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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 29th NOVEMBER, 2012

WEEK 7

Kia Ora

LEARNING PLANS HOME TOMORROW

Tomorrow we will be sending home, with the oldest or only child from each family, a Learning Plan for each student. The Learning Plans will also be available online from tomorrow afternoon. Included in the information pack being sent home will be instructions on how to log on to the site, as well as an information booklet explaining the **National Standards** contained in your Learning Plan. The work involved in developing these Learning Plans is immense and reflect our goal of developing a personalised plan for each student.

Much thought and consideration has gone into these plans. We have managed to include a lot more of each child's comments, parent's comments and goals, to ensure they have an increased sense of ownership of their Learning Plan.

We strongly advise that you:

- Please take the time to go through the Learning Plan with your child, discuss, celebrate and think about the next steps in the learning journey.
- Look especially at the "Where To Next" and "How We Can Help" sections and incorporate these into supporting learning at home.

END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, IT'S COMING!!

We really are at that busy end of year time at school. To help with the calendar I have included all the events below, hope it helps!

DATES COMING UP

Thurs 29 Nov	PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm
Fri 30 Nov	Library Books returned to school
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 5.45pm
Wed 12 Dec	End of year School Celebration 5.45pm – Reserve Date
Thurs 13 Dec	Students visit 2013 Classrooms
Fri 14 Dec	END OF TERM FOR 2012, School finishes @ 3.00pm

2013 ORGANISATION

In next week's newsletter I will be able to update everyone on the organisation for next year. Planning is well underway as we put together the jigsaw; we are delighted that all our teachers are in place for next year.

NEW TEACHERS VISIT TE TOTARA

Last week we were fortunate to have our new teachers for 2013 (*Angela Sweeny, Renee Dutton, Ryan Jordan and Alana Pulman*) here for a two day programme. They visited classrooms, went on a school tour, met with myself and other senior staff. They were great to work with and our children will be fortunate to have them with us!

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!

SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS RETURNED

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

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

If you ordered a book as a "gift" these are now ready to be collected from the office.

SCHOOL LIBRARY OPEN IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We are happy to confirm that our library will be open every Thursday in the school holidays from 1pm - 4pm.

We hope that by providing access to our library over the holidays our students will be encouraged to continue to read and will avoid the "summer slump". This is a loss in reading achievement that can occur over the summer if children stop reading.

In order to be able to issue books during the holidays students must have no outstanding invoices or overdue library books and must be returning to Te Totara next year. There will be a short permission slip to sign at the time of issuing, as we will be increasing our lending limits to a maximum of six books per student.

If you are staying in Hamilton we would love to see you. It might be a nice way to meet up with friends while the kids have a play on the playground and then take home some new books to read. On the first Thursday in the holidays (**20th December 2012**) we have even arranged for Espresso to Go to be outside the park on Borman Road from 1pm - 4pm. So you can pick up your coffee and then walk down to the school.

TE TOTARA SPORTS TEAM PHOTOS AVAILABLE TO VIEW IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE

All sports photos are now up on the noticeboard in the School Office. Order forms are available for you to complete beside the photos.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE CLOSED 13TH & 14TH DEC, 2012

We will need to close After School Care on the 13th and 14th of December as we are shifting Before & After School Care to the Matariki Hall.

The Holiday Programme will be run out of the Matariki Hall and Before & After School Care will be permanently run in Matariki from 2013.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Regards Anna Herbert

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME AT TE TOTARA

Please remember to get all Holiday Programme forms back to Anna Herbert by **Friday 7th December 2012**. Enrolment Forms can be found in the School Office, Matawhero 13 or e-mail Anna Herbert at afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz

AFTER SCHOOL CARE 2013

If you have not already done so, please get your Before & After School Care Enrolment Forms completed for 2013. Enrolment Forms can be found in the School Office, Matawhero 13 or e-mail Anna Herbert at afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz

LOST PROPERTY

Any property left at the school at the end of term i.e. clothing, shoes, socks etc will be on display in the foyer of the Matariki Hall on the following days:

Friday 30th November 2012

Friday 7th December 2012

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.

NAMING OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

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 can not 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. **TIP, Please use a black marker pen as ink pens do wear off after such a short time!**

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

Invoices were sent home earlier in the month, we would appreciate any outstanding invoices to be cleared by the end of term. You are welcome to

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pay through the School Office either by EFT-POS (sorry, no credit card), cash, cheque or internet banking. Our internet banking details are:

Te Totara Primary School
38-9006-0273959-00

Please indicate what the payment is for i.e. school donation, hockey fees, athletics etc..

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held tomorrow, **Friday 30th November, 2012 @ 2.15pm** and stars **Marama 20 and The Guitar Group. Everyone is welcome.**

ICAS results will be given out for:

English Friday 30th November, 2012

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 5.45pm – 8.00pm. Parents of our Year 6 students are requested to attend (*no siblings please, due to numbers*). **All Year 6 students are expected to attend this special evening.**

WEET-BIX TRYATHLON

We have registered Te Totara as a school group in next year's Weet-bix Kids TRYathlon to be held **Sunday 17th 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

FAIRFIELD CLUSTER ATHLETICS RESULTS

Year 4:

Teeshan Kottaiya 1st 50m
Mercy Obubode-Awosola 2nd 50m
Teeshan Kottaiya 2nd 100m
Mercy Obubode-Awosola 3rd 100m
Tumokai Kavamoungaone 3rd Long Jump
Teeshan Kottaiya 3rd Long Jump
Teeshan Kottaiya 1st High Jump
Hannah Finlayson 3rd High Jump
Teeshan Kottaiya 3rd Cricket Ball Throw
Tumokai Kavamoungaone 3rd Cricket Ball Throw
Teeshan Kottaiya 4th 800m
Reuben Lawrence 2nd = 800m
Girls 100m Relay 2nd

FAIRFIELD CLUSTER ATHLETICS RESULTS CON/T.

Year 5:

Reuben Bell 1st Long Jump
Reuben Bell 1st High Jump
Reuben Bell 2nd 50m
Reuben Bell 1st 100m
Mehar Wadwha 2nd 800m
Anna Rodgers & Mehar Wadwha 3rd= High Jump

Year 6:

Joshua Dinan 2nd Cricket Ball Throw
David Sue 3rd 100m
Jasmine Fountaine 3rd Long Jump
Ryan Trowern 3rd 800m

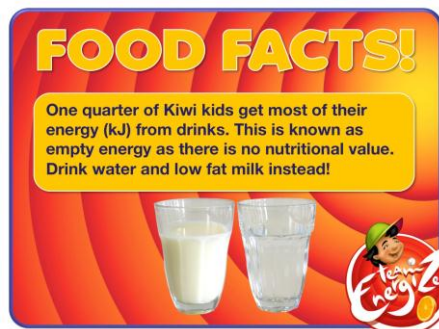
Well done to all of our athletes who competed on the day, they did themselves and the school proud.

VOLLEYBALL

Spikers Brooke Hunt
Volleys TBA

Brian Sheedy

Principal



RETURNING MONEY TO SCHOOL

Thanks to the PTA for organising different fundraisers throughout the year, they have all been very successful. When returning money to the school, particularly for PTA Events, please ensure:

- You have the correct amount of money required.
- Your money and order form are enclosed in a sealed envelope; a recycled envelope is fine (we have a supply of these at Reception).
- Please write on the outside of the envelope what the payment is for and your child's name.
- Place your sealed envelope in the PTA "Green Box" in Reception.

Your assistance with this matter would be appreciated.

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	Oliver Lee & Sahil Thanki
Minis	Riley Gerrand
Mystics	Pavel & Deacon
Terrors	Logan McKay & Ben Davidson
HOCKEY	
Ticks	Finn Walsh & Adam Baillie
TOUCH	
Chiefs	Harrison Pett
Gunns	Ashlee Gray & Ethan Gray
Rockets	TBA

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SAUSAGE SIZZLE

FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER, 2012

Last sausage sizzle of the year! Order Forms will be sent home today! All orders due back to school by **Wednesday 5th 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 e-mail tetotara.pta@gmail.com or contact Lisa Clay 0211 333 997

NEXT PTA MEETING 29TH 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 29th November 2012

Time: 7.30pm in the Te Totara School Staff Room

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISING

We still have **\$1300** 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

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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.

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.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL TWILIGHT GALA FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

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

SPEND STASH AND SAVE WORKSHOP

Run in conjunction with Judi Billcliffe from the Hamilton Budgeting Advisory Trust. It is aimed at families with children between 7 and 11 years old. Contact Lisa Pritchard Ph 838 6410 email lisa.pritchard@hcc.govt.nz or view website www.hamiltonlibraries.co.nz

TE RAPA PRIMARY SCHOOL AQUATIC & SPORTS CENTRE

Opens to the public Saturday 1st December 2012, Amenities Include: 25 metre pool, junior pool, picnic tables, etc. Contact Steve on steve@swimsupport.co.nz

LET'S HAVE A PARTY!!!

Saturday 8th December 2012, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm at the Municipal Pools for further details phone Megan Bourke, Sink or Swim Phone 021 02254617 www.facebook.com/SinkOrSwimHamilton <http://sinkorswimhamilton.wikispaces.com/>

THE BRIAN PERRY WAIKATO REGIONAL SPORTS AWARDS

Thursday 31st January 2013, Tickets available now from our reception. Ph 07 858 5388.

IT'S MY TURN TO COOK BOSCH SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

A fun, **FREE** one-day online cooking program on 20th December. No matter where you live, as long as you have the internet, we'll inspire YOUR kids in YOUR home using YOUR food! All details at www.ItsMyTurnToCook.com

EDVENTURE SUMMER CAMPS AND HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES.

From January 14th 2013 Edventure is running two full on weeks to keep the kids active and busy. We have a range of programmes and camps including activities like sailing, fishing, tramping, computer animation, rock bands, arts and camping. Check out our day programmes or our camp options at www.edventure.co.nz or call Mark 021 0224 1576

KELLY SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Southwell School, Bankwood School and Hamilton Girls High School.

For more information or to enrol online go to www.kellyclub.co.nz or contact Leonie Email waikato@kellysports.co.nz | Phone 07 839 9017