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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER, 2012

WEEK 9

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

Students will need to look their best, so please ensure the correct school uniform is worn and is in a clean condition.

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

Sibling Photos involving pre-schoolers/older siblings will be taken between **8.15am-9.00am on a first come first served basis** in the Library, please queue outside the Library.

SPORTS PHOTOS

We will be taking Sports photos on Wednesday 26th September, 2012. 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.

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 Year 3-6 students are required to attend each of the performances on:

Wednesday 19th Sept at 1.30pm & 6.30pm

Thursday 20th Sept at 1.30pm & 6.30pm

*For night performances Year 3-6 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

Also, we are still looking for:

- * fiddle or violin
- * girl's flannelette pyjamas (with teddy bear print)
- * piece of brown shiny fabric (approx 1 m x 0.8 m)
- * STILL need buttons

Any of these items can be passed in to Paula Wine.

STAR STUDENTS

We are proud to announce and celebrate the success of two students from the Ra Team.

Ethan Hight placed 2nd in the ASB Spelling Bee (Year 5 category) that was held at Sacred Heart Girl's College on Saturday the 8th September. There were over 200 students from the greater Waikato region, from Taupo to the Coromandel, competing in this competition. He shone in a very challenging competition, we are so proud of him.

Trent Campbell a Positive YoungStar Award recipient. Trent was nominated and selected for consistently displaying respect, integrity, and resilience in all that he does. The Hamilton Press will be in to interview him earlier this December. Trent was chosen from over a large number of students within the Waikato. Other nominees were: **Jayde Stuthridge, Noah Davies, and Ben Grantham.** All students consistently show STAR qualities in all aspects of school life.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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

Enrolment Forms can be found in the After School Care classroom (Matawhero 13) for parents who are interested. Please complete this form and return to After School Care by tomorrow, **Friday 14th September, 2012.**

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 (07)853-0039 ext 813 or via e-mail afferschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz

Wed 26 Sept Sports Team Photos
Thurs 27 Sept Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6.30pm
Fri 28 Sept END OF TERM 3, 2012

Brian Sheedy

Principal

HEADLICE

Our Public Health Nurse has some excellent tips on treating Headlice. She has recommended a product called "NifEnz" which is a natural shampoo proven to be very effective in eradicating headlice. It can be purchased from the supermarket. She urges that directions **MUST** be followed and a test patch conducted before applying.

We suggest to all our families to check your child/ren's hair on a weekly basis and wash hats regularly.

I have included a link below from the Ministry of Education that may be useful.

<http://www.minedu.govt.nz/NZEducation/EducationPolicies/Schools/SchoolOperations/HealthAndSafety/HeadliceAndNitsGuideForSchoolCommunities.aspx>

Please note: Children who are not treated may be asked to go home until treated.

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 \$19,007.32 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 14th September, 2012 @ 2.15pm** and stars **Marama 4**. Everyone is welcome.

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
Fri 21 Sept PTA - Chocolates come home

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.

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.

NEXT PTA MEETING - TONIGHT

Thursday 13th September, 2012 @ 7.30pm in the Staff Lounge. Everyone is welcome.

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!

TE TOTARA PTA cont/d..



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 21st 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 in the morning.

Any questions please e-mail tetotara.pta@gmail.com or contact Lisa Clay 0211 333 997.

ATHLETICS DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER, 2012

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

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Te-Totara-Primary-School-PTA/30090011661692>



Visit www.hamiltonreap.co.nz or email admin@hamiltonreap.co.nz, Courses start 15th October 2012.

MISSING MGP SCOOTER

Left at school on Friday 7 Sept, lime green & black. Very sad little boy! Please ph or txt Lorraine Mackenzie 0272072090.



Waikato Bay of Plenty football is running a FREE girl's only football festival,

Monday 17th September, Discovery Park, Flagstaff

4pm till 5:30pm

No **Registration** required

Come join us in free, fun girls only football age 8-12 years

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.

NZ'S MOST INSPIRING TEACHERS

Warehouse Stationary is running a competition called "NZ's most Inspiring Teachers." There are \$30,000 worth of prizes, and one teacher wins a \$5,000 holiday, everyone that makes a nomination goes into the draw to win a Samsung Galaxy tablet worth \$559, plus the school receives 50 points for every nomination. Look at the website www.inspiringteachers.co.nz

FAMILY TIMES, NEW ZEALAND'S NUMBER ONE PARENTING PUBLICATION

A new issue out now which can be accessed online at www.familytimes.co.nz. It is packed with useful information for parents and caregivers, great ideas for the holidays and fun competitions for everyone"

ATTENTION TOUCH TEAM COORDINATORS

Please find attached the information for entry for term four, 2012. The information is on our website.

Contact Lynette Blair Waikato Touch Association

Mobile: 0274 519 160

Website: www.waikatotouch.co.nz

LEARN TO DRAW LIKE A PRO

Super small class sizes, qualified art teacher, in working artist's studio, Hukanui Rd Hamilton.

Visit www.allsmilez.com or email kim@allsmilez.com

LANGUAGE, MUSIC AND THE ARTS ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN

Children, come and join our amazing team and learn new skills after school.



Jolie Hopping Ph 021 117 9633 ♥ Email jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz

**I am now taking enrolments for Term 4, 2012.
Spaces are limited, so get in quick! Heaps of fun
and great for your child's confidence, co-
ordination and fitness!**

**I have spaces available in the following classes for
Term 4:**

- **3.45 Tuesday - Jitterjam Mini's** (unisex class ages 3 – 5½)
- **3.10 Wednesday - Jitterbugs** (girls aged 5½ - 10)
- **3.45 Wednesday - Jitterbugs Mini's** (girls aged 3 – 5½)
- **4.15 Wednesday – Jitterjam** (unisex class ages 5½ - 10)
- **3.10 Thursday - Jitterbugs Mini's** (girls aged 3 – 5½)
- **4.15 Thursday - Jitterbugs Mini's** (girls aged 3 – 5½)
- **4.45 Thursday - Jitterbugs** (girls aged 5½ - 10)

Details:

- Jitterjam classes consist of boxing style moves tailored for the boys, but the girls enjoy it just as much.
- Classes are held in the Marama Block at Te Totara Primary School.
- Cost \$65 one child, \$120 two children, \$180 three children
- At the end of the term the kids get to dance on stage in front of an audience and all receive a certificate.

To Enrol:

- To enrol or for any queries please email jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz or phone Jolie on (021) 117 9633