website which provides information on Ebola. Click on the link below:

www.waikatodhb.health.nz/ebola

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 24th October 2014 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**

Our Matawhero 15 children will be sharing.

This week Marama, Kōpū, Matawhero and Earth 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%

will be given out at Full School Assembly, Matawhero and Earth Week 2 Full School Assembly
Participation will be given out at team assemblies.

MATHS ICAS certificates for:

High Distinction - top 1%
Distinction - next top 10%
Credit - next top 10%
Merit - next top 10%

will be given out at Full School Assembly, Orion and Ra Week 3 Full School Assembly
Matawhero and Earth Week 4 Full School Assembly
Participation will be given out at team assemblies.

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

HOCKEY

Pukekos Luigi Aranta & Kean Jansen Van Rensburg

Tuis Ethan Bell & Sophie Timmo

TOUCH

Chiefs Dean Ralph

DATES COMING UP

Wed 29 Oct PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm
Fri 7 Nov School Disco – PTA
Tue 9 Dec Year 6 Leavers Dinner @ 6.00pm
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 School Office today. You can check out the amazing products that are on display in the School 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-New date WEDNESDAY 29th OCTOBER 2014 @ 7.30pm

Held in the classroom at the end of Orion, nearest the car park barrier arm. All welcome, we would love to see some new faces.

PTA EMAIL ADDRESS

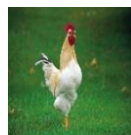
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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Te-Totara-Primary-School-PTA/30090011661692>



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.

PHYSIQUES FITNESS ROTOTUNA Classes held at Te Totara Primary School



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

IMPECCABLE CLEANING

My name is Luz, I am a professional cleaner with years of experience. I want to offer my affordable and reliable service to your homes and businesses. I am hardworking, trustworthy and can provide solid references. My fees start at \$20 per hour. I am based in Flagstaff but can work anywhere in Hamilton. Please contact me on 020 40092675 or (07) 854-0020.



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- HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES
- IN-SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS
- BIRTHDAY PARTIES

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Contact Us: 021 2301764

wlin@bricks4Kidz.com

MUSIQHUB

MusiqHub have a few spaces left in beginner Guitar and Drumline classes for this term. We are taking names of students for next year's Ukulele and singing classes. Please email waikato@musiqhub.co.nz or phone/text Mike on 021-768 638 for more details.

MusiqHub is holding end of year concerts on 22nd November at the Waikato Academy of performing arts (university concert chamber) with the drumline students playing at the 11AM show. All other Te Totara students are in the 1PM show.

HAVE YOU ENTERED ROUND THE BRIDGES?
roundthebridges.co.nz

Download your training programme and the 2km Kids Challenge will be a breeze! There is also the 6km and 12km run or walk for adults.

ROUND THE BRIDGES 2014
SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER

EVERYONE'S DOING IT
2km • 6km • 12km

COUNSELLOR

Experienced counsellor in newly opened private practice: Children, Teens, Adults & Families

Do you or your child/ren need support with anxiety, grief, anger, depression or other problems? Issues at school or at home getting in the way of enjoyment of life? Have you recently separated or entered a new relationship? To have a discussion or book an appointment please phone or text Rachel McKenna on 0212056950 or see www.rm counselling.co.nz

ROTOTUNA BAHAI CHILDRENS CLASSES

Develop virtues through prayer, song, art and drama, contact Rebekah: [0220554417](tel:0220554417)

MISSING MGP SCOOTER

Green scooter, with name Matthew Oxley
If found please phone 021 21 44884

TENNIS COACHING

'Number 1 Tennis' is offering tennis coaching before and after school at Te Totara Primary School
Tennis lessons will be 45 minutes long and are on Wednesdays and Thursdays and start on October 15th. Private lessons are available. Contact Andrew for a free trial lesson, enrolment forms are available at reception.

For more information contact coach Andrew Sheedy at: andrewsheedy@hotmail.com

027 906 3353 facebook - Number 1 Tennis'

THE GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE CHARITY MOVIE SCREENING OF DECODING ANNIE PARKER

Hamilton (Cambridge): Tivoli Theatre
6th November 6.30pm welcome, 7pm screening
*includes birthday party and goodie bag

This feels like a movie made just for us! A Hollywood blockbuster following the life of Annie Parker whose mother and sister fall victim to cancer and then she herself develops it. Along comes Marie-Claire King a genetic expert who makes one of the most important scientific discoveries of the 20th century – the BRCA gene. A movie that will make you laugh, cry and remember what it is that is important in life. For ticketing please visit:

Eventfinda – www.eventfinder.co.nz OR click on the link below

<http://www.giftofknowledge.co.nz/Get-Along/>