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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 30th October, 2014

WEEK 3

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)

TE TOTARA ATHLETICS CANCELLED FOR 2014

After much discussion and consideration by the school leadership and the Sports Curriculum Team, we have decided to cancel the Junior Athletics scheduled in Week 4 and the Senior Athletics scheduled in Week 5.

These have traditionally been fantastic community days enjoyed by all, so it is with the greatest reluctance that this decision has been made, due to the current upgrading of our sports field areas.

We have experienced delays in this process because of the very changeable spring weather we have been having. The new grass is just establishing now, and we don't want to compromise the long term effectiveness of the surface due to heavy use that these days have on the turf. We believe it is a "short term pain for a long term gain". We have looked for alternative venues however; we haven't been able to source an available cost effective venue.

In the meantime, our Athletics Curriculum Programme has been underway throughout the school. We have been doing High Jump in our Matariki Hall and Long Jump in one of our sandpits modified for the purpose, and running and throwing practice has occurred down at the park in Borman Road.

Many thanks to the staff and students for their help in ensuring student learning remains paramount.

We will be participating in the Cluster Athletics for Year 4-6 students with our top performers in these events which we will be selecting from our classroom programmes and historical results.

We are also delighted with the operation of the swimming programme this term which has been going very well. Our students are certainly enjoying some high quality Physical Education teaching.

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

ABSENCES

If your child will be away from school then please let us know by either:

- Phoning the school on **(07) 853-0039** and **press 1 to leave a message regarding the absent child.**
- Text the School Office on 027 207-4466 with name, details and reason for absence.
- Via our school app (see below)

We would appreciate any absence messages **before 9.00am.**

If your child arrives late at school (after 8.55am) we would appreciate you reporting to the School Office before heading to your learning areas, your child will be handed a "Late Card" to be handed to their classroom teacher.

SCHOOL APP

We 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.



MEDICAL ATTENTION AT SCHOOL

With 791 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.

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.

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.

TE TOTARA ROAD USER SAFETY TEAM

Kia ora everyone,

We are The Road User Safety Team (TRUST). In Term 3 we got put into teams and all did observations on sustainable transport, parking problems, and how people cross the road.

Here are our findings:

- We saw the walkers walk safely on the footpath. They were aware of sneaky driveways.
- We saw the people on scooters showing a mix of behaviours. Some were weaving in and out of walkers. Some happily scooted beside family members and friends.
- We noticed two people on bikes. It was great to see them wearing their helmets.
- Most of you came in cars to school.
- We want to encourage kids to use sustainable transport by keeping active and save parents money on fuel.

Ka kite ano,

And remember: Be Active, Be Smart, Be Happy.

The TRUST Team

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 on Friday 7th November 2014.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 31st October 2014 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.** **Our Neptune 29 children will be sharing.** This week Milky Way, Orion, Ra and Neptune children will attend assembly. Everyone is welcome.

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.

NOTE: FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 6th

NOVEMBER 2014 at 2pm, due to the PTA School Disco being held on the Friday.

Our Marama 4 children will be sharing along with the Marama Dance Group performance.

Next week Marama, Kōpū, Matawhero and Earth children will attend assembly.

Everyone is welcome.

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

CRICKET

Midgets

Nikau Kottaiya

Minis

Anten Maeuea & Callum Carter

Terrors

Nathan Co & Daniel Fitzgerald

Thunders

Christopher Plank

Tigers

Kautu Maeuea

HOCKEY

Kiwis

Mannix Hinton-Soulsby & Chloe MacIntyre

Tuis

Seo-Hyun lee & Katie Li

Pukekos

Cameron Hopping & Teebah Mekkey

DATES COMING UP

Thurs 6 Nov	Full School Assembly (see above)
Fri 7 Nov	School Disco – PTA Yrs 0-2 from 4.45pm – 6.00pm Yrs 3-6 from 6.15pm – 7.45pm
Tues 25 Nov	Fairfield Cluster Athletics
Tues 2 Dec	Fairfield Cluster Athletics, postponement date
Tues 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



SANDWICHES
Sammys are great value,
healthy food for lunches

Did you know that?

- High fibre breads, pita & wraps digest slowly & give long-lasting energy to GO
- Vegetable fillings ensure kids get vitamins & minerals to GLOW
- Cheese, eggs, lean meat, chicken, & tinned fish are great fillings to help kids GROW strong

Waikato District Health Board
Te Hanga Whaioranga Mō Te Iwi – Building Healthy Communities

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, TUESDAY 25th NOVEMBER

7.30pm, Held in the 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>



Te Totara Primary School PTA Presents the: **DOWN ON THE FARM 2014 DISCO**



Friday 7th November, 2014

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 \$5.00

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?? 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.

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 ☺



ART COMPETITION – we would love you 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, so get creating ☺

Only one more week till the disco ☺

Can anyone help with the following:

- **Hay bales – we need a few more of these for our decorations and photos**
- **Prizes – we will accept anything – vouchers, balls, toys...Great advertising for your business**
- **Helpers on the night – especially the second session**

Please email jolie.hopping@vodafone.co.nz if you can help with any of these.

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.

LOST PROPERTY DURING SCHOOL PRODUCTION

A small green mesh bag contains a bottle of foundation powder branded "fo" (product of Korea) and an Elizabeth Arden mascara - borrowed items. Can you please return to Room 21, Joanna Li if found?
Thank you.

ABERDEEN PRIMARY SCHOOL CRAFT MARKET

Saturday 22 November 9am -2pm
Lots of fantastic stalls, food and much more!

LEARN TO SKATE / HOCKEY SKILLS CLASSES (LIKE ICE HOCKEY ON WHEELS)

Try this exciting sport. All ages and levels catered for. The Hamilton Inline Hockey Club's rink is located at 30 Old Farm Road, Eastlink Sports Centre in Hamilton East.
Email rinkmanager@hamiltondevils.co.nz for more information.

ST MARYS GORDONTON CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 6th December 2014, 10am-2pm
Café, stalls, baking, decorations and lots more.

LOST SCOOTER

Red and black scooter with Kayden's name underneath the scooter missing since last Tuesday. Contact Amy ph 021 1699 783

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'

PHYSIQUES FITNESS ROTOTUNA Classes held at Te Totara Primary School



The advertisement features a blue header with the Physiques Fitness Rototuna logo, which includes a stylized red figure in a dynamic pose. Below the header, a red background contains silhouettes of people in various fitness poses. A circular stamp with the word "NEW" is positioned in the upper left. The text "CLASSES Starting 29 October (pay per session)" is prominently displayed. Below this, the class types "Yoga", "Box Fit", and "Zumba®" are listed. A large "BOOK NOW!" call to action is followed by the website "www.physiquesfitness.co.nz". At the bottom, it states "Classes take place at Te Totara School".