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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 18th April, 2013

WEEK 12

**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** (Congoese)

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Elections are coming up soon and this is a good chance to recap on the achievements of the current Board, which have included:

#### Student Achievement

- Ensured resourcing to achieve high standards in relation to the National Standards
- Ensured that all the Targets have been achieved in 2012 Annual plan

#### Teacher Funding

- Ensure adequate and clever use of the system to gain:
- Additional classroom teaching
- Supported Professional development for teachers through Teaching and Learning Wednesday and Tikanga Tuesday

#### ERO

- We are awaiting this report, the oral feedback was so positive and we will be able to share this very soon when available

#### School Charter & Audit

- Engaged the school and wider community in developing our charter
- Ensured that all statutory requirements were met i.e. Annual plans, Audit

#### Buildings

- Completed the Ra and Earth Buildings on time, under budget which allowed us to have the asphalt and two hills
- Negotiated with MOE for twelve months to have buildings that reflected our view of "building a permanent solution for a permanent school," able to secure \$3.35 million of funding
- These plans are close to being announced to cater for our school and growth

## TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

A Nomination Form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters on **15<sup>th</sup> April 2013**. Additional Nomination Forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on **16<sup>th</sup> May 2013** and may be accompanied by a signed candidate's statement (*up to 400 words*).

**A box to return your nomination form is located in the School Office.**

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school office and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidate's names as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on **30<sup>th</sup> May 2013**.

If you would like further information a good website is the School Trustees one, which has lots of information: [Becoming a Trustee](#)

#### Key Dates are:

Call for Nominations ( <i>Nomination Forms have been posted</i> )	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2013
Main Roll Closes	noon 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2013
Supplementary Roll Closes	noon 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2013
Nominations Close	noon 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2013
Voting Papers Issued ( <i>Voting Papers will be posted out</i> )	by 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2013
Voting Closes	noon 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2013
Votes counted & Results declared	5 <sup>th</sup> June 2013
Board take Office	6 <sup>th</sup> June 2013

### END OF TERM @ TE TOTARA

This is the last newsletter of a very busy term and I would like to thank everyone involved in the school for their efforts. We are indeed fortunate to have such a great school and we should be justifiably proud of our students, staff and community. I enjoy seeing all the smiles each day. Have a wonderful two week break.

### STAFF UPDATE

- We farewell Heather McCann (teacher in Matawhero 14) at the end of this term, she will be taking some time to look after her health. Heather is a foundation staff member and has done an amazing job during her time at Te Totara. We wish her all the very best for the future and hope to see her back at some stage in the future
- Congratulations to our teachers Ryan and Emma Jordan on the birth of their son late last night! Everyone is well!
- We welcome Megan Leitch, to replace Heather McCann, in Matawhero 14. Megan spent yesterday with us as part of her transition, which was helpful

## SWIMMING TERM 2

Over the last few weeks we have been busy liaising with Water World at Te Rapa over our swimming programme, some FAQ's below may help...

### Why do we go to Waterworld?

Swimming is a vital skill to learn in New Zealand and it is important that our children can swim. We have far too many drownings and NZ children are often around water, so swimming is an important skill. They have qualified instructors who can really help!

### How is it organised?

This year we are going by classes and the sessions will be for 40 minutes each day (longer than 20 minutes last year).

### Is it all about swimming?

Lots of it is about swimming, but also the experience of travelling to another place, going on a bus, relating to others and demonstrating those fantastic skills our children have.

### When they are at the pool there will be some down time waiting for the bus, what will happen?

Waterworld are providing their studio for us to use, this is an inside private room and teachers will have learning activities for everyone. Outdoor facilities are also available if needed.

### When does my child swim?

Session	Week 3 of Term 2 20-24 May	Week 4 27-31 May	Week 5 Tue 4-7 June (4 days) due to Queens Birthday	Week 6 10-14
9.30-10.10	Room 18	Room 23	Room 12	Room 6
10.15-10.55	Room 17	Room 24	Room 9	Room 5
11.05-11.45	Room 16	Room 22	Room 10	Room 4
11.50-12.30	Room 15	Room 21	Room 11	Room 3
1.00-1.40	Room 14	Room 20	Room 8	Room 2 +35/36
1.45-2.25	Room 13	Room 19	Room 7	Room 1 +35/36
Cost for each student	\$30	\$30	\$24	\$30

### What happens if my child goes to swimming club, will they be catered for?

Yes, please email their Swim School and level at that school, to:

[principal@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:principal@tetotara.school.nz) by Friday 10 May. I will pass this onto Waterworld and they will use this for their planning.

### The first session

The first session the Tutors will be using the information from parents on swim schools and also school information as well as their own, looking at the children to support groupings, so please don't be worried on the first day if your child comes home with concerns about groupings.

### What transport is being used to ensure that my child is safe?

We are hiring one bus (instead of two last year) to shuttle back and forth, with three return trips during the day. This is through Kidventure who are licensed to carry 63 children. We have checked with another school on the service and safety and had excellent feedback.

### What will the cost be?

- We have worked hard to get good bus pricing and pricing will be less than last year, it is \$6 a day, last year it was \$34
- For most Rooms the cost is \$30 a week....except for
- Rooms 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12 it will be \$24 due to Queens Birthday holiday. We have tried hard to get an extra day but can't due to previous bookings and the fact the school has taken more space than originally allocated due to extreme roll growth. Cost is adjusted for this

### I would like to see the programme in action, can I go?

Yes, but children are required to go by bus. Children are under the care of the school. Please don't purchase food or drinks at the shop for them, send food along in their bag.

### What about food for the children?

Just send along morning tea and lunch as usual and the teachers will make sure the children get to eat. With lots of energy being used you might like to pack a little more energy food so their batteries don't run out! Please do not send money to buy from the shop as we will not be allowing children to use this, we expect them to bring lots of food.

### What clothes should they wear?

Something warm, also, please **make sure clothing is named**. As you can imagine, lots of children and uniforms make it a challenge to get unnamed clothing to the right person.

A plastic bag for wet togs and towel helps. If your child has swimming goggles please send those as well.

### **My child has special needs, how will they be catered for.**

Paula Wine, our Assistant principal is contacting parents direct so that appropriate arrangements can be made to support.

### **My child is away for a day when they were due to swim, do I have to pay?**

We have had to pre book and pay for the Bus and Instructors so we really aren't in a position to assist.

### **I don't want my child to be involved in this?**

We do expect all our children to be involved as part of their learning.

### **I have a query who do I contact?**

Please email the Principal [principal@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:principal@tetotara.school.nz) with any queries. Class teachers are not involved in the organising this programme, it is done by the Principal. Teachers have been instructed to relay any concerns to the Principal so there is one point of contact.

### **THANKS PTA!**

Our School is so very grateful to the PTA and the families of Te Totara for the very kind donation from the PTA of \$ 6000 which will benefit all of our children.

We will be able to purchase:

- High Jump mats to help with Athletics
- Indoor games for the children to help them during those wet winter months
- Toys for our sandpits

We are also excited to partner with the PTA to make our dream of a teaching swimming pool a reality.

### **LEARNING PLAN PARENT COMMENT**

On the Learning Plan is a box titled "Parent Comment". This box gives parents and caregivers the opportunity to comment in a positive manner on the Learning Plan and reflect some goals for your child's learning.

A flyer about this is available from the School Office; it gives you an example of the types of comments which are suitable for this box.

### **HOW WILL MY PARENT COMMENT BE PUT INTO THE PLAN?**

- 1) **Type your comment as a separate word document and attach it to your e-mail.** It must be less than 500 characters in total (including punctuation and spaces).
- 2) In the subject line of your e-mail type – Parent Comment Attn: Deputy Principal
- 3) Send it to [dp@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:dp@tetotara.school.nz)

These comments will appear on the Learning Plans online. We will let you know when this has occurred. Thank you very much to those parents who have already sent in their comments.

### **SCHOOL UNIFORMS, ORDER WITH DIRECT GROUP**

Great news, most of our School Uniform garments are able to be ordered from Direct Group on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

Unfortunately, at this stage the white polo shirts are unable to be supplied, however we hope these will be available for Term 3 or even sooner.

Direct Group will be offering ordering online, in store or by telephone. They are located at 115 Ellis Street Frankton Hamilton, Ph 847 6664.

### **OUR JOURNEY ART COMPETITION**

Congratulations to the following students:

Marama 1	Anrika Beumer
Marama 2	Caitlyn Silcock
Milky Way 3	Alize Kavamoungaone
Milky Way 4	Ruby Spring
Milky Way 5	Paris Li
Milky Way 6	Libby McMillan
Orion 7	Ella Leeson
Orion 8	Hayley Forshaw
Orion 9	Bianca Pearson
Orion 10	Irene Chun
Orion 11	Alif Abdul Azim
Matawhero 12	Natasha Raza
Matawhero 13	Ava Smith
Matawhero 14	Maddison Evans
Matawhero 15	Noah Bremner
Earth 16	Mazoe Skinner
Earth 17	Mark Agluba
Earth 18	Liam Carpinter
Earth 19	Jade Goslett
Ra 20	Teeshan Kottaiya
Ra 21	Harrison Ingram-Puckey
Ra22	Hannah Finlayson
Ra 23	Reuben Bell
Ra24	Anna Serafeimidou

### **FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW**

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April @ 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall and stars our wonderful Kapa Haka Group, Our Music Group and our PTA.** Everyone is welcome.

### **TE TOTARA SPORTS**

Congratulations to the **Te Totara Setters** Volleyball Team who won 2nd place in the Kiwi Sport Volleyball Tournament. Well done to Imogen Slater, Emma Marsden, Sophie Wine, Mikaela Millwood, Mikaela Blaikie, Zack Hunt, Mia Carter and Anna Rogers. We are proud of you! Players of the day were Emma Marsden and Imogen Slater - well done!

Well done also to the **Te Totara Spikers** Volleyball Team who placed 4th in this tournament. Congratulations Catarina Gozzani, Lara Maniapoto, Amorette Pahl, Kendyll Blissett, Ellie Goldfinch, Nicci Lee, and Lara Skinner. Player of the day was Catarina Gozzani - well done!

## NEW SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Unfortunately our sport supplier has been unable to send us our new sports equipment before the end of term. This means all netball skirts will be given out to netball teams in week one of term two. Please do not worry, everyone will have their skirt before their first game. This also means our hockey teams are without hockey balls. We apologise for this and will get you your hockey balls as soon as we possibly can. Thank you for your patience.

## COLGATE CARTON RACE

The race is on and we need to collect as many Colgate carton boxes as possible. The more we collect the greater chance we have at winning sports gear. So start collecting, encourage your aunts and uncles, nanas and poppas, neighbours and who ever else you may think will help. WE NEED YOUR CARTONS! Bring the cartons into school and pop them into the big RED box in the office or Matariki. Goodluck!

There are still a number of sport shirts that have not been returned from our touch and cricket teams. Please bring your sport shirts to the office with your name and sport team clearly labeled on the bag. Thanks.

## DATES COMING UP

**Thurs 18 April** BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm  
**Fri 19 April** School Closes for Term 1 @ 3.00pm

**Tues 30 April** Main Roll Closes  
**Mon 6 May** Term 2 Begins at 8.55am  
**Tues 14 May** Supplementary Roll Closes  
**Thu 16 May** BOT Nominations Close at noon  
**Tues 21 May** Voting Papers posted  
**Thurs 30 May** Voting Closes at noon  
**Wed 5 June** Votes counted & results declared  
**Thurs 6 June** Board takes office

### TERM DATES FOR 2013

These can be found on our school website:  
[www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz) Just search for "Term Dates" in the search box.

**Brian Sheedy**  
 Principal

## TE TOTARA PTA

The PTA is excited to announce that from a resolution passed at our last meeting we will be donating \$6000 to the school to assist in the purchasing of some new high jump mats and equipment, indoor game activity sets and some more sand pit toys. We are also looking at how we can partner with the school and some grant opportunities to invest in a swimming pool which would be a huge win for Te Totara."

### ICEBLOCKS – THANK YOU

Ice Block Fridays has raised \$3198.77 this term. A big thank you to all parents who supported this fundraiser and special thanks to those parents who gave their time helping out on the Fridays.

### CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISING

All money is now OVERDUE. We still have **\$3200** outstanding, so please return your money or chocolates.

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 (\$30/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 questions please email at [tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com) or contact Lisa Clay 0211 333 997.

### ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS - \$60.00 EACH

Yes, that time of year has come already - here are some of the fantastic valuable offers in the book, Furnace, The Abbey, Cullens, Keystone plus so much more! Great news is that \$12.00 of each book sold goes straight to Te Totara School fundraising for new sports equipment. Purchase your new book now and use offers straight away. Simply pay for your 2013-2014 Book by contacting Kristy MacIntyre, Ph 021440016, [rignac@orcon.net.nz](mailto:rignac@orcon.net.nz) In mid-May Entertainment Books will be issued to the oldest child in each family, this is a fantastic fundraiser and great treat for the family. If you don't want one sent home please contact Kristy to opt out.

<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.

### 08002FIXIT FOR WINDSCREENS FORMS PARTNERSHIP WITH TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Totara Primary School is pleased to have formed a partnership with 08002fixit.

Anyone in the Waikato who mentions Te Totara School when getting their windscreen repairs, replacements, chip repairs etc will activate a 10% of the total of the account being donated to Te Totara Primary School. To find out how to attend to windscreen repairs please follow the link below...

<http://www.08002fixit.co.nz/specials/te-totara-fundraiser/>

### CREATIVE MINDS ART CLASSES

Creative Minds After School Art Classes are coming to our school for Term 2! Art classes run after school once per week for ages 5-12 years, with creative and knowledgeable art tutors. Registration is required. For more information and to register, please go to [www.creativeminds.co.nz](http://www.creativeminds.co.nz)

### FAMILY MATTERS HOMEBASED LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS SPACES AVAILABLE NOW

Contact Sarah for information on 855 1332, flick her an email [sarah@familymatters.co.nz](mailto:sarah@familymatters.co.nz), or check us out [www.familymatters.co.nz](http://www.familymatters.co.nz).

### IT'S MY TURN TO COOK TONIGHT BOSCH SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM APRIL 22 – 24

The It's My Turn To Cook Tonight Bosch School Holiday Program is FREE, ONLINE, FUN and unique with great prizes. Find out more [www.itsmyturntocooktonight.com](http://www.itsmyturntocooktonight.com).

### FAMILY TIMES

New Zealand's number one parenting publication can be accessed on line at [www.familytimes.co.nz](http://www.familytimes.co.nz) it is packed with wide ranging and topical editorial for parents and caregivers, national and local events, activities and entertainment, great ideas for the holidays and fun competitions for everyone.

### HEALTHY INSPIRATIONS

April special, get your FIRST 4 week FREE, see full advert in Reception, or on our Facebook page.

### RPS QUALITY HOMES

Visit our Show home this weekend only at 250 Borman Road, Hamilton. Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April from 1pm to 4pm. For more enquiries, please phone 07 854 1387

### CHIP HUMBLE, REAL ESTATE AGENT LUGTONS ROTOTUNA

Call Chip today for a free market appraisal or for any advice on any up and coming real estate requirements that you may have.

**A donation will be made back to our School with every completed house sale or purchase and all referrals that also leads to a successful sale or purchase.**

**FRESH PRODUCE**  
**GOURMET FOOD**

**HANDMADE**  
**FRESH GROUND COFFEE**

**LOCAL COMMUNITY**  
**DEVONSHIRE TEA**

**LIVE MUSIC**  
**FRESHLY BAKED**

**HOMEGROWN**  
**GIFTS**

**CRAFTS**  
PLAYBOY

**DESIGNER VARIETY**

**WWW.GORDONTONMARKET.CO.NZ**

**2ND SATURDAY**  
OF EVERY MONTH

**MARKET SATURDAY**  
8.30AM - 1.00PM

**Oaks Christian Centre**  
www.oaks.org.nz

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### PLAYGROUND MAGAZINE

Want to know what you can do with the kids these holidays? Playground provides information on holiday programmes and after school activities in your area. visit us at <http://playground.org.nz/> and visit the region you either live in or will be visiting. 4 great magazines with lots for you to do to keep the kids occupied. Happy holidays from the playground team.

**Jitterbugs**  
dance lessons

Jolie Hopping Ph 021 117 9633 Email [jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz)

I have a few spaces left for Term 2, 2013.

Spaces are limited, so get in quick! Heaps of fun and great for your child's confidence, co-ordination and fitness! Sessions for both boys and girls aged 3 – 10 held on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Te Totara Primary School. Cost: \$70. Any queries or to enrol please email or phone me.

### \*\*\*JITTER-FIT AEROBICS CLASS FOR ADULTS\*\*\*

45-50 minutes of aerobics (including some dance moves), along with muscle conditioning to help tone your bums, tums, thighs and also your upper body. A great way to burn calories, tone muscles, get fit and have fun at the same time! Cost \$70 for the term. Classes start Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2013 and are held in the Te Totara School Hall from 7.30pm – 8.20pm. Not many spaces left so get in quick to confirm a spot for Term 2.

### VIDEO EZY

These school holidays we are distributing the Video Ezy Holiday card from the shop. The card entitles you to one free G or PG rated Children or Family DVD for each day of the School Holidays. Please call in and let us know that you attend Te Totara Primary School and you'll be given a card to use during the April School Holidays. Happy Holidays ☺

### 8TH GRADE FOOTBALL PLAYERS WANTED

Hukanui Rototuna Football Club has limited spaces in our 8th grade teams. If you are turning 8 this year and want to play football. Please phone Karyn Walters on 8539988 to register.

**HOUSEKEEPER WANTED**

Can anyone recommend an excellent cleaner/home helper, please contact Deidre [\(07\) 8532237](tel:078532237).

**GREAT NEWS!!**

Insoll kindergarten now runs a school day session with vacancies available. Please visit us at 65 Halberg crescent or phone us on 8555740.

**PUKETE KINDERGARTEN – ENROLMENTS WELCOME**

We are currently seeking enrolments at our wonderful Kindergarten. Enrolments start at 2 yrs with an approximate starting age of 3 yr, subject to change. Please contact us via phone or email for any further queries. P: 07 849 3718 F: 07 849 3719 E: [pukete@kindergarten.org.nz](mailto:pukete@kindergarten.org.nz) W: [www.kindergarten.org.nz](http://www.kindergarten.org.nz)



**What is SNAP?**

Operation SNAP is a project run by the NZ Police and community partners designed to reduce burglary.

The SNAP website enables you to record serial numbers or identifying details of your goods online for four key purposes:

- To enable quick and easy retrieval of your stolen property by police
- To help Police catch and identify burglars
- To deter burglars from entering properties displaying a SNAP warning sticker
- To assist you in identifying your missing items and processing your burglary with the Police

**The bigger picture - the problem with the stolen goods trade...**

In New Zealand, the trade of stolen goods is

one of the main contributors to the buying and selling of illegal drugs - an important concern.

By reducing burglary and the trade of stolen goods by registering with SNAP, you will be protecting yourself against further theft as well as helping assist Police in the fight against the illegal drug industry.

**How do I sign up?**

To start registering household items' serial numbers, all you have to do, is register for a unique igovt login and you can start to enter your asset details online. Or if you already have an igovt login, you can use this to access SNAP and start registering assets.

Simply visit the SNAP website [www.snap.org.nz](http://www.snap.org.nz), click "Log On" on the home page and follow the instructions.

Display your SNAP sticker in a prominent place at home to deter burglars.



To get involved in SNAP, or learn more, visit [www.snap.org.nz](http://www.snap.org.nz)