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# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 9th May, 2013

WEEK 1

**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)

## EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE (ERO) REPORT

Recently we were visited by ERO, the Government organisation that looks at school performance. We are delighted with their findings.

ERO will next review the school in four-to-five years where it finds that the school's curriculum is consistently effective in promoting student learning – engagement, progress and achievement. According to ERO... "approximately 12 percent (of NZ schools) are on a four-to-five year return time when they can demonstrate exceptional performance."

Overall, the school will convincingly demonstrate that:

- learners experience a coherent and rich curriculum that provides them with relevant choices and pathways and supports their successful transition through schooling and on to further education and training
- learners are actively engaged in their learning, and are progressing and achieving well; and the progress of priority groups of learners is being accelerated
- Māori learners are actively engaged in their learning, progressing and achieving well and succeeding as Māori
- there is a well-sustained culture of high expectations for students and staff
- a school-wide culture of rigorous critical reflection and self review contributes effectively to sustaining the school's positive performance and continuous improvement
- leadership is highly effective and strategic, and is consistently improving student learning and achievement
- teaching consistently demonstrates high quality practices, makes very good use of student achievement information, and is highly effective in promoting outcomes for learners
- the school has taken all reasonable steps to provide a safe and inclusive environment
- governance is highly effective in self review, direction setting, decision-making and ensuring school accountabilities are met

- the school is highly effective in engaging the community in partnerships for learning and in the life of the school.

To see the unconfirmed report please follow the link. We will also have this on our website for viewing under [ERO review 2013](#)

## TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

Nominations close at noon on **16th 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 rolls are open for inspection at the school office and can be viewed during normal school hours.

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

Voting papers and return envelopes will be sent via mail on 21st May. Voting closes at noon on **30th May 2013**.

**Please note: Votes must be returned to the school in the envelope provided to be valid.**

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:

Main Roll Closed	noon 30th April 2013
Supplementary Roll Closes	noon 14th May 2013
Nominations Close	noon 16th May 2013
Voting Papers Issued	by 21st May 2013 (Voting Papers will be posted out to each eligible voter)
Voting Closes	noon 30th May 2013
Votes counted &	
Results declared	5th June 2013
Board take Office	6th June 2013

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS, ORDER WITH DIRECT GROUP

**Our current uniform colour is still the White Polo Shirt. The Red Polo Shirt is for our Sports Teams only. Please DO NOT order the Red Sports Polo at this stage, we will give parents plenty of notice when these will be required to be purchased for Sports Teams.**

Direct Group will be offering ordering online, in store or by telephone. They are located at 115 Ellis Street Frankton Hamilton, Ph 847-6664 or visit their website [www.shop.directgroup.co.nz](http://www.shop.directgroup.co.nz).

Orders can be placed now and in most cases Direct Group have the garments already in their store to purchase. With regard to the White Polo, which is unavailable to order at the moment, Direct Group can supply a white T-shirt embroidered with our school logo for \$14 each – these are available to purchase now. Once the correct uniform White Polo is in stock, these must be purchased and worn.

Direct Group is also offering a wonderful embroidery service for individually naming your Children's School Uniform. Items will cost \$5 each to embroider, please include this request on your online order form or ask while you are ordering the Uniform in their store.

**Access to Direct Group's website for online ordering will be available from Friday 10th May 2013. Please use the following log-in details: Log in = ttp and Password = uniform (all lowercase)**

## RELIEVERS NEEDED FOR AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Due to the increase in enrolments at After School Care we are requiring more staff. If you are interested, please contact Anna Herbert by text or phone 021 570 277 or leave a message on (07)853-0039 ext. 859. You can also e-mail Anna at [afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz)

## SWIMMING TERM 2

Over the last few weeks we have been busy liaising with Waterworld 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 e-mail 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, and ensure they are named.

### 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 e-mail 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.

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book Club orders are due back to the School Office by **9.15am Friday 17th May 2013. No late orders will be accepted.**

### FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 10th May @ 2.15pm in the Matariki Hall and stars our Orion 7 and Ra 23 Children.** Everyone is welcome.

### MUFTI DAY FUNDS

Thanks so much to everyone for their great contribution to our mufti day donations. We raised \$600 and will donate half to Te Totara's Rising Star, Regan Standing.

### DATES COMING UP

<b>Tues 14 May</b>	Supplementary Roll Closes
<b>Thu 16 May</b>	BOT Nominations Close at 12 noon
<b>Thu 16 May</b>	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
<b>Mon 20 May</b>	National Young Leaders Day - Rotorua
<b>Tues 21 May</b>	Voting Papers posted
<b>Tues 21 May</b>	Computer ICAS
<b>Thurs 30 May</b>	Voting Closes at 12 noon
<b>Thurs 30 May</b>	BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
<b>Mon 3 June</b>	Queen's Birthday Holiday – <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Wed 5 June</b>	Votes counted & results declared
<b>Wed 5 June</b>	Science ICAS
<b>Thurs 6 June</b>	Board takes office
<b>Fri 7 June</b>	Learning Plans go home
<b>Thurs 20 June</b>	Routine N/E Vision & Hearing Testing
<b>Thurs 27 June</b>	BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
<b>Fri 12 July</b>	<b>3.00pm - END OF TERM 2</b>

### 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



### NEXT MEETING

Thursday 16th May 7.30pm in staff lounge. This will involve planning for our Gala in Term 3 or 4.

### CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISING

All money is now OVERDUE. We still have **\$2200** outstanding, can you please return your money or chocolates a.s.a.p.

Any questions please e-mail at [tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com) or contact Lisa Clay 0211 333 997.

Congratulations to Anrika Beumer from Room 1 who was the winner of a pink camera.

Also congrats to Blake Finlayson and Ella McMillian who won family mini golf pass each, which were kindly donated by **Pro Drive Golf**.

### 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, [rigmac@orcon.net.nz](mailto:rigmac@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.

### CREATIVE MINDS ART CLASSES AT TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Creative Minds After School Art Classes will be offered beginning in Week 3 at our school for 8 weeks this term. Art classes run after school once per week for ages 5-12 years, with creative and knowledgeable art tutors. Registration is required and limited to 10 children. For more information about what the children will learn during this exciting opportunity and to register, please go to the Creative Minds website at: [www.creativeminds.co.nz](http://www.creativeminds.co.nz)

### THE WAIKATO SOCIETY OF POTTERS

Children's clay classes are available Wednesday afternoons from 3.30 – 5.30pm and Sunday mornings 10am – 12 noon. Classes start the week of May 22. Please

### FOUND

One cute pet guinea pig in the Thomas Rd area opposite Grosvenor Park. He/She has a black body, with ginger wide ginger stripe around his middle and a white stripe down his nose area. Phone 0210487028

### HORSHAM DOWNS BADMINTON CLUB

Opening night for juniors is this Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 6 to 10 year olds are from 6pm till 7.15pm 11 year olds to high school age are from 7.30pm till 9pm. The first night a person plays is free and rackets are provided. The membership fees are \$30 for the first member of a family and \$50 for two or more in one family. This covers both terms two and three. For further information please ring Adrianna on 829 9972 or Yvonne on 829 4846

### HOUSE BURGLARIES IN ROTOTUNA

Over the last few weeks, Police have noted an increase in house burglaries in this area. Police are taking active steps to prevent a continuation of these incidents, but we need your help.



Here's some things that you can do to help prevent being a victim to this -

- Ensure that your windows and door are locked at night and when your home is unoccupied
- If you have an alarm, make sure you set it and use it
- If you have security lights, make sure that they are working - especially at the back area of your property
- **Know your neighbours** - if you are going away, ask your neighbour to keep an eye on your place and report **ANY** suspicious behaviour - especially at night - by phoning Police on 111
- Watch for suspicious cars or persons in your street - especially in and around alleyways. Take their registration numbers or any identifiable features and report to Police by phoning 111
- Use initiatives such as "SNAP" ([www.snap.org.nz](http://www.snap.org.nz)) and "Selecta dna" (see your local BNZ bank) to record all your valuable items

Together we can prevent this spate of offending in our community and make our place a safe place.

**Waikato District Task Force**  
**Waikato Police**

### JAMIE OLIVER'S FOOD REVOLUTION DAY

Lets make Creamy Fish Pie or Cottage Pie. Oldies but goodies - the sort of comfort food every Kiwi kids needs to know how to make! If you have any space in your newsletter, it would be awesome if you could get your kids to join me on my website for some live action - [www.itsmyturntocooktonight.com](http://www.itsmyturntocooktonight.com) 17 May between 4 - 5pm!

### NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL IN NORTH-EAST HAMILTON

Whenever a new school is established, the minister of education appoints the first Board of Trustees under section 98 of the education Act 1989. Nominations close Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2013 for the establishment of Board of Trustees. For a nomination form please phone Gavin Sowry ph 858 7153 or Graeme Kitto ph 856 2767

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OF EVERY MONTH

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