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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 5th MARCH, 2015

Week 5

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

WINTER SPORTS MUSTER

Thursday 5th March, 2015 - lunchtime

Due to the fact we are a large school; at the Year 5&6 levels of the school we will be running trials in the sports codes for Netball and Hockey to determine our teams. The children will be advised of this at the Sports Muster today.

Please ensure you return the Interest Letters to the School Office by the date shown on the letter, or your child will not be placed in a team. Unfortunately, late forms cannot be accepted.

Please carefully consider whether you can help as a Coach and/or Manager, we rely on parental support for this to enable us to enter a team.

All first time players to any of our sporting codes are most welcome!

LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS

Learning Plan discussions will take place on **Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th March, 2015**. To make an appointment time for your child/ren, please use our online booking system www.schoolinterviews.co.nz – our school

code is **9EC27**. You can also access this site via our school website www.tetotara.school.nz

If you are unable to access the internet, please phone the school (07) 853-0039 ext. 858 and leave a message with the time slot that you would prefer and Marise will collate these.

We will endeavour to give you the time as close as we can to your preference. If we are unable to assist we will go by first in first served.

Please **do not** make arrangements direct with classroom teachers.

WHO SHOULD COME?

We encourage the student, and family members who have an interest in learning, to come along and discuss this with the teacher.

WHAT WILL THE FORMAT BE?

The discussion is a general one about how the learner is progressing, areas of strength and also discussing next steps in learning and how this will happen.

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WHAT WILL HAPPEN THEN?

There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress on:

Wednesday 25th March, 2015

2.15pm, 2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm, 5.00pm & 5.15pm

Thursday 26th March, 2015

2.15pm, 2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm **(break between 5.00pm-5.30pm)**, 5.30pm, 5.45pm, 6.00pm, 6.15pm, 6.30pm, 6.45pm & 7.00pm.

We have arranged **15 minute time slots** for the discussion, there will be changeover bell so that everyone is aware of timings. **To ensure the smooth running of our Learning Plan Discussions, we would be grateful if all our parents/caregivers kept to the timetable.** If you have more than one child, you might like to have a break between each interview.

HOW DO I BOOK A TIME?

Please book a time through the online website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz - our school

code is **9EC27** If you have more than one child attending school; please use the **"Add Student"** key for additional children to be displayed at the same time.

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

Bookings open on Monday 9th March @ 9.00am

Bookings close on Monday 23rd March @ 3.00pm

We will not be able to accept bookings after 3.00pm on Monday 23th March, 2015.

The whole school will finish at 2.00pm on Wednesday 25th March & Thursday 26th March; students will need to be collected by parents/caregivers at 2.00pm please.

After School Care will begin at 2.00pm, for those children enrolled.

CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE THIS WEEKEND

Relay for Life is an inspiring community event that gives everyone a chance to celebrate cancer survivors and carers, remember loved ones lost to cancer and fight back by raising awareness and funds to support the work of the Cancer Society.

We have a few staff members who will be participating this weekend, and if you would like to donate any money to this great cause, please hand this into the School Office.

GALA ** GALA ** GALA

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 9.00AM-1.00PM

WE NEED:

- **Helpers for Friday 20th March to help set up the White Elephant Stall**

Please email the PTA at tetotara.pta@gmail.com if you can help.



WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

Start collecting these items at home and then we will have drop-off times leading up to the Gala.

We need your **good condition pre-loved items** e.g. Toys, Books, Puzzles, Baby gear, Plants, Furniture, Electrical equipment in good working order, etc. etc.

Please... NO junk, NO clothes, NO Manchester, NO weekly magazines
Items need to be in working order and complete.

Drop off your items to Matariki:

8.00-9.00 or 2.00-3.00 Wednesday 18th March

8.00-9.00 or 2.00-3.00 Thursday 19th March

8.00-9.00 or 2.00-3.00 Friday 20th March

Can you help sort items out in Matariki on these days? Please contact Lisa Clay at tetotara.pta@gmail.com if you can help.

GALA DAY VOLUNTEERS SIGN UP NOW !

To volunteer your help for our School Gala this year, please use our online booking system. It's easy..... just choose the stall and the timeframe you are available to help.

Note: Helpers are required for 1 hour time slots.

Please use our online booking system, www.schoolinterviews.co.nz – our school

code is **TL5NV**

Bookings open **Thursday 5th March @ 4.00pm**
Bookings close **Wednesday 18th March @ 4.00pm**

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 and your mobile phone number as you will be contacted by the PTA.

GALA TOKEN PRE-SALES

Avoid the queues for the EFT-POS machine and pre-order your tokens for the Gala. Tokens are \$1, on cards of 10 tokens, so \$10 per token card.

Pre-order discount available: Purchase 10 tokens for \$8.

To order, please deposit monies to the PTA Bank Account:

Name: Te Totara Primary School PTA

Bank: ASB

A/C No: 12 3171 0277833-00

VERY IMPORTANT: Use your surname as the reference which will be the name you need to quote when collecting tokens on the day. PLEASE ALSO e-mail the PTA at tetotara.pta@gmail.com with your details of your transaction as a double check to ensure your payment is received.

Last day for pre-sales will be Wednesday 18th March.

RAFFLES

Raffle tickets have been sent home. Please sell & return, to the green PTA box in the office ASAP, but by Friday 13th of March – at the latest. Please supervise your children if they are out selling tickets. Thanks for your support

EXTRA RAFFLE TICKETS

If you would like additional tickets to sell, please either collect a booklet from the School Office or e-mail nick_muza@hotmail.com - thanks!

GROCERIES

A huge thanks to all those families that contributed. We have had an overwhelming response to our grocery drive, and have created 15 massive hampers. Quick-fire Grocery Tickets will be \$2 each, and for every \$2 you have a 1 in 40 chance of winning a hamper!

Winning classes were Rooms 20, 21, 8 & Hamilton North Satellite. Each student in those classes was given an icecream/iceblock yesterday at lunchtime.

MAJOR SPONSORS:

Please support all of our sponsors but especially our Major Sponsors who have been incredibly generous
Chip Humble of Lugtons Real Estate
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PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FOOD VENDORS

Espresso to Go, Mizonni Pizza, Subway, Mr Whippy, Juantanamera, Petite & Sweet
The Fritter Company, Curbside Eatery
New Zealand Home Loans (BBQ)

THANK YOU!!!

A HUGE thank you to Vicki Jordan for creating for all our amazing Gala & Food Festival signage and advertising.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 6th March 2015 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**
This week Orion, Kopu, Earth and Marama children will attend assembly. Everyone is welcome.

SWIMMING TRIALS

Congratulations to our swimming trialist's, what a great effort! We will be taking a team of 17 swimmers through to the Fairfield Cluster Swimming Sports to represent our school on **Tuesday 17th March, 2015.**

SPORTS

TE TOTARA PLAYERS OF THE DAY

CRICKET

Tigers Kautu Maeuea & Flynn Allison

Thunders Murray Myburgh & Ethan Sale

TOUCH

Gunns Rylee Mardon

Pacers Kiel Kleuskens

DATES COMING UP

Wed 11 March	PTA Mtg @ 7.30pm
Tues 17 March	Cluster Swimming at Fairfield College
Thurs 19 March	Postponement date for Cluster Swimming
Sat 21 March	SCHOOL GALA
Wed 25 March	Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm – 5.30pm School Finishes at 2.00pm
Thurs 26 March	Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm – 7.15pm School Finishes at 2.00pm
Thurs 26 March	BOT Mtg @ 7.30pm
Thu 2 April	Term 1 Finishes @ 3.00pm

Kind regards

Brian Sheedy
Principal



TE TOTARA PTA

NEXT PTA MEETING –

WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH, 2015 @ 7.30PM

To be 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>

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.

GIRLS' BRIGADE

Attention all girls! Come to Girls' Brigade for fun, friendship, camps, crafts and more.
Contact – Bronwen Snook – Ph. 823 6184, Alison Taylor Ph. 824 1844, Kerry Ferguson - Ph. 854 6964
For more information, check out our website
www.girlsbrigade.org.nz

THE GREAT PUMPKIN CARNIVAL

At the Hamilton Gardens 29th March 2015.
Remember you don't have to grow a giant pumpkin to enter a lot of the competitions, for all the details check our website:
<http://www.thegreatpumpkincarnival.co.nz>

AN AFTERNOON WITH MONIQUE DELL (WILLIAMS)

Sunday 15th March Porritt Stadium 12noon--5pm
Email chriscoach3@gmail.com to book your place.
Brought to you by S. S. A. S. D. (Sport Specific Athlete Speed Development).

COLOUR RUN EVENT

Is a "fun"raiser called 'For Kids By Kids' organised by Woodstock School.
Registrations are easy – simply go online
<http://squiggle.org.nz/colourrun> or contact Ariana Paul: Ph 021 242 4567

ODERINGS GARDEN CENTRES

VIP evening 11th March from 5-7pm.
A night not to be missed-don't worry, not a VIP? You can sign up on the night. For more details contact
6 Sexton Road, Huntington, Hamilton 3210
Phone: 07 855 6064

NEW ZEALAND HOME LOANS & WAIKATO BADMINTON PRESENT:

Corporate Lawn Bowls Challenge & Fundraiser
All proceeds go to Junior Badminton
Tuesday 17 March at 5.30pm
Hillcrest Bowling Club
All enquiries: TJ –
ceo@waikatobadminton.co.nz
021 464 229

JUNIOR AFTER SCHOOL INDOOR SPORTS AVAILABLE!!

Netball, Football, Cricket
Coaching sessions also available
53 Duke Street, Frankton
07 8471653
hamilton@actionindoorsports.com
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