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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 30th AUGUST, 2012

Kia Ora

SCHOOL CLOSED TOMORROW

FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST, 2012 - TEACHERS ONLY DAY

Just a reminder that school will be closed **TOMORROW, Friday 31st August**. Teachers will be involved in professional development involving teaching as inquiry, as well as technology using IPADS.

We have deliberately timed this date to help children and families have a break during a long term without a Public Holiday.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE WILL BE AVAILABLE for this Teacher Only Day from 7.30am - 5.30pm for those children already enrolled in the Before and After School Care Programme. Please contact Anna Herbert direct on Ph: 021 570 277 to make a booking or any further enquiries.

PHOTOLIFE SCHOOL PHOTOS

Friday 14th September, 2012

– Individual, Siblings and Class Photos

Wednesday 26th September, 2012

– Sports Teams photos

Date to be advised

– Full School Photo

Each year we have school photos; these are deliberately done towards the end of the year so we can have as many of our students involved.

Students will need to look their best, so please ensure the correct school uniform is worn and is in a clean condition.

Photo Life Studios Order Envelopes for class photos will be sent home today. If you wish to have a sibling photo (*including pre-schoolers if requested*) please pick-up a special "**Sibling Portrait Envelope**" from the School Office. Please return envelopes and payment to School Office by **Friday 7th September, 2012**. You may pay for more than one child's photograph with the same cheque, as long as **EACH CHILD** has an envelope completed. Please make cheques payable to "Photo Life Studios Ltd".

NB: *It is helpful to have the correct payment included in the envelope. If you require change, this will be returned to you with your photos.*

MEDICATION PERMISSION SLIPS

If your child requires medication to be administered at School e.g. asthma, antibiotics etc; a Medication Permission Slip must be completed prior. This form can be collected from the school office or available on our school website www.tetotara.school.nz under the Adults tab.

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.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE SERVICE (SASH)

We really appreciate the very high level of support we have from families over contacting the school over absences. However, with our growing roll there is an increased workload. As you can appreciate it can take a lot of time tracking down any unexplained absences, so our school will be referring any unexplained absences to the Student Attendance Service Hamilton (SASH), which follows up attendance issues for 72 schools in our local area. Using this service will allow our administration staff to focus on their core work. **If we are not contacted regarding a student absence then it is likely that families may receive a home visit from SASH.** If you have any queries about this service, please don't hesitate to contact me.

SIGN-OUT / SIGN-IN REGISTER

In order for us to keep accurate attendance records in the event of a fire or natural disaster it would be appreciated if you could please complete the Red "Sign-in/Sign-out Register" which will be held at Reception. This register is to be completed if you are removing your child from school to attend a medical appointment etc. or perhaps leaving early for the day.

LOST PROPERTY

Any property left at the school will be on display outside the Matariki Hall on **Thursday 30th August and Thursday 6th September** from lunchtime onwards.

Please check to see if any items belong to your family as all unclaimed items (*other than school uniform*) will be donated to the Salvation Army at the end of the term.

Please, please, please can you make sure all items of school uniform are clearly named. It is not good enough to assume that your child will know that something belongs to them "because it has a black dot on the tag". If an item of clothing is found out on the fields it cannot be returned unless it is named. We go out of our way to identify and return lost property, but patience runs thin when clothing is not named.

DAFFODIL DAY/ MUFTI DAY DONATIONS

We raised \$800.80 to be donated to The Cancer Society

Thank you all for your kind contributions to this worthy cause. You all looked so wonderful in your brightly coloured clothing, well done everyone!

THE BUTTON BOX SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Thank you to those of you who are already helping with The Button Box Production. We could still use some artistic help with decorating the foyer. Thanks!

We are also looking for parent help on the days and evenings of the production to assist some of our characters with costumes during the actual show (in the staff room). If you are able to help please let Paula Wine know.

We still need:

- Hangers
- **BUTTONS!!! We need LOTS of buttons!!!**
- Hairdressing expertise – we need someone who is able to create a 1916 young lady's hair style
- Old fashioned magazine rack or record holder
- Old white socks, stained ones would be great
- Make up expertise
- Make up
- 2 Violins or Irish Fiddles (see Andrea Johns R15)
- A black top hat
- Strips of sequins

Check this list each week as we will update regularly. Many Thanks!

THE BUTTON BOX PRODUCTION TICKETS

Production tickets are now on sale at the School Office. A copy of the main cast details for each show will be available at the School Office.

The cost of the tickets are:

\$10.00 per adult (13 years and older)

\$5.00 per child (12 years and under)

\$5.00 pre-schooler requiring own seat

Free pre-schoolers (when sitting on the knee of an adult paying ticket)

Show Times are:

Wednesday 19th September 1.30pm & 6.30pm

Thursday 20th September 1.30pm & 6.30pm

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held today, **Thursday 30th August, 2012 @ 2.15pm** and stars Orion 10. Everyone is welcome.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book Club orders are due back to the School Office by **9.15am Tuesday 4th September 2012**. **Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.**

SPORTS DRAW

HOCKEY

More information can be found at www.waikatohockey.org.nz. The hockey draw can be found at this website, in the weekly newsletter or on Earth 19 window

- 8.30am Te Totara Strikers v Pukete Mini Black Sticks
9.00am Te Totara Lightning v Aberdeen Tui's
9.30am Te Totara Tigers v Rhode Street Scorpion Kings

PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Te Totara Hockey Tiger – Ben Nelson & Cameron Hopping
Te Totara Hockey Strikers – Adam Baillie

DATES COMING UP

To keep up-to-date with school events coming up, please check the "School Calendar" on our website www.tetotara.school.nz

- Thurs 30 Aug Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6.30pm
Fri 31 Aug **TEACHER ONLY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**
Tues 4 Sept Scholastic Book Orders close 9.15am
Tues 4 Sept Cluster Schools Cross Country – Yrs 4-6
Thurs 13 Sept PTA Meeting 7.30pm
Fri 14 Sept Class & Portrait Photos
Tues 18 Sept Cluster Schools Winter Sports @ Southwell
Te Totara School Representatives – Yrs 5-6
Wed 19 Sept The Button Box School Production
Shows 1.30pm & 6.30pm
Thurs 20 Sept The Button Box School Production
Shows 1.30pm & 6.30pm
Wed 26 Sept Sports Team Photos
Thurs 27 Sept Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6.30pm
Fri 28 Sept **END OF TERM 3, 2012**

Brian Sheedy

Principal

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

Invoices were sent home earlier in the term for outstanding payments of various activities:

Swimming \$34.00 per student

Mathletics \$15.00 per student

School Donation & Sports Fees

We currently have \$19079.87 of fees outstanding (includes Voluntary Donation). We would

appreciate your urgent attention to payment of these invoices. This can be made through the School Office either by EFT-POS (no credit card), cash, cheque or internet banking.

What should I eat before I compete?

To be an amazing BMX rider like Sarah Walker it is important to fuel your body with the right food so you have enough energy to get you through your race. For breakfast, try Weetbix or porridge with milk and fruit. It's also important to drink plenty of water before you start: aim for at least half a bottle (400ml)



TE TOTARA PTA

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON



If this is something that interests you we would encourage you to get involved. For more information or queries please feel free to phone Ryan on 0272788813. We have included the general duties of Deputy below duties below. It's not extensive so give it a go!

Duties of the Deputy Chairperson:

- Chair meetings when the chairperson is absent.
- Ensure finances appear reasonable. Check to ensure deposits reconcile to deposit forms signed by cash received from members. This can take place at the general meetings.
- Any other duties as reasonable for the executive committee of the PTA.

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 13th September, 2012 @ 7.30pm in the Staff Lounge. Everyone is welcome.

<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.

NZEI PRIMARY TEACHERS UNION SURVEY

NZEI (our NZ Primary Teachers' Union) are seeking the views of our school community about topical issues in education. We'd love it if you could take a few minutes to answer a few questions. You can answer the questions on the form enclosed with your newsletter and return the form to the School Office (you can do this anonymously), or fill out the survey online at <http://www.standupforkids.org.nz/>

WAIKATO SOCIETY OF POTTERS

On October 13th, The Waikato Society of Potters is holding its annual Open Day. On this day we have clay-based activities for families, including having a go on a potters wheel, a "slippery dip", and glaze decorating and firing a piece of pottery (raku firing). There is a small charge for each activity. There will be a sausage sizzle, refreshments and a sales table of members' pottery. Contact gabby.lane@gmail.com

LIVE LARGE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Exciting times for the October programme so don't miss out! The Waikato Institute for Leisure & Sport Studies presents their holiday programme for 11-13 year olds - LIVE LARGE OCTOBER 2012 (Monday 1 October – Friday 5 October).

If you would like further information, please call 07 839 9908, email zelda@wilss.ac.nz or go to our website www.wilss.ac.nz to register.

TYLA RICHARDS PHOTOGRAPHY

September special HALF HOUR SITTING ONLY \$100 AND YOU RECEIVE ALL YOUR PHOTOS ON CD
E-mail quinnmedia@xtra.co.nz to book your sitting.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME WAIKATO TENNIS CENTRE

Coaching - including grasshoppers skills, tournaments, scoring & rules. Heaps of FUN!

8th to 11th October 2012

Contact Roslyn Brown, Ph/Fax: 07 856 8181 Website: www.tenniswaikatobays.co.nz

LAUNCH FITNESS

www.launchfitness.co.nz

Group sessions and buggy fit sessions in Rototuna and Chartwell. Lots of options, work out with your baby or without!