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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 7th MAY, 2015

Week 3

Kia Ora (Maori/NZ), **Hello** (English), **Bula** (Fijian), **Welkom** (South African), **Huān yīng** (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)

TE TOTARA SWIMMING PROGRAMME

We are delighted with our school swimming programme this year. The pool is functioning very well at a balmy 31°C each day. Our caretakers do a wonderful job of keeping it sparkling clean and functioning.

Our goal is for our pool to be in use all year round. The changing sheds are working well and we are very impressed with the self-managing skills of our children.

The programme operates in two week blocks, and within the classes the children are split into 3 groups, which allows for a small group of less than 10 for each 30 minutes of tuition. The students make great progress within this block course time where they swim every day.

Our instructor from Waterworld, Barbara, is doing a fabulous job and the students love working with her.

The current timetables are as follows:

Term 2 - Weeks 3 & 4

*Kōpū 22 & 23, the last Year 2 classes
Orion 11, the first of our Year 1 classes*

Term 2 - Weeks 5 & 6

Orion 10, 9 & 8

Term 2 - Weeks 7 & 8

Orion 7, Matawhero 4 & 3

The teachers in these teams will let you know of the details closer to the date.

After Week 8 we will be timetabling our Year 5 & 6 classes through the pool for the end of Term 2 and the beginning of Term 3.

At this point, we will have completed a full rotation of our school and will begin the next rotation round.

Despite the weather changing as the seasons change, the pool will be maintained at 30°C and the classrooms are warm places for the students to return to. We are also investigating providing heating and lighting in our changing sheds. The students are expected to participate in our swimming programme as it is an important part of our school curriculum.

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OUR SCHOOL ENVIRO GROUP

Our school garden is growing well! On Friday after assembly look out for the produce table and honesty box between Orion and Matariki.

Take home and enjoy some fresh produce grown by our Enviro students. Just put a gold coin in the box!

APPOINTMENTS AT SCHOOL

We love to see families at school and appreciate the home and school partnership. However, we are finding that that we have a number of "cold callers" arriving and expecting to see either a leadership person or a teacher. This can pose problems as we often have commitments elsewhere and can't do justice to any queries that you may have. We certainly don't want to stop the great communication in place but would appreciate either a phone call or e-mail, so that we can make an appointment to give you the time needed to sort out any queries. This phone call or e-mail will need to be done a day or two prior to the appointment.

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

We have families with outstanding payments for various activities including swimming, sports fees etc.

We would appreciate your urgent attention to the payment of these outstanding invoices.

This can be made through the School Office either by EFT-POS, cash, cheque or via internet banking.

Our internet banking details are:

Account Name: Te Totara Primary School
Bank: ASB Bank Chartwell
Account Number: 12-3171-0270973-00

Please ensure your child's name and what the payment is for i.e. swimming are used as a reference.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

We are mindful of costs for parents and are now able to offer families several payment options i.e. automatic payment.

You are welcome to discuss your options with Wendy Bulloch, our Executive Officer on (07) 853-0039 ext. 854 or e-mail her at: executiveofficer@tetotara.school.nz

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 8th May, 2015 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**

This week our Marama 12 children will be sharing. This week Orion, Kōpū, Earth and Marama children will attend assembly. Everyone is welcome.

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

HOCKEY

Leopards Brandyn Neale-Snashall
Thunders Ella Leeson
Stormers Seo-Hyun Lee
Cheetahs Brooke Laws & Dylan Cassells

All Stars Dylan Baillie
Shooters Jazlyn Gillies
Lightning Jaime Timmo
Strikers Taneesha Kumar & Quin Davie
Tigers Francesca Cullen & Charlotte Kirton

NETBALL

Comets Natasha Raza
Magic TBA
Ferns Izzy Herbert
Rebels TBA
Tigers Madison Freeman

DATES COMING UP

Tues 19 May ICAS – Digital Technologies
Mon 1 June QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
Wed 3 June ICAS – Science
Wed 3 June PTA AGM/ Wine & Cheese
Fri 12 June Learning Plans go home
Tues 16 June ICAS – Spelling
Fri 26 June Muffi Day supporting KidsCan
Fri 3 July **Term 2 Finishes @ 3.00pm**

Mon 20 July **Term 3 Begins @ 8.55pm**
Wed 17 June ICAS – Writing
Tues 28 July ICAS – English
Tues 11 Aug ICAS - Maths

Kind regards

Anne Fraser
Acting Principal



TE TOTARA PTA

PTA AGM and Wine & Cheese evening:

Wednesday 3rd June, 7pm.

To be held in the Matariki Hall. All welcome, we would love to see some new faces.



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE HERE!!!!!!!

The brand new 2015 Entertainment Books have arrived and were sent home with every student Friday 1st May, 2015.

If you have already purchased a digital membership and/or do not wish to purchase a book please just return the book to the School Office into the white bin/box provided.

If you wish to purchase the book just follow the payment instructions.

A huge thank you in advance to everyone who does purchase a book, you are a wonderful support of our school with \$12.00 from every purchase going back to the school.

Any queries regarding Entertainment books, please contact Jackie @ gregandjack@gmail.com or on 0204220169.

PTA EMAIL AND FACEBOOK ADDRESSES:

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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.

HAMILTON EAST ROTARY WHEELS ON WAIKATO

The Hamilton East Branch of *Rotary* in partnership with *Te Awa River Ride* are holding a fun family cycle event and they wish to openly invite people from all around the Waikato to join in the event!

Rotary Wheels on Waikato is happening on **Sunday 24th May 2015** and will start from Ann Street, Beerescourt and cycle along *Te Awa River Ride* towards Horotiu Bridge.

To register for *Rotary Wheels on Waikato* go to www.akanz.co.nz. You'll enjoy a fun family day, bike checks, rego goodies, BBQ and spot prizes!

TENNIS COACHING

'Number 1 Tennis' is offering tennis coaching after school at Te Totara Primary School. Tennis lessons will be 45 minutes long and are on Tuesday's and start on May 12th. Private lessons are available.

Contact Andrew for a free trial lesson. For more information contact coach Andrew Sheedy at: andrewsheedy@hotmail.com
027 906 3353 facebook - 'Number 1 Tennis'