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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 3rd September, 2015

Week 7

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) **Israel Shalom** (Hebrew)

MID-TERM BREAK

We hope that everyone enjoyed our mid-term break on Monday. I know our staff appreciated having the break. This time of the year historically is the worst for illness for children and staff.

We do monitor our attendance closely and we have a target of 94% attendance at school. I am pleased to say that so far we are tracking at 94.3% so far this year, which is a pretty good achievement.

OUR LEARNING

This term across the school we have taken the theme, or big idea of "Environmental Sustainability." This has seen our teachers looking at the skills, knowledge and attributes that will support our students on their learning journey to develop as lifelong learners. Across our school we see many ecological themes in place. For our younger students it is about their immediate environment. For our older students it is the consideration of the effect and impact of humans on our environment.

In our school we have a **learning model**. This is our "Rocket" model. This has been developed after extensive research, trial and most importantly ownership by us of the process of development. This has seen our children do amazingly well with their skills development and prepares them for not only now, but their future.

To see how effective our programmes are we undertake regular self-review, which includes our school targets, checking against our obligations to the Government and always look to improve achievement outcomes and curriculum delivery for our students.

Indicators of success include our National Standard results, which show us performing

above the expectations set by the Government.

Another recent indicator of how well our students perform is in the Primary Research Competition. This is a test of finding and researching information. Our results were outstanding against all NZ School entered, with three High distinctions (95% and above) and nine Distinctions (90% and above).

When students leave Te Totara, they are well prepared with the skills, abilities and values of our STARS, this has them well placed to cope and succeed with their future learning.

Our Learning Model



CHILDREN AT SCHOOL BEFORE 8.15AM

Children are welcome to arrive at school from **8.15am onwards**. We have noticed a number of students arriving around 8.00am or even earlier. Teachers have planning to do before school in their classrooms and are unavailable to supervise any students arriving before 8.15am. We offer a Before School Care facility; Enrolment Forms are available from the School Office.

DAFFODIL DAY

Thank you for your wonderful support on Daffodil Day. With all the children dressed in yellow it was a colourful cheerful sight.



Your donations raised a record result sum of **\$1,290.10**. All contributions to the Cancer Society are greatly appreciated and you were all generous with the money you gave.

2015 SCHOOL YEARBOOK ADVERTISING

Your children have been working hard to produce a great Yearbook this year. So that we can keep the cost of the Yearbook low enough for every family to buy one, we are asking for some help.

Do you have a business or do you know someone who does, that would consider advertising in our 2015 Yearbook?

Ask grandparents or friends if they would like to advertise in the yearbook. Of course there are wonderful benefits for you too as the Yearbook is spread widely in the community and is read over and over again by many people over many years. Costs start from \$250 for a quarter of a page, up to \$1,000 for a whole page.

For any enquiries, please talk to Catherine Glyde in Earth 34, or e-mail her at cathg@tetotara.school.nz

TE TOTARA BUCKET SUN HATS

COMPULSORY – NEXT TERM & TERM 1, 2016

With the end of term approaching our thoughts are turning towards protection against the summer sun. From the beginning of Term 4, 2015 **ALL** children will need to wear their Te Totara Primary School Red Bucket Hat when outside.

These can be purchased through our uniform supplier - Direct Group (07) 847-6664.

TE TOTARA JUMP JAM TEAM FUNDRAISING EVENTS THANK YOU

A **HUGE** thank you to our Te Totara community for supporting Cupcake Day and the Y4 Netball Tournament Sausage Sizzle/Bake sale to help raise funds for our Jump Jam Team's competition.



Special mention to "Girl on a Swing" for donating the cupcakes (as well as Irma Cooke & Suzanne Newrick). What a Wonderful Effort!

OLIVE OIL ORDERS

Great quality and great value!

Orders due back at school by **Friday 11th September, 2015**.

Delivery to classes will be **Friday 18th September, 2015**.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 4th September 2015 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**

Our Earth 37 children will be sharing.

This week Orion, Kōpū, Earth and Marama children will attend assembly.

Everyone is welcome.

ALLERGIES/MEDICAL CONDITIONS

In the event of a medical emergency, if your child has a medical condition, is taking regular medicine/tablets or has an allergy (including sticking plasters etc), please advise the School Office (if you haven't already), so we can amend your records accordingly

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by 9.15am on **Friday 4th September, 2015** to the school office please. **Sorry NO late orders will be accepted.**

REMEMBER.... When completing the order form please fill in all the details i.e. name, room number, item number and title of the book.

A new easy way to order and pay now, is to order and pay online with the book club loop.

Visit: mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

INTERSCHOOLS CHESS TOURNAMENT

We entered a Te Totara team to compete at the Waikato zone Interschool's Chesspower Tournament recently with some truly fantastic results:

- Our Te Totara Team came **FIRST** in the Junior section (*the combined score of the top four people in each team*).
- Te Totara also came fifth overall (*this included intermediates and high schools*)

- Congratulations to Jayden Lee who came first in the Juniors and came fifth overall.
- Congratulations to Alex King who came fourth in the Juniors and ninth overall.
- Congratulations to Alexander Mayo who came fifth in the Juniors and tenth overall.

68 people participated in this tournament including 38 juniors.

Our students had to face tough opponents from both Intermediate and High Schools, so they did very well!!

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

HOCKEY

Leopards	Mia Symes
Most Valuable Player	Lanayah Marshall
Most Improved Player	Mia Symes
Team Player	Cathy Young
All Stars	Juhi Fitzwalter
Most Valuable Player	Cameron Hopping
Most Improved Player	Ben McMorrin
Outstanding Contribution to the team	Dylan Baillie

Lightning Strikers	Ginny Logan Sama Yaghi, Quin Davie
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Stormers	SeoHyun Lee, Luigi Araneta
Most Valuable Player	Emma Lobb
Most Improved Player	Ashleigh MacIntyre
Team Player	Brooke Manderson

PLAYER OF THE DAY

NETBALL

Rebels	Camryn Harker
Stars	Zoe Babbage

DATES COMING UP

Wed 9 Sep	Neptune 27 & 25 @ Kiwi House
Thur 10 Sep	Neptune 28 & 26 @ Kiwi House
Tues 15 Sept	Y5&6 Winter Sports Tournament at Southwell
Fri 25 Sept	END OF TERM 3, @ 3.00pm
Mon 12 Oct	TERM 4, 2015 BEGINS
Tues 13 Oct	PTA Mtg @ 7.30pm
Thurs 29 Oct	BOT Mtg @ 6.30pm

Kind regards,

Brian Sheedy
Principal

2015 PASIFIKA LANGUAGE WEEKS

30 Aug – 5 Sep	Tonga Language Week
27 Sept-3 Oct	Tuvalu Language Week
5 – 11 Oct	Fiji Language Week
12 – 18 Oct	Niue Language Week
25 – 31 Oct	Tokelau Language Week

PARTY IDEAS

SHARE YOUR PICS!!

Share photos of your own healthy party food ideas on our Facebook page!

fb.com/ProjectEnergize

Developed by Sport Waikato 2015

Team Energize

TE TOTARA PTA

NEXT PTA MEETING

Tuesday 13th October 2015
7.30pm in the Staff Lounge
Everyone is welcome



Social night



Are you a parent or caregiver of a Te Totara student? Then you're invited to an evening of fun and friendship with fellow parents & the members of Te Totara PTA.

This is a great opportunity for you to come along and meet new friendly faces, socialise together and have a great time!

THURS 27 AUG	Year 1	Orion & Matawhero
THURS 3 SEPT	Year 2	Neptune & Kopu
THURS 10 SEPT	Years 3 & 4	Ra & Earth
TUES 15 SEPT	Years 5 & 6	Milkyway & Marama

To be held at Good Neighbour, 7.30pm.
Come along, we'd love you to join us!

PTA EMAIL AND FACEBOOK ADDRESSES:
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.

KELLY SPORTS - HOLIDAY PROGRAMME SEPTEMBER OCTOBER 2015

Our programme is full of exciting activities and trips that will guarantee children, age 5-13 years, have a great time!

OSCAR/WINZ Approved

Te Totara School, Southwell School, HGHS
7.40am – 6.00pm

Bankwood School 8am – 6pm

Also Leamington School, Cambridge

For more information or to BOOK ONLINE
go to www.kellysports.co.nz

Email: waikato@kellysports.co.nz Tel: 07 839 901

ASTHMA AWARENESS WEEK

Asthma Awareness week is on 31st August to 6th September.

Please support Asthma Waikato to help individuals with respiratory conditions to have full and active lives –

givealittle.co.nz/org/asthmawaik

- Did you know that 1 in 7 children in New Zealand have Asthma? That's around 22,200 in the Waikato.
- Over 550,000 school days are lost each year due to the condition.
- Spring is in the air – and so are lots of other things!
- Triggers such as pollen may set off your sensitive airways.
- Ensure that you carry your reliever (blue) inhaler on you at all times
- This helps relax the muscles around your airways
- If you have a preventer continue to take it morning and night, every day
- This helps keep the inside of your airways clear
- If you have a puffer type inhaler use your spacer
- 50% more medication will get to your lungs

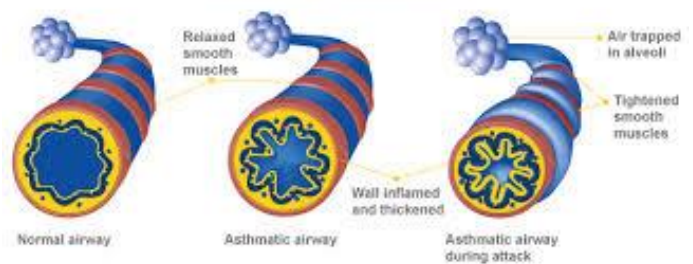
Asthma
1 in 7 kids in New Zealand have Asthma. Across New Zealand 550,000 school days are lost each year due to this common condition. Asthma can be controlled allowing full and active lives.
Remember to use a spacer. If on a preventer take it morning and night, every day, even when well.
PH 07 838 0851

Spring is in the Air
- and so are lots of other things.
If you have Asthma, your sensitive airways may be triggered by pollen.
Pollen production begins early August in trees such as Macrocarpa, Pinus Radiata and Poplar. Followed in September by Birch, Coprosma species, Maple, Willow and grasses such as Cane Hygras and tall fescue.

Be prepared!
• Ensure that you carry your reliever (blue) inhaler on you at all times.
• If you are prescribed a preventer or combination inhaler, continue taking it morning and night every day to reduce the inflammation and build-up of excess mucus.
• Use a spacer with your multi-dose (MDI) inhaler to minimise side effects and get more medication into your lungs.

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Pathology of Asthma



EASTERN HUTT SCHOOL, LOWER HUTT, WELLINGTON

Celebrating 100 years! Come and join the celebrations on **Labour Weekend 23 and 24 October 2015**. All past and present pupils, staff, Committee members and parents of Eastern Hutt School are invited to celebrate. We will have a fun, interactive and colourful weekend that will honour the past and present school, its students and staff. Please visit www.easternhutt.school.nz for further information and registrations or **phone 04 566 0167**

or email centenary@easternhutt.school.nz.

**2015 Annual
Pirongia Craft Day**
Only NZ Handmade / Home Grown



Live Entertainment,
Art, Crafts, Plants, Food, Rides,
Pottery, Jewellery, Clothes
and many new stalls

Ample Parking
9 am - 3 pm

Saturday September 26th 2015

Wet or fine
NO DOGS PLEASE!

 Like us on Facebook: Annual Pirongia Craft Day

**OPEN
DAY**

GOOD NEWS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Friday 02 October, 3.30-5.30pm

FREE taster classes (Jazz, Hip Hop & Poly)
Spot prizes to be won

FREE snacks available
Kids from 3.30-4.30pm
Adults from 4.30-5.30pm

For more info: Text or call 0278448441
or email lierradanceschool@gmail.com



3-13 YEARS TEAM ENERGIZE EDVENTURE SPORTS DAY

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

 **EDVENTURE**



An action-packed sports days gives children the opportunity to try a variety of sports with Energize and Edventure!

Wednesday 7 October 2015, Hamilton West School grounds

Register @ www.edventure.co.nz or contact Erin Cooper 021 624 962 for more info