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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 30th May, 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** (Congoese)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Voting closed today at noon for our new Board, results are declared on 5th June with the Board taking office on the 6th June. The current Board has their last meeting at 6.30 pm this evening. I would like to thank them for their huge contributions to the school. They have worked tirelessly for our children, my thanks!

TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

Voting papers must have been received at school by **Thursday 30th May 2013 at 12 noon** to be valid.

Key Dates are:

Voting Closes noon 30th May 2013

Votes counted &

Results declared 5th June 2013

New Board take Office 6th June 2013

SCHOOL CLOSED MONDAY 3RD JUNE 2013 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Just a reminder that the school will be closed this coming Monday for this National Holiday. Have a wonderful family time!

SPORTS AT TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Last week we updated everyone on Codes of Behaviour. I was fortunate enough to see two of our hockey teams in action last weekend, what an absolute pleasure it was! Our children were encouraged, tried their best and were great models for our school. I was really impressed with the level of commitment and also positivity from the side-line. Well done to all!

SCHOOL GROWTH

Next Tuesday we are opening our 26th Class in Marama 35, with Jemma Shannon, our new teacher. Our school roll is 586 and we expect around another 70 children to join us this year.

We will shortly update everyone on our building plans which are very, very close to being signed off. This will cater for the growth during the remainder of the year and into the future. This will add another 10

rooms to our site. More details to come as soon as they are available.

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 late Term 1 or 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.

PARENT COMMENT ON THE LEARNING PLANS

You will notice on the last page of the Learning Plan is a new 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.

If you wish to take up this opportunity, then have a look at the hyperlink Parent Comment online or in the information booklet in the Learning Plan folder. This 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) Please forward your comment to Anne Fraser

dp@totara.school.nz

Please note that only comments received prior to **Tuesday 28th May 2013** will be printed on your child's Learning Plan, after this they will be on the online version.

LATE ARRIVALS

Have you ever arrived at a meeting late, everyone is settled in their chair, the presenter has welcomed them and is now outlining what the day has in store..... and as you walk in they all turn and look at you?

That is what it can be like for your child when they arrive late at school and their class is all settled. So please, we ask parents to ensure their children arrive at school with at least five minutes to spare, for them to organise themselves by hanging up their school bag and sorting their book bag independently.

SWIMMING AT WATERWORLD

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

Session Times:	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 23	Room 12	Room 6
10.15-10.55	Room 24	Room 9	Room 5
11.05-11.45	Room 22	Room 10	Room 4
11.50-12.30	Room 21	Room 11	Room 3
1.00-1.40	Room 20	Room 8	Room 2 +35/36
1.45-2.25	Room 19	Room 7	Room 1+35/36
\$ Cost per student	\$30	\$24	\$30

I have a query about swimming, 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.

DESPERATELY SEEKING A FOOD DEHYDRATOR

The Ra Team wants to borrow a food dehydrator for our topic 'The Making of Noodles! We are exploring what happens to food items when they are dehydrated and we will use this food in our noodle recipe. Please contact Mrs Kirkham in Ra 23 if you are to assist.

NETBALL SKIRTS AND NETBALL CLINIC

Netball skirts have arrived and been handed out to girls. If you have been away or haven't come to collect your netball skirt yet please see Miss Griffin in Matawhero 16 as soon as possible.

Year 5 and 6 netball girls have the opportunity to participate in a netball clinic on Wednesday lunch times. Notices went home on Tuesday this week. A reminder that if your daughter wants to be involved, notices must be back Friday 31st May. We need at least 8 girls confirmed to run the clinic.

COLGATE CARTONS

We have now collected 355 Colgate cartons. We need 550 to claim a prize. Keep collecting, we are nearly there. We have until the 17th June to reach that target!

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 31st May @ 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall and stars our Milky Way 3 children.** Everyone is welcome.

HEADLICE

We have had a few cases of Headlice in our School and enclose some information regarding the treatment for Headlice.

A product has been recommended to our School called "NitEnz" which is a natural shampoo proven to be very effective in eradicating headlice. It can be purchased from the supermarket. 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.

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

HOCKEY

Cheetahs	TBA
Lightening	Jayda Johnston
Tigers	Cam Hopping
Thunder	Isaac Lee

NETBALL

Comets	TBA
Ferns	Hannah Finlayson
Magic	Kelly Icke
Tigers	TBA

DATES COMING UP

Thurs 30 May BOT 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
Tues 25 June Life in the Zoo, PTA Evening
Thurs 27 June BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
Thurs 4 July PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm
Fri 12 July 3.00pm - END OF TERM 2

Mon 29 July TERM 3 BEGINS AT 8.55AM

Brian Sheedy
 Principal



TE TOTARA PTA

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 4th July 2013 in The Staff Lounge at School 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.



LIFE IN THE FAMILY ZOO PTA EVENING

Join the Te Totara Primary School PTA and the Queen of Fun, Lisa McKimm from Parenting Worx for a fun filled evening about Life in the Family Zoo.

Where: The Te Totara School Hall

When: Tuesday 25th June

What Time: Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start

Tickets cost \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. Includes a light supper.

Tickets are limited so get in quick. Email Kalena at finfamily@xtra.co.nz or text 027 201 5079.

See the School website for the flyer regarding this fun filled evening!

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISING

Chocolates, Chocolates, Chocolates...

This Friday after school the PTA will be selling the left over variety bars of chocolates for \$1 each.

I still have: Peppy chews! Caramel chews, chocolate fish, buzz bars, marshmallow bunnies, Crème eggs, & Caramello eggs.

Also we will be selling the blocks of chocolates from last year for \$2 each – Caramello, Crunchie, & Top Deck.

Dairy Milk selling for \$1 each as these have just passed their 'Best before' date.

Come and see us outside the hall this Friday 31st May.

A huge thank you to those of you who have returned your money. Unfortunately we still have \$900 outstanding and this is now well overdue.

There are still some fun activities we are planning for our children in the coming terms, but unfortunately families with outstanding payments won't be able to take part in these events.

Please return either the chocolates or money ASAP. Please email at tetotara.pta@gmail.com or contact Lisa Clay 0211 333 997 to discuss.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS - \$60.00 EACH

Entertainment Books - \$60 each

By now the eldest child would have taken home a 2013/14 entertainment book. Books or payment are due back by the end of the week. Each book sold \$12 goes back into the school. So please either bring your book back and place in the white bin at reception or payment of the book can be made by either cash, cheque or visa and put into the green PTA box. There are some amazing new offers in the book this year. If you wish to purchase extra's or have a query please contact Kristy MacIntyre on 021 440 016 or rignmac@orcon.net.nz.

PTA BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

Name: Te Totara Primary School PTA

Bank: SBS Bank

Account: 03-1355-0711498-00

(please ensure your child's name and class are used as a reference)

E-mail: tetotara.pta@gmail.com

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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.

House Cleaner required 1.5-2hrs per week, Phone
[0275238283](tel:0275238283) if interested.

BARNARDOS TE TOTARA RELIEVING TEACHERS

If you are interested in doing some casual relieving next door at Barnardos Te Totara Early Learning Centre and like to have lots of fun while you work, then we want to hear from you! Please give Daz a call on 8525759 or pop in today to find out more.

HOCKEY JUNIOR PACK OFFER

From Grant Bradburn Sports. See our School website under newsletters for the flyer to redeem this great offer.

LOOKING FOR A FUN PLAYGROUP FOR YOUR PRE-SCHOOL CHILD?

Chapel Hill Playgroup is a fun, warm environment where you and your little ones can play, socialise, learn and laugh.

Suitable for babies, pre-schoolers, parents and caregivers, the playgroup is well equipped with toys, ride-ons, craft activities, musical instruments, dress-ups, outdoor play and much more. Operates during primary school terms, 9am-12pm. We currently have spaces available on Tuesdays & Wednesdays. For more information, please contact Kelly on [07 854 1299](tel:078541299) during Playgroup hours.

WORLD HIP HOP CHAMPS 'THE PALACE DANCE STUDIO' HEAD TO HAMILTON...

Defend the Throne

Clarence Street Theatre, Saturday 1 June, 2013 7pm, \$10

Hamilton Polyswagg Workshop

Fairfield Park Hall (next to the skate park) Saturday 8 June, 2013 Class 1: 1pm- 2.15pm, Class 2: 2.15pm - 3.30pm

\$15 per class or \$20 for both! To register email

info@thepalacedancestudio.co.nz or visit

www.thepalacedancestudio.co.nz

RYDGES WELLINGTON, EARN YOUR SCHOOL FREE NIGHTS AT RYDGES

For every 5 rooms booked from our school parents during June and July, Rydges Wellington will offer our school a complimentary voucher for one nights accommodation and breakfast for two to assist our school with our fundraising.

Ph 04 499 8686 or website rydges.com/wellington

