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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 6th November, 2014

WEEK 4

**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)

### THANKS PTA AND COMMUNITY

Last week our wonderful PTA donated **\$31,185.20 to the school**. This was the proceeds of fundraising over the last year, including our first ever School Gala.

On Thursday The Board of Trustees was able to allocate this funding for the building of a new playground between the Matawhero and Satellite buildings.

Next year Matawhero and Orion buildings will be used to host our youngest students at school, creating a secure environment where they are able to develop and play within easy reach of the playground.

As soon as we can confirm construction details we will let everyone know.

### HELPING SHAPE OUR FUTURE-SURVEY

To help shape our future we are surveying parents. Shortly, we will send home a survey in paper form to each family, please take the time to look at and help us with the future.

We are also surveying our Year 0-2 students through Survey Monkey and their class teachers. Questions are:

- What do you like about Te Totara Primary School and why?
- What are the things you like learning at school - why?
- What do you remember about when you started school?
- What would you tell other children starting school to help them know more about our school?
- Is there anything not so good about our school?

Mr Sheedy would like to know if you:

*Love being at school*

*Like being at school*

*Think School is ok*

*Don't like being at school*

Is there anything else you would like to mention?

**For our Year 3-6 Students we are asking them to complete an individual survey through Survey Monkey, questions are:**

- What do you like about Te Totara Primary School and why?
- What are the things you like learning at school - why?
- Is there anything not so good about our school and what could we do?

Mr Sheedy would like to know if you:

*Love being at school*

*Like being at school*

*Think School is ok*

*Don't like being at school*

Is there anything else you would like to mention?

### TE TOTARA SWIM SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS STARTING TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2014

We are pleased to offer a 5 week block course swimming lessons for your child/ren on Tuesday's and Wednesday's after school to be held at our school pool.

Beginner Level 1 to Level 5 will be offered, lessons will be 25 minutes with a 5 minute turnaround time.

The block course of 5 lessons will cost \$72.50 (\$14.50 per lesson)

Our Swim School Terms and Conditions, Booking Form and Swimming Level Guidelines are now available on our school website (click on the below link)

<http://www.tetotara.school.nz/210/pages/86-swim-school>

To book lessons for your child/ren, please use our online booking system:

**[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) - our school code is 2QQ3K.**

An electronic confirmation note will automatically be sent via e-mail upon completion of your booking, so don't forget to include your e-mail address.

**Bookings Close Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2014.**

After confirmation of your booking online, the booking form and payment **must** be made before the swimming lessons commence. Payments can be made through the School Office by cash, cheque or EFT-POS or via Internet banking to the following account:

Account Name: Te Totara Primary School

Bank: ASB Bank Chartwell

Account Number: 12-3171-0270973-00

Please ensure your child's name and "Swim School" are used as a reference.

Please contact Celeste via email

**[celestem@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:celestem@tetotara.school.nz)** for any further enquiries.

## YEAR 6 LEAVER'S SUPPER EVENING

This will be a night to remember, our Year 6's are leaving us. Invitations will be sent home shortly.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014 6.30-8.00pm in the school hall.**

Please bring a plate of finger food to share for supper and BYO drink. Due to limited space, no siblings please.

We would love some parent help with hall decoration and set-up, if you would like to be involved in this special occasion, please email Celeste at [celestem@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:celestem@tetotara.school.nz) or pop into the school office please.

We are really looking forward to this special evening.

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> November.** Sorry, **NO late orders will be accepted and no extra copies will be printed.**

## MRS CATHCART IS LEAVING US

As many of you may already know, Emma Cathcart will be leaving us at the end of next week to live in Kent, England. We wish Emma and her husband Adam, all the very best for their time in England; it is truly an amazing opportunity for them. We will miss you Emma, travel safe!

Message from Emma:

*I wanted to take the opportunity to express how much I have enjoyed teaching all of the wonderful students that I have at Te Totara Primary School over the years. It has been amazing to see you grow and develop into such amazing stars. Thank you also to all of the families that I have met, your consistent support and friendly smiles make every day special. Feel free to come in and say goodbye before I leave!*

*Good luck for the rest of the year, Emma Cathcart, Orion 12 ☺*

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS....

### CONGATULATIONS TO ASTEN ADDY

Asten Addy is a student at Te Totara Primary and has recently won the Cadet Raket Class at the North Island Karting Championship held in Rotorua over Labour Weekend.

10-year-old Asten is now the North Island Champion competing against 18 others in the 6-12 year Cadet class. The final race was fought out over the 20km track in just over 19 minutes, reaching speeds of up to 90kph – WOW!

Well done Asten!

## COLLECTING UNWELL CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL

Just a little reminder..... If your child is unwell and you have received a phone call from the School Office, please sign your child out in the red student sign out register and then a **staff member will take you to the wellness room** to collect your child. For the privacy of other students who may be in the wellness room, please do not just walk in without being accompanied by a member of our 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

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 on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014 before 3pm please.**

## FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY WAS HELD TODAY, THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2014

Due our school hall being in use for the PTA School Disco on Friday, our full school assembly was held today.

## SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Just a reminder to our previous sports coaches, if you have any gear bags, trophies or folders please return them back to school as soon as possible.

Any children with netball skirts or red sports polo shirts, can they please be returned to school also.

## CRICKET TOUR

We have an awesome opportunity for our Year 4 Terrors and Year 5/6 Thunders cricket team. They will be heading to Seddon Park as a part of a Cricket World Cup Tour on Tuesday the 11th November. Notices for these teams went home on Wednesday this week and need to be back on Friday the 7th. If your child is in one of the two teams heading to the tour and they haven't received a notice please see Mr Roger or Miss Griffin.

## TE TOTARA SPORTS

### PLAYER OF THE DAY

|                |                                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Tuis</b>    | Mary Serafeimidou & Reego Serna |
| <b>Pukekos</b> | Sammy Dent-Allen & Ben McMorran |
| <b>TOUCH</b>   |                                 |
| <b>Chiefs</b>  | Linkin Cullen                   |
| <b>Gunns</b>   | Aaron Cuff & Connor Cloete      |
| <b>Pacers</b>  |                                 |

## DATES COMING UP

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| <b>Fri 7 Nov</b>    | <b>School Disco – PTA</b><br>Yrs 0-2 from 4.45pm – 6.00pm<br>Yrs 3-6 from 6.15pm – 7.45pm |
| <b>Tues 18 Nov</b>  | <b>Te Totara Swim School Starts</b>   |
| <b>Tues 25 Nov</b>  | <b>Fairfield Cluster Athletics</b>  |
| <b>Tues 2 Dec</b>   | <b>Fairfield Cluster Athletics,</b><br><b>postponement date</b>                           |
| <b>Tues 9 Dec</b>   | <b>Year 6 Leavers Supper @ 6.30pm</b>   |
| <b>Mon 15 Dec</b>   | <b>5.45pm End of Year Celebration</b>   |
| <b>Thurs 18 Dec</b> | <b>END OF TERM @ 3.00PM</b>   |

**Brian Sheedy**  
**Principal**

**EASY LOW COST RECIPE**

### GO, GLOW, GROW PIZZA

1. Use wholegrain pita breads as bases
2. Spread tomato paste and add your toppings
  - Courgette • Spinach • Onion
  - Mushrooms • Capsicum • Tomato
  - Roast veggies • Pineapple • Ham
  - Cooked Chicken
3. Sprinkle with grated cheese and bake in the oven until the base is crispy

**TIP:**  
Choose edam cheese: it's lower in fat!



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## TE TOTARA PTA

### NEXT PTA MEETING, TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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

**Photos:** There will be a photo area so all children have a chance of having their photo taken. These photos will be uploaded to the PTA Facebook page after the disco and there will be an option to purchase photo's also.

Children will not be able to leave the hall without an adult so you will need to come in and collect your child/ren. First session finishes at 6.00pm sharp, so that we can get ready for the second session. It would be a good idea to carpool if possible to reduce congestion.

Thanks to those businesses and parents who have helped us out so far for prizes and decorations including – Big Daddy Vehicle Brokers, Gallaghers, Annexa Animal Health, De Laval, Palmers Planet Rototuna, Bullswool Farm, Jitterbugs Dance Lessons and Definitive Sounds

**ART COMPETITION LAST CHANCE – 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 i.e. 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 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014, so get creating ☺**

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 ☺





## ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FUNDRAISER CHEQUE BANKED!

Thanks to all the wonderful people who purchased Entertainment books through Te Totara School, we have raised a fantastic **\$2,570.00!** Pictured are Travis Slements (Entertainment Book Consultant) and Jackie Smith (PTA Communications Officer)

## 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.

### 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. 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](mailto:andrewsheedy@hotmail.com) 027 906 3353 facebook - Number 1 Tennis'

## MESSAGE FROM THE WAIKATO DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

### Sore Throats Matter!

Dear Parents/Whanau/Caregivers

A common cause of sore throats is a bacteria called group A streptococcus, which should be treated with antibiotics. In New Zealand, a small number of children with this bacteria, if not treated with antibiotics, can go on to develop a serious disease called Rheumatic Fever. Māori and Pacific children aged 5-14 years are most at risk from this disease. What is Rheumatic Fever? Rheumatic Fever starts with a bacterial streptococcal infection causing a sore throat. The sore throat may disappear, but a few weeks later the following

- symptoms may develop:
- sore or swollen joints
- jerky movements
- a rash
- fever
- shortness of breath

Rheumatic Fever can cause permanent heart damage, which may mean stays in hospital, surgery, and sometimes a shorter life. Someone with Rheumatic Fever needs ten years of antibiotic injections to protect their heart. Fortunately, if a streptococcal sore throat is treated correctly with antibiotics your child should not get Rheumatic Fever. What do I need to do if my child has a sore throat? If a child gets a sore throat, please make sure they are checked by a doctor or nurse. If they fall into a "high risk" group – Māori or Pacific people aged 3 – 45 years of age, they should have a throat swab taken. If they have a streptococcal bacterial infection they will need antibiotics to treat the infection. It is important that all of the ten days of antibiotics are taken exactly as prescribed so the streptococcal bacteria are killed and Rheumatic Fever is prevented. By taking all sore throats seriously, we can help prevent life-long illness and suffering for our children. Sore throats matter – get them checked!!

## PHYSIQUES FITNESS ROTOTUNA

Classes held at Te Totara Primary School