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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 12th MARCH, 2015

Week 6

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)

PARENT SURVEY 2014

Late last year we asked parents for their feedback about the school, we promised to report back to our community on this.

Summary of responses

- Affirmation of the school and direction it is involved in. 59/61 (97%) respondents expressed satisfaction with the school
- Relationships and the focus on STARS values as being important in the school
- Academic focus is important
- 10 respondents (16%) expressed concern with the white uniform shirts
- Communication is valued
- Sense of community in place
- Appreciation of the things we do i.e. sports, extra-curricular, swimming
- We should continue to focus on STARS
- Look at transition for Junior High School and get alongside them
- Continue to keep our community informed and updated on school roll, programmes, year 1 area being developed
- Examine our sporting, outdoor education timings

What are doing?

- Continuing to use our STARS values
- Continue our focus on academic achievement
- Getting alongside our new neighbours, Rototuna Junior High School, to help with transition for our Year 6 students
- Look at our outdoor timings i.e. school camps

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.

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 ARE OPEN NOW

Bookings close on **Mon 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.**

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:

8.00-9.00am or 2.00-3.00pm Wednesday 18th March
8.00-9.00am or 2.00-3.00pm Thursday 19th March
8.00-9.00am or 2.00-3.00pm 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. We would appreciate **someone from every family to sign up please.** We need 32 people just for raffles! Helpers are required for 1 hour time slots. Many hands make light work!

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

school code is **TL5NV**

Bookings are open!! - Close on Wed 18th March

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

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 & money are **due by Friday 13th of March**. Please drop them in the green PTA box in the office.

HELP REQUIRED: to follow-up on non-returned raffles next week. It would also be great to sell any remaining tickets, so even if you can spare an hour or so, to sell (perhaps outside the supermarket) that would be much appreciated. Contact Nicky: nick_muizza@hotmail.com

EXTRA RAFFLE TICKETS

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

TRADE ME

We have a super flash BBQ, a Brother printer/copier/fax, & a gorgeous Sterling Silver large filigree heart pendant up for grabs on trade me. Auctions close on Gala day. Search "Te_Totara_PTA" & place your bid! A massive thanks to sponsors Peter Baker Transport, Mainfreight & Midas Jewellers.

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APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SWIM SCHOOL LESSONS

We are looking at running Swimming Lessons in the April 2015 school holidays.
This will be a 1-week block course for your child/ren. Pre-school children's lessons will also be available if there is enough interest.
Block courses would be held: **13th - 17th April 2015**.
Your child/ren's lesson would be for 25 minutes each day of the week.
Please e-mail Celeste if you would be interested in making a booking with your child's name and swimming level celestem@tetotara.school.nz

DENTAL VISITS AT SCHOOL

Dental Therapists from Fairfield Clinic will be visiting Te Totara on **Wednesday 29th April & Thursday 30th April 2015** to apply Fluoride treatments for children who require this and who have given consent. If you have any questions regarding this please contact the Fairfield Clinic on Ph: [0800 825 583](tel:0800825583)

TE TOTARA SCHOOL SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

The School Office has a Noticeboard whereby parents can sell their Second Hand Uniforms. Notices need to be checked on a regular basis and kept updated by the seller. If you think your notice has been there for a while, would you mind calling into the School Office and updating it for us. We will go through the older notices at the end of next week so we would appreciate your help.

SCHOOL LUNCH SERVICE, TERM 2

We are excited to offer a school lunch service which will start at school on **Monday 20th April, 2015**. **Our school lunch supplier will be "Lunch Orders" who are based in Hamilton.**

School lunches will be delivered to our school every day for children's lunches at 12.15pm if ordered by 8.30am daily. How it works:

- Order online anywhere, anytime on any device.
- Healthy food made with love from a team of experienced chefs.
- Affordable solution providing nourishment for your child with ease.
- Sign-up for a free account now and be ready to order in Term 2.

More details to follow, watch our school website, facebook and weekly newsletter.



- Visit us online at www.lunchorders.co.nz
- Sign up for a free account and select your school
- Top up your account using a credit card or direct credit
- Place your order and select delivery date
- Sit back and relax while your order is freshly made and delivered to your school

LunchOrders delivers to Te Totara Primary on **MONDAY - FRIDAY** at **12.15PM**.



AFTER SCHOOL CARE RELIEVERS POSITION AVAILABLE

We are currently seeking relievers for our programme at Te Totara Primary School. Before and After School Care provides a safe, secure, friendly environment for the care of children aged 5 years – 11 years through a structured, well-balanced programme.

The ideal applicant will have:

- A fun "can do" attitude
- Good verbal and written communication skills
- Empathy for children and their development

All enquiries and CV's can be emailed to afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz or can be left at the School Office attention: Anna Herbert

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 13th March 2015 at 2.00pm** in the Matariki Hall.

This week our Milky Way 18 children will be sharing. This week Matawhero, Neptune, Ra and Milky Way children will attend assembly. Everyone is welcome.

WINTER SPORTS

Netball trials for the Year 5 & 6 students who completed and returned an Expression of Interest Letter will be being held at lunchtime on **Tuesday 17th & Thursday 19th March (Week 7)**. Please make sure you wear appropriate footwear. Students should see Miss Leitch in Ra 29 if they have any queries." Hockey trials for Year 5 & 6 students will take place in Week 8, dates to be advised.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders due by 9.15am on **Friday 20th March 2015** to the school office please. **Sorry NO late orders will be accepted.**

Scholastic now offers online ordering and payment. You can choose for your order to go to your child's class or to the office if you are buying books as gifts. For more details click [here](#).

WHANAU MEETING

Thursday 26th March 12.35pm

Any parents or caregivers interested in contributing to our Whanau rōpū, please come to the next meeting. We meet regularly to plan and support initiatives around kaupapa Māori. Anyone from the school community is welcome. We are also looking for men within the school community to whaikōrero during our marae visits next term. Please contact Ryan in Marama 12 if you or someone you know is interested. Kia ora!

DATES COMING UP

- Tues 17 March** Cluster Swimming at Fairfield College
- Thurs 19 March** Postponement date for Cluster Swimming
- Fri 20 March** Scholastic Book Orders Close @ 9.15am
- 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** Whanau Meeting @ 12.35pm
- Thurs 26 March** BOT Mtg @ 7.30pm
- Thu 2 April** Term 1 Finishes @ 3.00pm
- Wed 29 April** Dental Therapists Visit
- Fluoride Treatment
- Thurs 30 April** Dental Therapists Visit
- Fluoride Treatment

Kind regards

Brian Sheedy
Principal



TE TOTARA PTA

**NEXT PTA MEETING –
Date to be advised**

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.

STAR TURF SOCCER EASTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Suitable for boys and girls aged 5 to 13years.
9am to 3pm \$30 per day
Babysitting service available till 5.30pm \$5 per hour.
82 Duke Street Frankton.
www.starturfindoorsoccer.com

THE SQUIGGLE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

This holiday programme has a wide variety of activities that your child/ren will love being a part of this coming holiday.
Venues: Waikato Diocesan (off Martin Street, Fairfield)
Enrol now and you won't be disappointed!
www.squiggle.org.nz For more info, call Ariana Paul on [021-2424567](tel:021-2424567).

CHILDREN, FOOD AND HEALTH

3 International speakers talk food, health and what's happening to our kids.
Thursday 26th March 2015 Hamilton Gardens
Find out more about this special event contact Marea ph 021 0294 3467 or www.facebook.com/childrenfoodandhealth

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