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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 8TH NOVEMBER, 2012

WEEK 4

Kia Ora

PAID UNION MEETING FOR TEACHERS

Wednesday 14th November, 2012

Teachers unavailable from 12.30pm to teach

A separate notice regarding this meeting is found on our school website under "newsletters". A hard copy of this notice was also handed out to the Oldest Child in each family last week.

***** 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 Te Totara Athletics Days above. If you are able to help in any way, please see Niki Collins – Orion 10 or via e-mail nikic@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. Check our website for a "taster" of the Fantastic Year Book.

KŌRERO AND KAI

Kia Ora koutou,
Te Totara Whanau Group is having a shared dinner next **Tuesday, 13th November**. We want to take the opportunity to chat, share food, and meet other families in an informal setting.
The Whanau Group is open to all and we'd love for you to attend.

Where: Te Totara Staff Lounge

When: Tuesday 13th November, 2012

Time: 5.30pm - 7.00pm (we will eat around 5.45pm)

What to bring: a plate of food to share and your own drinks.

Please bring your family. Children can enjoy dinner and then play on the playground while the adults chat.

YEAR 2-6 ATHLETICS DAY THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

	Long Jump 1 – Boys Long Jump 2 – Girls	High Jump – Hall	Cricket Ball – by Milky Way	SPRINTS – field 50m, 80m, 100m
9:00am – 9:45am	Y4 B/G	Y3 B/G	Y5 B/G	Y6 B/G
9:45am – 10:30am	Yr 2 B/G	Y6 B/G	Y4 B/G	Y5 B/G
MORNING TEA				
11:00am – 11:45am	Y5 B/G	Y2 B/G	Y3 B/G	Y4 B/G
11:45am – 12:30am	Y6 B/G	Y5 B/G	Y2 B/G	Y3 B/G
LUNCH 12:30 – 1.00PM				
1:00am – 1:45am	Y3 B/G	Y4 B/G	Y6 B/G	Y2 B/G
1:45am – 2:30am	Y4, 5 & 6 800m race - optional			
2:30am – 2:55am	House Relays – 1 male representative from each year level to run. – 1 female representative from each year level to run. Teachers and Sports Captains Relay – if time			

- Year 2–6 children may arrive at school and compete in either their house colours or school uniform.
- Sports shoes are optional; children may wish to compete in bare feet. Hats are compulsory.
- Plenty of lunch and water are important.
- Postponement date is Tuesday 20th November.
- We will need some parent helpers to assist in each event. Please see Niki Collins in Orion 10 if you are available or email nikic@tetotara.school.nz

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.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME FROM 17TH – 21ST DECEMBER

Anna Herbert is running a Holiday Programme the week leading up to Christmas.
Holiday Programme Enrolment Forms can be found in Matawhero 13 and at the School Office.
If you are interested in your child attending, please fill out a Holiday Programme Enrolment Form and either return to Anna in person (Room 13), or e-mail, or leave for her at the office.

These must be completed and returned no later than 7th December 2012 please.

If your child is not enrolled in before and after school care, an afterschool care enrolment form will also need to be completed and returned ASAP, forms can be found in Matawhero 13, the Te Totara primary school website or in the office.
Thanks ☺

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

ECO-KIDS - MARKET DAY

Last Tuesday the Eco-Kids had their first Market Day. They were all very excited and it was great to see the enthusiasm continue for all the hard work and effort they have put into the garden. Thank you to all of those that purchased plants or produce. The Eco-Kids made **\$101.90**. We will also have a stall out on Athletics Day where we will be selling seedlings these will include, swan plants, tomato plants etc. We would ask for a 'Gold Coin' donation and this will run on an Honesty Box scenario. Thanks again for your support.

YUMMY STICKER PROMOTION

Last week I also received an e-mail from the 'YUMMY Sticker Promotion'. I am please to announce that we raised \$1070 with which we have ordered Physical Education equipment for the children to enjoy. Thank you to all of those people that have supported this promotion, it is certainly well worth the effort. Please keep bringing in the stickers. If your area does not have a chart please bring your stickers to Mrs Robertson in Orion 12.

Thanks from all the Eco-Kids and the Eco-Committee

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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

The production DVD's are ready, these will be sent home with your child today. Thanks for supporting our School.

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 9th November, 2012 @ 2.15pm** and stars **Earth 19**.

Everyone is welcome.

SPORTS DRAWS

Sports draws will be on display on the below classroom windows or via our school website, please click on the below link to our "After School Sports" page

<http://www.tetotara.school.nz/39/pages/44-after-school-sports>

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

TE TOTARA PLAYERS OF THE DAY

CRICKET	
Midgets	Connor Cloete
Minis	Ben McMorrان & Kheilan Demchy
Mystics	Callum Harris
Terrors	Ben Nelson & Tom McMillan
HOCKEY	
Ticks	Finn Walsh & Ethan Hight
TOUCH	
Chiefs	Michael Trowern
Gunns	Kendyll Blissett
VOLLEYBALL	
Spikers	TBA
Volleys	Jayde Stuthridge

Growing and Learning Together

DATES COMING UP

Tues 13 Nov	Whanau Shared Dinner @ 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
Tues 20 Nov	Athletics Day Postponement Date
Thurs 29 Nov	PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm
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 has a winner!! This will be announced on Friday at assembly along with the individual & family winners. Huge thanks go to 'Skycity Hamilton' for the donation of the individual & family prizes.

We still have \$3600 outstanding, so please return your money or chocs. If you have part boxes left unsold these can be returned along with the money for the sold chocolates. Letters were sent out yesterday to parents for outstanding boxes/money.

I did have 2 boxes returned with no name so if you returned a full box of chocs 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' 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 email tetotara.pta@gmail.com, or contact Lisa Clay [0211 333 997](tel:0211333997).



ATHLETICS DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER, 2012

The PTA is running a sausage sizzle on the day. Forms were sent home yesterday with the oldest child. All orders 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 – \$2 each. These are our fundraising bars of chocolate so all different flavours. A mixture will be sent to each class order. 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. Please bring these to the hall foyer or office first thing on Thursday morning. We will have sausages, drinks, chocolates for sale on the day as well for you all to enjoy. We also have 'Espresso to go' coffee cart coming! You may have seen them along Borman Road in the mornings and stopped for a yummy



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coffee after dropoff! Any queries please email tetotara.pta@gmail.com, or contact Lisa Clay [0211 333 997](tel:0211333997). *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 29th November, 2012 @ 7.30pm in the Staff Lounge. Please bring a friend or two! Everyone is welcome. This will be a planning meeting for 2013.

<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.

FRUITDALE ORCHARDS ** STRAWBERRIES ** STRAWBERRIES

Large, sweet and juicy in good supply now. Picked fresh each day with first and second grade available. We are open 7 days a week from 8.30am – 5.30pm. Fruitdale Orchard, 78 Osborne Road, Horsham Downs
Ph: 829-4838

CHRISTMAS IS COMING . . . and The Chartwell Library would like to invite your students to create some art to decorate the library this December. We would love to have your artwork by early December. It can be dropped in at the library, or we can arrange a date and time to collect it from you. When the display is finished we can hold them for the teachers or students to collect.

E-mail Kylie.Thomson@hcc.govt.nz or visit the website www.hamiltonlibraries.co.nz

ONE DAY SCHOOL

This is run by the Gifted Education Centre, is an exciting, challenging learning programme for children who like to ask questions, explore ideas and find things out, specially developed for the more able child to meet their specific learning needs.

Contact Sue Brett, Regional Co-ordinator for Waikato and Bay of Plenty One Day School
www.giftededucation.org.nz

WAIKATO EXPRESSWAY OPENING, FUN RUN AND WALK

Saturday 1st December from 8am. For more information and to enter online, www.sportwaikato.org.nz

LAWNFIX

How to put WOW into grass. Seedbed preparation, Hydro seeding, Fertilising, Weed and Pest control, Irrigation. Contact Chris Broadbent, Freephone 0508 529 6349 Email chris@lawnfix.co.nz

FREE OPEN CLASS FOR MODELLING CRAFT CLAY

10th of Nov (10am, 11am and 12pm)
iclayclass@gmail.com

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