

Te Totara Primary School
PO Box 28134
Rototuna, Hamilton 3256

31 Hector Drive
Rototuna North, Hamilton 3210
Ph: (07) 853-0039
www.tetotara.school.nz
principal@tetotara.school.nz

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 21st FEBRUARY, 2013

WEEK 4

Kia Ora (Maori/NZ), **Hello** (English), **Bula** (Fijian), **Welkom** (South African), **Huān yíng** (Chinese-Mandarin)
Ayubowan, Vanakkam (Sri Lankan), **Namaste** (India), **Bem-vindos** (Brazil), **Marhaba** (Arabic), **Hallo** (Dutch), **Choum Reap Sour** (Cambodia), **Geiá sou** (Greek), **Mbote, Jambo** (Congolese)

STAFFING UPDATE

We have recently advertised teaching positions, which close this Thursday for:

- Three of our fantastic teachers having babies (Anna Pratt Milky Way 6, Emma Jordan Orion 8 Jemma Campbell Earth 17), they finish around the end of this term.
- Three teachers for roll growth to start new entrant's classes in the coming months

We have had a lot of interest and I have escorted over 50 potential applicants around the school on our weekly Tuesday tour. As soon as appointments are made we will let you know.

QUICK SURVEY TO HELP THE SCHOOL

Could you help shape the direction of the school? We would love you to click on the following link for a very brief survey.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/85YGZ3P>

This will help our planning and we will feed the results back to you. The survey will be open until Tuesday 26th February. We will be able to collate the information for the Board of Trustees meeting on 28th February.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

This year on 30th May, 2013 there are elections for a new Board of Trustees. Between now and then we will be bringing you information on this. You may be interested in knowing what it involves and a good way to find and see how they operate is to attend a Board meeting.

Our next meeting is next Thursday 28th February @ 6.30pm at school.

If you would like to know more then please follow the link below:

<http://www.trusteeelection.co.nz/trustee-elections/>

CAR PARK REMINDER

With our increasing roll numbers the car park is busy, both before and after school and the potential for an accident is greatly enhanced. To ensure everyone's safety we are implementing a few simple rules that we ask everyone to observe:

- **Children are to walk their bikes/scooters to the gate where the teacher will let them go across the crossing.**
- **Children are not permitted to walk across the car park without an adult.**
- **Cars are asked to give way to pedestrians on the crossing.**

With a few simple rules and smiles we'll all make sure our children are safe around school.

UNIFORM UPDATE

Last week we advertised for suppliers for school uniforms, we contacted companies who have expressed an interest and we also advertised in the Waikato Times to attract a wide pool of potential suppliers. We have put the request for Proposal for suppliers on our website, this is:

<http://www.tetotara.school.nz/3/pages/53-rfp-school-uniforms>

WEBSITE

Our website is regularly updated, with lots of new happenings, including photos. Click here to see the latest happenings...

<http://www.tetotara.school.nz/1/pages/38-latest-news>

MATHLETICS UPDATE

Please see our website for a further update on Mathletics underneath this week's newsletter heading. For those families who do not have e-mail and receive a hardcopy of the newsletter, the update is enclosed today. Any queries please contact Paula Wine.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

A book order was paid for last year but has not yet been collected. Unfortunately, the name on the order form was not completed so we do not know who it was for. If it is your book, please claim it from the School Office. If it is not claimed by Thursday 28th February 2013, it will be donated to the library.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held tomorrow, **Friday 22nd February, 2013 at 2.15pm in the Matariki Hall.** Everyone is welcome.

CASUAL BOOKINGS FOR BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

If you want to book your child in for Before or After School Care as a casual, you must give **at least 24 hours notice**, and booking your child in is subject to availability.

Please do not assume your child will be booked in as staff and food are organised at the beginning of each week so you must first check if there is a space for your child.

You can do this by text or phone (021) 570 277 or you can e-mail afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz Sometimes 24 hours notice cannot be given when certain circumstances arise, but you must still check for availability with Anna. Thanks.

RELIEVERS NEEDED FOR AFTER SCHOOL CARE

If you are interested please phone or text Anna Herbert on 021 570 277 or leave a message on (07)8530039 ext 859. You can also email afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz

VOLLEYBALL TEAM

For those students who have shown an interest in playing volleyball this term, a notice will come home today with further details. Please read and if you have any queries, please contact Mrs Wine.

SPORTS DRAW

TE TOTARA PLAYERS OF THE DAY

| | |
|----------|-------------------------------|
| Cricket | TBA |
| Terrors | Connor Duggan |
| Minis | Murray Myburgh |
| Mystics | Liam Gjaltema |
| Thunders | Dean Ralph & Ethan Myburgh |
| Midgets | Riley Binnie & Deacon Pennell |

DATES COMING UP

| | |
|---------------|---|
| Thu 21 Feb | PTA meeting @ 7.30pm in Staff Lounge |
| Thu 28 Feb | BOT meeting @ 6.30pm |
| Mon 18 March | ERO at school this week |
| Tues 26 March | Learning Plan Discussions 2pm-5.30pm |
| Wed 27 March | Learning Plan Discussions 2pm-7.00pm |
| Fri 29 March | School Closed - Good Friday |
| Mon 1 April | School Closed – Easter Monday |
| Tue 2 April | School Closed – Easter Tuesday |
| Thu 4 April | School's 5th Birthday Walkathon |
| Fri 5 April | Balloons over Waikato Visit Routine N/E Hearing & Vision Testing |
| Fri 19 April | School Closes for Term 1 @ 3.00pm |

Brian Sheedy

Principal

TE TOTARA PTA



NEXT MEETING DATE:

Tonight - Thursday 21st February, 2013

"Calling all parents – join us for our first PTA meeting of the year TONIGHT 21st Feb 7.30pm in the Staff Lounge. Get to meet a few other parents and be involved with some or all of the many and varied fundraising activities we have planned. To kick off the year some wine, cheese and crackers will be supplied too. *How good is that?*

ICE BLOCK FRIDAYS, REMINDER

Lemonade Popsicles will be available for sale at a cost of **\$1.50 each** outside the Matariki Hall after eating for learning has finished at 12.35pm. Children who would like to purchase an ice-block need to bring \$1.50 in a sealed plastic bag/container in their lunch box and after the bell rings at 12.35pm they will take their money over to Matariki Hall and purchase their ice block. Parents, please ensure your child has the correct amount as no change will be given. All proceeds will go towards fundraising for our children.

Parents – If you are available to help with the selling of the Ice Blocks on any of the Fridays (approx ½ hour of your time), please e-mail tracy.jessep@gmail.com or text Tracy on 021 755 385.

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISING - FRIDAY 8th MARCH

Boxes of Cadbury Variety chocolates are coming to you just in time for Easter. We will be delivering a box of 'variety' bars to each child on **Friday 8th March** for you to sell. These boxes consist of 30 bars & sell for **\$1.00 each bar** - choc fish, peppery chew, caramello chew, buzz bar, caramello eggs, crème eggs, & marshmallow bunnies.

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 in the morning. Any questions please email tetotara.pta@gmail.com or contact Lisa Clay 0211 333 997.

<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.

HAIRSPRAY THE MUSICAL

"You can't stop the beat! It's 1962, and pleasantly plump Baltimore teen Tracy Turnblad has only one desire: to dance on the popular Corny Collins Show. When her dream comes true, Tracy is transformed from social outcast to sudden star, but she must use her newfound power to vanquish the reigning Teen Queen, win the affections of heartthrob Link Larkin and integrate a TV network - all without denting her 'do! Don't miss HAIRSPRAY, Broadway's musical-comedy phenomenon that inspired a major motion picture and won eight 2003 Tony Awards, including Best Musical. As The New York Times says, "If life were everything it should be, it would be more like HAIRSPRAY. It's irresistible!"



HAMILTON NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Registrations are available online again this year visit www.hamiltonnorthfootball.org.nz for the link to register to play football/soccer for the 2013 season.

All enquiries to Nicole Mills secretary@hamiltonnorthfootball.org.nz or 0800 4 SOCCER

HELEN O'GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY

Classes encourage children from 5–17 years to develop
Ph Andrea 827 0526 or www.helenogrady.co.nz

SUBURBS JUNIOR RUGBY

All players welcome for 6th to 13th Grades
If you would like more info please contact
Mike Gregan, email suburbsrugby@vodafone.co.nz
Ph: [021 846063](tel:021846063)

HUKANUI ROTOTUNA FOOTBALL

Club Registrations are now open. Please go to www.hrhc.co.nz to register. Registrations close 16 March. Any queries please phone Karyn Walters on 8539988

INDIVIDUALISING LEARNING FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Twilight course (Tuesday 12th March, 7pm – 9pm)
Facilitator: Mike Scadden CEO of Brainsiems Ltd.
Please contact Sharon for more details: 07 838465 or sharons@waikato.ac.nz

AFTER SCHOOL NANNY REQUIRED

3pm to 5pm daily, four or five days per week. Children are 8 & 10 years old. We require someone who is firm and kind. Collection from the school is required and assistance with homework and evening meal preparation until Mum or Dad gets home.
Please contact Stephanie on [027 224 9150](tel:0272249150)

FETE FAIR FUNDRAISER FOR TIAGO PINHEIRO

Proceeds from the fete fair will go to support Tiago and his family beat Neuroblastoma Cancer Stage 4 diagnosed last month. Tiago is 2 and a half, and has been very brave with the treatments he received. He is a fighter and we want give him and his family all the support we can during this journey. Look for "Tiago's Story Pinheiro" on Facebook

When: 09/03/2013 – 8:30 to 1pm

Where: Gordonton Country Market – 3, Garfield Street, Gordonton

Theme: Old-fashioned sweets (like the sweets our nana used to make) and handmade crafts.

ST PAUL'S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

Open Day on the 2nd of March. Everyone is welcome. Any enquiries to info@stpauls.school.nz or phone 07 957 8899

DESTITUTE GOURMET COMING TO HORSHAM DOWNS

The Wonderful Sophie Gray, 21st March 2013, Ph 829 4998 or email office@hdcc.org.nz for further details.