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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 1st NOVEMBER, 2012

WEEK 3

Kia Ora

PAID UNION MEETING FOR TEACHERS

Wednesday 14th November, 2012

Teachers Unavailable from 12.30pm to teach

A separate notice regarding this meeting will be given to the oldest child in each family today and a copy will be placed on our school website.

PLANNING FOR 2013

Now that most of the staffing is sorted out, we are beginning to plan further for 2013 and 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 student's
- Teachers reflecting on their student's needs
- We consider student's needs and ask them the names of five 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 me by Monday 5th November at:
principal@tetotara.school.nz

We are aiming to have the organisation sorted out with 2013 Class Lists on display in the new rooms at lunchtime on Friday 7th December. Children will visit their new class on Thursday 13th December.

STUDENTS COMING/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 2012. If you have a child coming to Te Totara in the future, we would love to have an Enrolment Form.

If you know of any other children planning to come to Te Totara, could you please have a word to their parents to see if their Enrolment Forms have been completed and given to the school, it would be much appreciated and certainly help with our future planning!

OUR SCHOOL GROWTH

Last weeks announcement of \$3.35 million of further development has certainly been a fantastic development for the school. Shortly, we will start a new section on our school website with details.

***** VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED *****

HAVE A GO ATHLETICS DAY FOR - YRS 0-1 Only

Tuesday 13th November, 2012

ATHLETICS DAY FOR - YRS 2-6 Only

Thursday 15th November, 2012

We desperately seek parent helpers for our Athletics Days. If you are able to help in any way, please see Niki Collins – Orion 10 or via e-mail niki@tetotara.school.nz

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 19th November, 2012.**

Sorry no late orders will be accepted.

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 in 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
- 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.

The parent comment for the end of the year is your opportunity to comment on how you feel about your children's learning and experiences at school this year. I put the comment on whenever they are sent to me, but to be included in the print version of the Learning Plan, due out on 30 November, I would need to have the comment either e-mailed or on a Comment Form by Tuesday 20th November. The print run for 520 learning plans and the compilation process takes over a week now so, hence the cut off time for the printed version.

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

Anne Fraser

YEAR 6 SCHOOL LEAVERS – INTERMEDIATE

Thank you to those parents who have advised the school where your children will be enrolling for 2013. We would really appreciate those families who have not advised us, to let the School Office know a.s.a.p. please.

HEARING AND VISION CHECKS

The Waikato District Health Board will be at School on **Monday 26th November, 2012** to visit our children who have not yet completed routine New Entrant Hearing and Vision Checks.

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 9th November 2012. **Sorry no late orders will be accepted.**

ONLINE WEB BASED LUNCH ORDERING SYSTEM AT TE TOTARA PRIMARY

We are interested to set up an online lunch ordering system for our children and staff. We know that we have some talented parents in this field of work that may be able to help with setting up a web based programme. Could you please contact Brian Sheedy principal@tetotara.school.nz to become part of this exciting project.

THE BUTTON BOX PRODUCTION

Any props loaned for the production not picked up by the end of term will be donated to Salvation Army. Many thanks.

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

Swimming \$34.00 per student

Mathletics \$15.00 per student

School Donation & Sports Fees

Payments can be made through the School Office either by EFT-POS (sorry, no credit card), cash, cheque or internet banking.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held tomorrow, **Friday 2nd November 2012 @ 2.15pm** and stars Earth 17. Everyone is welcome.

VOLLEYBALL MANAGER NEEDED PLEASE!

We desperately need a Manager for one of our Volleyball Teams. You do not need to be an expert in Volleyball, just willing to encourage our players and organise them at the Monday games (4.00pm-5.30pm). If you are willing to help, please contact Paula Wine a.s.a.p. Thank you.

SPORTS DRAWS

Sports draws will be on display on the below classroom windows or via our school website www.tetotara.school.nz

CRICKET	Orion 10 window
HOCKEY	Orion 10 window
TOUCH	Milky Way 5 window
VOLLEYBALL	Ra Pod window

PLAYERS OF THE DAY

CRICKET

Midgets	Murray Myburgh
Minis	Liam Jessep
Mystics	Brayden Cook
Terrors	Sean Ralph & Ethan Gray

DATES COMING UP

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	Yrs 0-1 Have a Go Athletics Yrs 0-1
Thurs 15 Nov	Yrs 2-6 Athletics Day & Sausage Sizzle
Fri 30 Nov	Learning Plans go home
Tues 4 Dec	Year 6 Leavers Dinner
Fri 7 Dec	2013 Class Lists on display lunchtime
Tues 11 Dec	End of year School Celebration
Thurs 13 Dec	Students visit 2013 Classrooms

Brian Sheedy

Principal



TE TOTARA PTA

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISING

The fastest selling class to win a pizza lunch, we still has no winner!! 7 classrooms are really close with 1 or 2 people still to pay.

We still have \$5000 outstanding, so please return your money or chocolates. If you have part boxes left unsold, these can be returned along with the money for the sold chocolates. We will be sending out letters next week for outstanding boxes/money.

I did have 2 boxes returned with no name so if you returned a full box of chocolates with the name removed please contact me!! Please return the collection envelope with correct money (\$60/box) cash or cheque made out to 'Te Totara Primary School PTA' to the green 'PTA' drop-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.**

Any queries please e-mail tetotara.pta@gmail.com or contact Lisa Clay 0211 333 997



TE TOTARA PTA Cont/d...



ATHLETICS DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER, 2012

The PTA is running a sausage sizzle on this day. Order Forms will be sent home next week with the oldest child. All orders are due back to school by **Tuesday 13th November**. Sausages/bread/sauce \$2 each (*Please state if you DON'T want sauce as sausages are sent to the classrooms with sauce on them*)

Drinks – water or juice \$1.50 each
Chocolates will be for sale as well.

If you wish to bring 'special' sausages for us to cook eg. Halah, vegetarian, etc there will be a \$1 surcharge to cover bread/sauce & cooking of these. Please ensure you state on your Order Form this requirement.

We will have sausages, drinks, chocolates for sale on the day as well for you all to enjoy.

We still need helpers on the day please. Any queries please e-mail tetotara.pta@gmail.com or contact Lisa Clay 0211 333 997.

Our sausages have been kindly supplied to us by 'Hellers Sausages for Schools'.



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!

NEXT PTA MEETING

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

<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.

HIP HOPPERS

An interactive music and dance group for pre-schoolers. Vision Church Eastside Hamilton.

Contact e-mail: gilly@eastsidechurch.org.nz
or Ph 021 810 762.

ESPRESSO TO GO
GREAT ESPRESSO COFFEE - REAL PAFF

Open from
7.15am to 1pm

Monday to Friday, corner of Moonlight Dr and Borman Rd

Our mobile outlet provides **fast and efficient** service for the daily commuter. The "Espresso to go" team are all passionate about creating an **unbeatable coffee experience** and make every cup with love.

Latte ★ Cappuccino ★ Long Black ★ Flat white ★ Moccachino
Hot Chocolate ★ Tea Selection ★ Ice Chocolate ★ Ice Coffee
Ice Mocca ★ Selection Cookies and Biscotti and more

because life is too short to drink bad coffee

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