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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 16th May, 2013

WEEK 2

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** (Congo/lese)

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – NEW START TIME OF 2.00PM

This will now start each Friday at 2.00pm aiming to finish around 2.45pm. We believe it is important to meet together as a school for as long as we are able given the growth of the school.

Matariki (our hall), is pretty full on Fridays and we are proud of our children. They are respectful by focusing and not conversing with their neighbour when presentations are being made. Well done Te Totara children!

Parents who come to assembly are able to check with the class teacher to see if it is alright to take their child slightly earlier. This will certainly help with the congestion that Friday seems to bring.

PARKING AT SCHOOL

We really appreciate people taking care around the school, our thanks.

We do have some motorists who do believe it is ok to park on footpaths, please refrain from this, they are there for people to walk on.

We know parking is a challenge and by the end of the year we are likely to have new car park design and hopefully a pedestrian access at the field end of the school to help.

Meanwhile, please take care and take time.

P.S. Have you thought of coming at 3.15pm to pick up your child, little traffic, quick pick-up, relaxing...

FACEBOOK

We are currently on 499 likes, one more to get to our 500 target. Maybe you could phone a friend and ask them to join?

LEARNING PLANS HOME – FRIDAY 7th JUNE

A Learning Plan for each student will be sent home on Friday 7th June 2013 with the oldest or only child from each family. However, if your child started at school in Term 2 this year you will not receive a Learning Plan yet.

The Learning Plans will also be available online after 3.00pm on Friday 7th June 2013. Included in the information pack being sent home with the

Learning Plan will be instructions on how to log-on to the site.

The work involved in developing these Learning Plans is immense and reflects our goal of developing a personalised plan for each student.

Much thought and consideration has gone into these plans. We have managed to include a lot more of each child's comments and goals, to ensure they have an increased sense of ownership of their Learning Plan.

We strongly advise that you:

- Go through the Learning Plan with your child
- Look especially at the "Where to Next" and "How We Can Help" sections and incorporate these into supporting learning at home.

CHANGE OF DETAILS/ADDRESS

Just a little reminder that if you have changed any of your details i.e. phone, address, e-mail etc; to please advise the School Office so we can update your records accordingly.

HEALTH WAIKATO HEARING & VISION TESTING

A Vision & Hearing Technician will be visiting our school on Thursday 20th June, 2013 to complete routine tests for those students who have missed their pre-school/prior school checks.

TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

Nominations have closed, a list of candidate's names are on display in the School Office along with an eligible voters roll. These can be viewed during normal school hours.

Voting papers and return envelopes will be sent to each eligible voter via mail on 21st May. Voting closes at on **Thursday 30th May 2013 at 12 noon.**

IMPORTANT ** IMPORTANT ** IMPORTANT
Individual voting papers must be returned separately to the school in the envelope provided to be valid (e.g. 1 voting paper per provided envelope).

Envelopes can be either posted to the school or dropped into the voting box located in the School Office.

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
<i>(Voting Papers will be posted out to each eligible voter)</i>	
Voting Closes	noon 30th May 2013
Votes counted &	
Results declared	5th June 2013
New Board take Office	6th June 2013

SCHOOL UNIFORMS, ORDER WITH DIRECT GROUP

Our school 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.

Access to Direct Group's website for online ordering is now available. Please use the following log-in details: Log in = ftp and Password = uniform (all lowercase)

SWIMMING AT WATERWORLD

Please find below a swimming timetable over the next few weeks.

Session Times:	WEEK 3 20-24 May	WEEK 4 27-31 May	WEEK 5 Tue 4-7 June (4 days) due to Queens B'day	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 per student	\$30	\$30	\$24	\$30

I have a query who do I contact?

Please e-mail the Principal 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.

SWIMMING PAYMENTS

Payments of **\$30.00 per student** (\$24.00 for those students swimming in week 5) can be made through the School Office either by EFT-POS, cash, cheque or internet banking. Internet banking details are: KiwiBank, Te Totara Primary School 38-9006-0273959-00

We would appreciate payment of swimming fees by - Friday 31st May 2013.

Thank you to those families who have already sent along their payment for swimming.

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

WHANAU MEETING

Whanau Korero and Kai

We would love to invite families interested in an evening Whanau Meeting to a meal and meeting on **Wednesday 29th May**.

Where: Te Totara School Staff Lounge

When: Wednesday 29th May

Time: 5.30pm – 7.00pm (we will eat at 6.00pm)

What to bring - a plate of food to share and your own drinks. Please bring your family. Children can enjoy dinner and then play on the playground (or in Matariki) while the adults chat. We will have a brief meeting after our meal.

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

On the home page of our website we have a community directory. All products and services listed in this directory come from people who are directly related to students/staff at our school. We aim to bring our community together and support one another. If you wish to add your product/service to this list contact michelles@tetotara.school.nz At \$10.00 (for 2013) and with almost 300 views so far this year, it is good value.

PAINT WANTED

As part of this term's Art Attack we are looking to paint some outdoor surfaces. If you have outdoor paint that you would like to donate please e-mail Paula Wine at ap@tetotara.school.nz Thanks!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

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

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 17th May @ 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall and stars our RA 21 Children**. Everyone is welcome.

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

HOCKEY

Tigers Izzy Herbert

Thunder Brooke Brown

DATES COMING UP

- Thu 16 May** PTA Meeting 7.30pm
Mon 20 May National Young Leaders Day – Rotorua
Mon 20 – Fri 24 May
Swimming - Rooms 18, 17, 16, 15, 14 & 13
Tues 21 May BOT Election Voting Papers posted
Tues 21 May Computer ICAS
Mon 27 – Fri 31 May
Swimming – Rms 23, 24, 22, 21, 20 & 19
Wed 29 May Whanau Meeting/Kai 5.30pm – 7.00pm
Thurs 30 May Voting Closes at **12 noon**
Thurs 30 May BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
Mon 3 June Queen's Birthday Holiday
– **SCHOOL CLOSED**
Tues 4 June – Fri 7 June
Swimming – Rooms 12, 9, 10, 11, 8 & 7
Tues 4 June Mobile Dental Unit at School
Wed 5 June Votes counted & results declared
Wed 5 June Science ICAS
Thurs 6 June New BOT takes office
Mon 10 – Fri 14 June
Swimming – Rooms 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 & 35/36
Fri 7 June Learning Plans go home
Thurs 20 June Routine N/E Vision & Hearing Testing
Thurs 27 June BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
Fri 12 July 3.00pm - **END OF TERM 2**

Brian Sheedy
Principal



TE TOTARA PTA



NEXT MEETING TONIGHT

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 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**.

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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:rigma@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.

ST PAUL'S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

The School is holding an **Open Day** on **Friday 24 May at 1.30pm**. The classrooms are open so that you can see the school in action and sit in on a lesson. All welcome. More information available at www.stpauls.school.nz

PIANO LESSONS

Judith Utting a registered and experienced Teacher has vacancies for piano students enquires ph 8555170

TELEPHONE INTERVIEWERS

DigiPoll is a Market Research company based at Ruakura Ag Research Centre in Hamilton. We currently have vacancies for Telephone Interviewers, on an as and when needed basis, to conduct market research over the telephone. No selling involved. Flexible 2 or 3 hour shifts.

Successful Applicants must:

- Have excellent communication skills
- Be a fluent reader and speaker of the English language
- Have a pleasant phone manner
- Be computer literate with good keyboard skills

PLEASE EMAIL: operations@digipoll.co.nz

FOR AN APPLICATION FORM

HAMILTON NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

We currently have a couple of spaces in our 10th grade Soccer team (year of birth 2003) Please contact secretary@hamiltonnorthfootball.org.nz if you would like to play soccer/football this year.

FAMILY MATTERS HOMEBASED LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS Spaces are available near school with qualified ECE Teachers NOW!

If you are looking for high quality homebased care and education for your precious babes...look no further. Contact Sarah for information on 855 1332, flick her an email sarah@familymatters.co.nz.