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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER, 2012

WEEK 5

Kia Ora

ATHLETICS DAY TODAY

Unfortunately, we had to postpone the Athletics for Year 2-6 today, although we were able to run the High Jump indoors in Matariki/Hall.

The Athletics have been rescheduled for:

TUESDAY 20th NOVEMBER, 2012

The forecast at this stage for Tuesday is great (according to Metserv) **but if postponed, they will be then held on Thursday 22nd NOVEMBER.** If both these days don't work we will cancel and teachers will run these events as soon as they can. We do need to get top performers selected for the Inter School competition.

Please check the school Facebook and web page by 7.30am if the weather is looking doubtful.

A new timetable is included below:

	LJ 1 – Boys LJ2 - Girls	CB – by Milky Way	SPRINTS – field 50m, 80m, 100m
9:00 – 9:05	Welcome – meet on courts		
9:10 – 9:45	Y4 B/G	Y3 B/G	Y6 B/G
9:45 – 10:30	Y6 B/G	Y2 B/G	Y5 B/G
MORNING TEA			
11 – 11:45	Y5 B/G	Y4 B/G	Y3 B/G
11:45 – 12:30	Y2 B/G	Y 5 B/G	Y4 B/G
LUNCH 12:30 – 1:30			
1:30 – 2:15	Y3 B/G	Y6 B/G	Y2 B/G
2:30 – 2:55	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)		

Note: Long Jump 1 – Boys is by the PE Shed
Long Jump 2 – Girls is by Milky Way

- 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. Sun hats are compulsory.
- Plenty of lunch and water are important.
- We still need helpers as many of our original helpers are not able to help on Tuesday. Please see Niki Collins in Orion 10 if you are available or e-mail nikic@tetotara.school.nz

On the day the PTA will also be selling:

Mill Orchard Juice 250ml	\$1.50 each
Water 250ml	\$1.50 each
Cadbury Chocolate Bars (85g)	\$2.00 each
Te Totara Cookbooks	\$10.00 each
(possible Coffee Cart)	

WAIKATO BP TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE CONGRATULATIONS

HUGE congratulations to the teachers and students involved in Tuesday's Waikato BP Technology Challenge.

Every year the Royal Society of New Zealand in conjunction with BP put on a nationwide competition to promote design and technology in primary aged children. This year the Waikato area schools competition was held on Tuesday at the Hamilton Gardens and we entered a year 3-4 and 5-6 team.

The children were given a challenge to research, design and build prior to the event. Students were given a scenario, a list of materials (which was not much more than newspaper, tape and string), certain conditions and the judging criteria. The challenge was to build a 'birdfeeder' for native birds. Our teams were chosen after viewing all year 3-4's and 5-6's compete in challenges taken from the BP Challenge web site. Being selected to represent Te Totara School was in itself a huge achievement. When we came together we had 3 weeks to research, design and build our birdfeeder, but first the kids had to learn how to roll paper properly - this was no easy task! Competition day saw us turn up with two very different and very large birdfeeders compared to all the others schools. Judging began with the year 3-4's while they under took the mystery challenge, building a stretcher to carry a 5kg weight over an obstacle course. Next was the turn of the year 5-6's. While their feeder was judged they had to build a marble run. They received extra points for every turn they created and if the marble was able to hit a bulls eye when it rolled out. The year 3-4's finished with a 1st place in the birdfeeder competition. The year 5-6's finished 2nd in the birdfeeder competition and 1st in their "Mystery Challenge". Our children's research, ideas and construction and the fact they could justify their ideas in all those areas helped them gain these wonderful results.

A huge congratulation to all involved especially to our children.

Year 3-4 team: Connor Daly, Ryan Young, Josh Blaikie, Olivia Connolly, Hannah Finlayson and Dean Ralph.

Year 5-6 team: Corban Reihana, Ben Blaikie, Ako Eliassi, Jayde Stuthridge, Caitlin Hall and Josh Dinan.

If you have time, please check out the BP technology website and try a challenge with your family, who knows where it could lead.

<http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/teaching-learning/bp-challenge/challenges/>

Tino pai! Kei runga noa atu Koutou! (You are all awesome!)

YEAR BOOK ORDERS

Get in quick for the 2012 Year Book which will be fantastic as usual! Orders close **Monday 19th November, 2012.** Sorry, no late orders will be accepted. Check our website for a "taster" of the fantastic Year Book.

LIONS CLUB BBQ SUNDAY 18th NOVEMBER, 2012

All welcome - 4.00pm start at Te Totara School

BYO whatever you would like to eat and drink, BBQ supplied and great company! Contact Brian Sheedy at principal@tetotara.school.nz

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 at afterschoolcare@tetotara.co.nz or leave for her at the School Office.

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

If your child is not currently enrolled in Before & After School Care, an Enrolment Form will also need to be completed and returned ASAP. Enrolment Forms can be found in Matawhero 13, on the Te Totara Primary School website or at the School Office. Thanks.

VOLUNTEERS "THANK YOU" MORNING TEA WEDNESDAY 5th DECEMBER, 2012

A warm invitation is extended to helpers of our school for a special morning tea in the Staff Lounge @ 9.00am to say "Thanks". If you were involved in helping out in any way at school (ie, coaching, book binding, sports help, classroom help, transport etc.) or in any other way, we would love to see you. Please advise the School Office if you would like to come to the morning tea by Monday 3rd December 2012. Thanks!

FIRST CREDIT UNION SCHOOL BANKING

First Credit Union provides a school banking service to all pupils at our school. Getting started is easy, just pick up an Application Pack from the School Office, fill in the Application Form and return it to the School Office.

If your children are already banking with First Credit Union, remember that the school banking is collected on Wednesday's each week!

HEALTH CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Thanks for all the responses, we had 41 in total, we are now analysing these to help determine the next steps in our programmes.

NOEL LEEMING FRIENDS & FAMILY EVENT TUESDAY 20th - SUNDAY 25th NOVEMBER, 2012

For staff, friends and family of Te Totara School at The Base Store:

Cost + 10% on up to 5 products storewide

2.5% of all sales will be donated back to our school

Visit our school website for a copy of the flyer to print off and take with you to the store.

A hard copy of the flyer is also available on the noticeboard in the School Office.

LAST CHANCE BEFORE PRINTING – 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

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. Updated invoices will be mailed home shortly.

YEAR 6 LEAVER'S DINNER

Tuesday 4th December 2012

This is our opportunity to farewell our year 6 students. It will be held in Matariki 5.45 – 8.00 pm. Parents are requested to attend (no siblings please, due to numbers). All year 6 students are expected to attend this special evening.

SEEKING HELP FOR OUR YEAR 6 LEAVER'S DINNER

The Ra Team teachers are seeking someone to make tasty nibbles for our Year 6 Leaver's Dinner on Tuesday December 4th, to be ready by 5.45pm. The talented chef will be reimbursed for costs incurred and will have use of our school kitchen on the evening (if necessary). Please contact Helena Kirkham in Ra 23 if you are able to assist. Thank you for your on-going support.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book Club orders are due back to the School Office by **9.15am FRIDAY 23rd NOVEMBER, 2012** so that we can make sure the orders are back before school finishes for the year. If your order is a "Gift or Christmas Present", please write this on the top of your order and we will hold it at the School office for you to collect.
"Please note that orders from different pamphlets and for multiple children can be combined on one credit card slip."

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held tomorrow, **Friday 16th November, 2012 @ 2.15pm** and stars **Marama 2**. Everyone is welcome. The following ICAS results will be given out at the following assemblies:
Writing Friday 16th November
Spelling Friday 23rd November
English Friday 30th November

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS FOR SALE

Check out our notice board in the School office to purchase second hand uniforms, we have a few items for sale at great prices!

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	Kieran Cavanagh & Cayden Jackson
Minis	Olivia Kjestrup-Traue
Mystics	Jack Hayes
Terrors	Ethan Myburgh & Finn Walsh

HOCKEY

Ticks	Anna Rodgers & Adam Baillie
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TOUCH

Chiefs	Liam Crow & Cameron Long
Gunns	Jordana Bremner & Logan McKay
Rockets	Ella McMillan & Cameron Hopping

VOLLEYBALL

Spikers	TBA
Volleys	TBA

DATES COMING UP

Sun 18 Nov	Lions BBQ at Te Totara Primary School
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
Wed 5 Dec	Volunteers Morning Tea @ 9.00am
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

FOOD FACTS!

Only 1/3 of young people in NZ are reported to be eating the recommended amount of fruit and veg. To make sure you get your 5+ a day, eat what's in season to make it cheaper!

TE TOTARA PTA



CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISING

The winners have been announced:

Fastest class to sell: Orion 9 who win a pizza lunch.
Highest earning individual: Riley Binnie who sold an awesome 5 boxes worth of chocolates.

Highest earning family: Toby & Mia Coventry who also sold 5 boxes between them.

We so far have a profit of **\$9284**; which will go towards extra shading over the newest playground once it's completed.

So a huge thank you to everyone for selling chocolates.

We still have **\$2,029** outstanding, so please return your money or chocolates. If you have part boxes left unsold, these can be returned along with the money for the sold chocolates. Letters were sent out last week to parents for outstanding boxes/money. 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).

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.

HORSHAM DOWNS SCHOOL GALA 2012 SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 9AM-1PM

Stalls, food and entertainment for the whole family. Raffles, sweets, flowers, garage sale, classic cars, cheer leaders, books, baking, plant sales, photo booth, pony rides, alpacas, a café etc.
4km past New World Rototuna, corner of Horsham Downs Road & Osborne Road.

HAMILTON CITY LIBRARIES

The Great Book Mystery - Te Pirikoko Whakaharahara o te Pukapuka Summer Reading Programme over the 2012/2013 summer holidays. The Summer Reading Programme aims to encourage and promote books, libraries, and the fun of reading to children through incentive awards, activities and events (such as storytellers). The programme starts on the 08th of December 2012 and runs until the 26th of January 2013. Contact Su Woollett, Children's and Teens' Librarian, Te Kaiwhakatipu Kaiohe. Ph 838 6842, email cats@hcc.govt.nz

WAIKATO TENNIS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

17-20 December 2012 and 14-17 January 2013.
Dey Street Hamilton
Contact Roslyn Brown Ph (07) 856 8181 or see our website www.tenniswaikatobays.co.nz