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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER, 2012

WEEK 8

Kia Ora

PHOTOLIFE SCHOOL PHOTOS

Friday 14th September, 2012

– Individual, Siblings and Class Photos

Wednesday 26th September, 2012

– Sports Teams photos

Monday 15th October, 2012

– 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.

SIBLING PHOTOS – FRIDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2012

Sibling Photos involving pre-schoolers/older siblings will be taken between 8.15am-9.00am on a **first come first served basis** on Friday 14th September. Sibling and individual photos will be taken in the Library.

SPORTS PHOTOS

We will be taking Sports photos on Wednesday 26th September, 2012 so if you were a Coach and/or Manager of one of our sports teams in 2012, we would love you to be part of our children's memories – so, pop this date in your diary. We'll be in touch shortly.

Photos are due to arrive back at the school next term.

MATHLETICS, TO HELP LEARNING

We decided at the beginning of the year to join the whole school for 2012 at a much discounted price of:

\$15.00 per student for 2012

(usual rate is \$99.00 per year, per student)

Teachers are encouraging their students with this interactive computer programme as it helps with important maths skills; you will also find teachers using it in their daily maths programmes.

We have been so impressed with how motivated the children have been producing excellent results. If you have not already paid for Mathletics, you are welcome to pay by internet banking, cash, cheque or EFT-POS via the School Office - **\$15.00 per student.**

Students have already been issued their User Log-in ID & Passwords by their classroom teacher - the Mathletics site is <http://www.mathletics.co.nz/>

If you have any queries on how Mathletics works, please don't hesitate to contact Paula Wine, Assistant Principal.

THE BUTTON BOX PRODUCTION TICKETS

Production tickets are selling fast so don't miss out!

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)

The money from ticket sales will go towards the costumes, lighting, sound, backdrops, etc. Please remember to bring your ticket to the performance, this will confirm you have purchased a seat.

NOTE: The number on your ticket is NOT your seat number. Seating is on a first come first served basis.

All students are required to attend each of the performances on:

Wednesday 19th September 1.30pm & 6.30pm

Thursday 20th September 1.30pm & 6.30pm

NOTE: For night performances children can arrive back at school by 6:00pm and go directly to their classroom where they will be supervised by their teacher.

MAIN CAST members will meet in the staff room by 5:45pm.

PRODUCTION HELP PLEASE

Could I please have some help with painting a large spring (something steam-like) design as a backdrop for our performance and any parents who have Make up that could be used to paint faces in a traditional Chinese style e.g. pale, white foundation or powder, bright red eye shadow, lipstick, dark eyeliner.

If you can help with these requests please see Mrs Shannon in Ra21. Many Thanks!

Also, Paula Wine is looking for black fabric/calico that could be used as a curtain in two doorways (approximately 1 m x 2 m, or slightly larger).

LOST PROPERTY

Any property left at the school will be on display outside the Matariki Hall on **Friday 7th 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.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

This will be available for the **FIRST** week of the school holidays.

Forms can be found in the After School Care class room (Matawhero 13) for parents who are interested to fill out and return by the end of **WEEK 9** This is to ensure we know the numbers to expect and can sort out staff and resources accordingly

DATES: 1st to 5th October 2012

TIME: 8:00am – 5:30pm

Contact Anna Herbert on 078530039 ext 813

afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz

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 \$19447.37 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.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 7th September, 2012 @ 2.15pm** and stars our **RA children**. Everyone is welcome.

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

9.30am Te Totara Strikers v Southwell Apollos
11.40am Te Totara Tigers v HCSC Unforgettables
12.10pm Te Totara Lightning v Horsham Down Titans

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 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

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Thurs 27 Sept Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6.30pm

Fri 28 Sept END OF TERM 3, 2012

Brian Sheedy

Principal



Half time food

To play as well as the **Black Sticks (NZ Hockey Team)** it's important at half time to drink water to keep your fluid levels up. If you have a really long or intense game you may need something to eat – a banana or orange are great options.

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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>



CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

The Executive committee will be presenting proposed amendments to the current PTA constitution at the next PTA meeting on 13 September. These are in regards to how subcommittees run and an addition to the finance section. These amendments to the constitution require a 2/3 majority vote of members present at the meeting.

To view these changes please refer to the Te Totara website and click on the 'PTA' link.



TE TOTARA PTA CONT...

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISING

Boxes of Cadbury chocolates are coming to you soon!

We will be delivering boxes of either Caramello, or DairyMilk, or Crunchie fundraising bars to each child (maximum of 2 boxes per family) on Friday 21 September for you to sell. These boxes generate excellent profit which is then put back into the school to help our children.

Help is required to deliver these on the day, which will probably be in the morning.

Any questions please email tetotara.pta@gmail.com, or contact Lisa Clay 021 1 333 997.

ATHLETICS DAY (THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER) SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Once again the PTA is doing a sausage sizzle for our kids and for you! We want this day to be an awesome family day for all.

If you are willing to help be part of the sub committee running the event and/or can help on the day, please email tetotara.pta@gmail.com.

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.

GIRLS ONLY HAMILTON HOLIDAY FUN FOOTBALL PROGRAM

Where: Rototuna Primary School, 1 & 2 October 2012

Contact: Zoe Toombs on 021 80 76 34 or

football@kiwisportwaikato.org.nz

2012 GIRLS SUMMER FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Another Girls Only Summer Football League similar to the 2011/12 league will run as follows:

Hamilton: Monday evenings from 4.50-7.10pm at Gower Park Hamilton. To register Please go to our website www.waibopfootball.co.nz

BARNARDOS WAIKATO

1st - 12th of October, Out of School Care and Recreation (OSCAR) Holiday Programme Recreation (OSCAR) Holiday Programme Phone: 07 847 1088 | Fax: 07 847 1087 | Email: Hannah.Gabbie@barnardos.org.nz

PARENTING THROUGH SEPARATION COURSE

If you have separated or are thinking of separating, this Ministry of Justice free four-hour programme helps you to help your child/ren through the process. The next course runs on the evenings of September 3 and 10. Courses run monthly. For more information please contact Jenni on 027 554 1320 or scanlon@slingshot.co.nz

EDVENTURE, SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Located at Hamilton West School (central Hamilton), run by teachers, for kiwi kids aged 8-13, OSCAR accredited and funding available.

Contact Mark Bridgermark@edventure.co.nz

www.edventure.co.nz, ph 02102241576

MARK COSSEY COACHING - HOLIDAY FOOTBALL

Inzone Indoor Sports Centre Sunshine Avenue, Te Rapa

Further enquiries or to register email

cosseycoaching@gmail.com

NZ INLINE HOCKEY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The event starts on Sept 29 and runs through until Oct 7 with games taking place all day from 9am until late. All

games are played indoors in the Skating rink on Dey Street, Hamilton East. Contact Krystyna Beardman

Ph 021845977, krys.beardman@xtra.co.nz

NZ DESPERATELY NEEDS MORE FOOD SAVVY KIDS

Our online cooking program is ideal. Three days on our program and your kids will become more food savvy.

Check out www.foodsavvykids.com for details. Juggle your life to join us Oct 2 - 4!

HABITAT'S LEGO BUILD CHALLENGE

Build homes out of LEGO with Habitat for Humanity, Contact Karlijn Nelissen email or call us on 07 849 0284.

Email: knelissen@habitat.org.nz

www.habitatcni.org.nz

GORDONTON COUNTRY MARKET

1st market this Saturday at Hukanui Park Gordonton. Over 70 stalls. 8.30 – 1pm. www.gordontonmarket.co.nz

KELLY SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Southwell School, Hamilton Girls High School, Bankwood School and Leamington School, Cambridge

Email Waikato@kellysports.co.nz

KELLY SPORTS RUGBY CLINIC

Coached by Waikato Rugby Union Academy Players At Southwell School

For more information contact Leonie at Kelly Sports

Email waikato@kellysports.co.nz | Phone 07 839 9017

Website www.kellysports.co.nz

CREATE, PAINT AND DISCOVER! JOIN OUR TEAM AT THE WAIKATO MUSEUM

Visit www.waikatomuseum.co.nz to find out more. Or call us on 8386606 between 10am and 4.30pm.

PRIMARY & INTERMEDIATE WAIKATO SCHOOLS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Waikato Tennis Centre, Dey St, Hamilton

25 & 30 October 2012, Contact Roslyn Brown

Ph/Fax: 07 856 8181

Website: www.tenniswaikatobays.co.nz