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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 22nd NOVEMBER, 2012

WEEK 6

### Kia Ora

#### 2013 ORGANISATION

We have been working hard on getting 2013 organised, with all our staffing and operating grants being confirmed. We are well placed to confirm the organisation for next year in the newsletter of Thursday 6th December. Class lists will be on display on the classroom windows on Friday 7th December and children will visit their new rooms on Thursday 13th December.

#### NOVOPAY

You may be aware of the challenges schools are having with the new payroll system. Our school has also been affected by the introduction of the new system.

All our payroll goes through the Ministry of Education system and we have certainly had some challenges, including making sure that our staff are paid out of school funding while issues are sorted. This has been disappointing, frustrating and has resulted in our Executive Officer, Wendy Bulloch, working an additional 45 hours in addition to her normal work over the last eight weeks.

My thanks to Wendy and our staff, who have been so supportive and understanding during this interesting time and kept the focus on our children!

#### VOLUNTEERS "THANK YOU" MORNING TEA WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012. Thanks!**

#### LIONS BBQ SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:principal@tetotara.school.nz)

#### NEW BUILDINGS PROGRAMME

We are moving ahead with the planning of new buildings, with a Project Control Group having been established.

We are delighted to have the services of Himi Whitewood as the Project Manager, from PMD Ltd. Himi is well known to us, having been responsible for the Ra and Earth building project, which was completed on time and on budget.

As more information comes to hand we will update everyone.

#### HOLIDAY PROGRAMME FROM 17<sup>TH</sup> – 21<sup>ST</sup> 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](mailto:afterschoolcare@tetotara.co.nz) or leave for her at the School Office.

**These must be completed and returned no later than 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### HEALTH AT SCHOOL

We certainly appreciate families taking care of their children and letting us know of health concerns, it helps keep everyone safe. In particular, our families are great at keeping us informed, it is appreciated.

If there are any contagious diseases, or any worries, we will certainly let families know either by e-mail, Facebook, text or a special letter.

There was a recent concern over a child perhaps having Meningococcal Meningitis at school. This was not the case (it was viral) and the family were great at keeping us informed.

If at any stage you have any concerns, we are certainly happy to be contacted and help.

#### SCHOOL SORES (IMPETIGO)

Just a reminder to keep an eye out for any scabby sores on exposed parts of the body which are not healing. School sores can be spread by direct contact with discharge from infected skin. They are highly contagious and children are infectious until sores are healed. To avoid the risk of infection, please ensure all open sores are kept well covered. If you have any concerns, please visit your doctor.

For further medical information from the Ministry of Health, please visit our school website [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz)

click Our School  
click General Information  
click Health & Medical

### **ATHLETICS DAY & HAVE A GO DAY AT TE TOTARA SCHOOL**

Congratulations to all our children who competed in our Athletics and Have a Go Days at school, they were great days. Thanks to all our wonderful helpers and supporters who helped on these days!

### **FAIRFIELD CLUSTER ATHLETICS YRS 4-6 TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2012**

Well done to all our children in years 4-6 who have been selected to represent Te Totara School in the Inter Schools Athletics competition at Southwell School. We wish you all the best!

### **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. Invoices were mailed home recently, we would appreciate payment of these before the end of next week.

### **YEAR 6 LEAVER'S DINNER TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2012**

This is our opportunity to farewell our year 6 students. It will be held in Matariki 5.45pm – 8.00pm. 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 4<sup>th</sup> December** 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 tomorrow, 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. Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.

### **SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS RETURNED**

All school library books are due back by **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2012** so that we can complete a stocktake please.

### **SPARE CLOTHING, SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

It would be appreciated if all the spare uniform clothing that has been borrowed by children over the past few months, please be washed and returned to the School Office – we have a very *limited supply at the moment*. If you have any spare school uniform you would like to *donate to the school* that would be wonderful! Thanks

### **FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW**

This week's assembly will be held tomorrow, **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2012 @ 2.15pm** and stars

**Matawhero 16**. Everyone is welcome.

ICAS results will be given out at the following assemblies:

Spelling Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

English Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November

### **WEET-BIX TRYATHLON**

We have registered Te Totara as a school group in next year's Weet-bix Kids TRYathlon to be held **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2013**. This group entry gives our athletes a discounted entry price of \$35.00 per participant, as well as the chance to win \$5,000 worth of sporting goods, as well as other prizes. Our event kits will be couriered to our school for free and we will also be sent a school group photo which will be taken on the day.

If your son or daughter is interested in being part of the Te Totara School Team, please e-mail Paula Wine with your child's full name and age to [ap@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:ap@tetotara.school.nz)

### **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>

<b>CRICKET</b>	Orion 10 window
<b>HOCKEY</b>	Orion 10 window
<b>TOUCH</b>	Milky Way 5 window
<b>VOLLEYBALL</b>	Ra Pod window

### **TE TOTARA PLAYERS OF THE DAY**

<b>CRICKET</b>	
Midgets	Rory Allison & Sartaj Singh Randhawa
Minis	Ethan Bell
Mystics	TBA
Terrors	TBA

## TE TOTARA PLAYERS OF THE DAY Cont/d:

### HOCKEY

Ticks Vedant Ahlawat, Dylan Baillie  
& Finn Walsh

### TOUCH

Chiefs Game Cancelled  
Guns Ryan Brotherston  
Rockets Teeshan Kottaiya

### VOLLEYBALL

Spikers Deacon Cook  
Volleys TBA

## DATES COMING UP

Sun 25 Nov Lions BBQ @ 4.00pm at Te Totara  
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  
Fri 7 Dec PTA Sausage Sizzle at School  
Tues 11 Dec End of year School Celebration  
Thurs 13 Dec Students visit 2013 Classrooms  
Fri 14 Dec END OF TERM FOR 2012  
- School finishes @ 3.00pm

## Brian Sheedy

Principal



## TE TOTARA PTA

### CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISING

We still have **\$1900** 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. 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](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com), or contact Lisa Clay [0211 333 997](tel:0211333997).



## SAUSAGE SIZZLE - FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2012

Last sausage sizzle of the year! Forms will be sent out next week. All orders due back to school by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. 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 supply these first thing on Friday morning. Any queries please email [tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com), or contact Lisa Clay [0211 333 997](tel:0211333997)

## NEXT PTA MEETING 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2012

Dear Parents and Teachers, only one more PTA meeting left for the year!! It will be great way to see what the PTA does and our plans for the New Year. It's also a chance to get involved in a fundraising event or two. We welcome your input as well as furthering discussions about where best to allocate our funds raised. Enjoy some wine and cheese with us. Some will be provided but feel free to bring a drop of your preference also. See you there! Kind Regards, Ryan Hamilton

**Date:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2012

**Time:** 7.30pm in the Te Totara School Staff Room

## 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!

<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.

## GARAGE SALE - SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2013

Doors open 7:30am – 11:30am

**16 Whitford Place (off Wentworth), Rototuna**

New kids clothes nb – sz 8/Pre-loved clothing Home décor/Kitchen items/Xmas/Toys and much much more  
Everything in great condition from smoke-free home

## GARAGE SALE – SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2013

**28 Moonlight Drive, Rototuna - Starts @ 8am**

Clothing, toys and general household items.

## HOUSE FOR SALE

**28 Moonlight Drive, Rototuna**

Beautiful 4 Bedroom Mono-pitch.  
2 Living, Open plan kitchen, dining  
Open homes Sunday 1pm – 2pm  
Phone Bronny (027) 2779581

## COMMUNITY NOTICES Cont/d:

### ART CLASSES, ALLSMILEZ

These will be running the whole week before xmas! see [www.allsmilez.com/classes](http://www.allsmilez.com/classes) for more details

### HORSHAM DOWNS SCHOOL GALA 2012

**SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> 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.

### LIVE LARGE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The Waikato institute for Leisure & Sport Studies (WILSS) run a holiday programme called Live Large for 11-13yr olds. Live Large is all about having fun, learning new things and exploring our 5 elements – Earth, Air, Water, Fire and Heart. Contact Zelda Tucker – Wilss Ph [07 839 9908](tel:078399908) or view [www.wilss.ac.nz](http://www.wilss.ac.nz)

### XRACE MYSTERY ADVENTURE RACE

X race is a mystery adventure race for children racing alongside mum or dad. This will be held Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2013. Visit the website [www.xrace.co.nz](http://www.xrace.co.nz) for further information.

### THE VINE COMMUNITY NETWORK MEETING

This is a friendly a reminder that our Community Network Meeting will be held again at the Vine Community Resource Centre 272 Borman Road on Wednesday 28th November from 12pm to 1pm. This network meeting is an opportunity to meet and network with others in the community over a cup of coffee and a light lunch, providing an opportunity to update the wider community of upcoming events or projects we may wish to promote and share valuable information with each other. This meeting is also a chance for us to support one another and raise community issues or concerns that can be resolved together. Contact Aaron Charman via email [acharman@vine.org.nz](mailto:acharman@vine.org.nz)

### UNDERCOVER CODY, LOOK OUT FOR HIM!

This week the 'win an Undercover Cody summer sunshade' competition will be in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty newspapers. Look out for the advertisements in the Waikato Times, Hamilton Press, Bay of Plenty Times and Weekend Sun and encourage people you know to enter. The advertisements in each newspaper will have a lucky code which people can use to enter the competition on the revamped Undercover Cody website [www.undercovercody.co.nz](http://www.undercovercody.co.nz). You can nominate any school to win and the sunshades are worth \$1000 each! The shades also look really cool as they have a large image of Undercover Cody on two sides.. There are two sunshades up for grabs so one school in the Waikato and one in the Bay of Plenty will get a brand new sunshade this Christmas.

### WAIKATO VOLLEYBALL

Will be having a one day kiwi volley tournament on the 13<sup>th</sup> of Dec at Te Rapa Sports Drome in Te Rapa, Hamilton. The tournament is going to be for all the primary and intermediate schools over the mighty Waikato. If you have any question about the event feel free to get hold of me. Timothy Kirk KiwiSport Waikato 027 497 8671

### ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL TWILIGHT GALA, FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

4pm-8pm, 88 Clarkin Rd Hamilton. Bouncy castles, rides, kids activities, craft stalls, food stall, cakes, sweets, drinks, candy floss and more!