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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2013

WEEK 7

**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** (Congolese), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese)

### TEACHERS AWAY

We have had quite a few Guest Teachers in the school lately. At this time of the year we are hit by illness, not only for children but also for teachers. In addition, teachers may be absent due to undertaking professional development. Although we do most of this "in house" in order to ensure teachers are not away from school, some courses are held in class time. In the past few weeks we have also had teachers being called upon Jury Service. In previous years I was able to ask that they be exempt, however this is no longer an option and teachers have to attend.

We do have a great pool of regular "Guest Teachers" who support the school and continue programmes for our children. Paula Wine, our Assistant Principal, schedules all of this and it can be a logistical challenge getting everything in place. If you see her coming to school a little later than usual it is because she has been busy getting everything organised!

My thanks go to our staff, and Guest Teachers who support the school and also, to our children who demonstrate those wonderful qualities of being respectful to our guests in the school.

### SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

With our roll just about at 600 children, we are no longer in a position to have all of our school at assembly. We are very keen to have as many of our children at assembly so from next week, we are rostering off a team each week.

- For Week 8, 28<sup>th</sup> June – Orion off
- For week 9, 5<sup>th</sup> July – Earth off
- For Week 10, 12<sup>th</sup> July – Ra off

### TE TOTARA'S GOT TALENT!!!

Do you have talent? Do you have STARS in your eyes? Can you sing, dance, do magic, play an instrument...then be sure to audition for this year's 'Te Totara's Got Talent' Show. Sign-up sheets will be available in your pod later this term and the actual talent show will take place in Term 3. For now, decide what your talent is or get organised with a group of your friends. Watch this space each week to find out more information about audition times. Good luck, and have fun! If you have any questions please see Mrs Wine.

## WHOLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2013

Children will run in **MUFTI**, preferably wearing an item of clothing (i.e. t-shirt or shorts) in their house colours and change into their school uniform once they have completed their race. *New children to our school will find out their house and colour within the next week.*

Year 5&6 children may arrive in their running gear and change into their uniform during the day.

The first group of races will start at 9:15am and finish at 10:30am. To avoid disappointment, we suggest you arrive at the start of this block at 9:15am.

8:55am	Roll taken Meet on courts and assemble in house teams for cheers
9:15am	Children return to teachers, first runners get organised
9:20am	Year 6 Girls
9:25am	Year 6 Boys
9:50am	Year 5 Girls
9:55am	Year 5 Boys

### 10.25am – 10.55am MORNING TEA

The second group of races will start at 11:00am and finish at approximately 12:30pm. Again, we suggest you arrive at the start of this block.

11:00am	Year 4 Girls
11:05am	Year 4 Boys
11:30am	Year 3 Girls
11:35am	Year 3 Boys
12:00pm	Year 2 Girls
12:05pm	Year 2 Boys

### LUNCH

The last group will start at 1:30pm and finish at approximately 2.00pm.

1:30pm	Milky Way Girls	Rooms 3, 4, 5, 6
1:35pm	Milky Way Boys	Rooms 3, 4, 5, 6
1:45pm	Marama Girls	Rooms 1, 2, 35, 36
1:50pm	Marama Boys	Rooms 1, 2, 35, 36

2:00pm Certificates written. Children back to classrooms, bags packed etc.

**2:20pm Whole school certificate presentation in the Matariki Hall (36 certificates)**

### URGENT URGENT URGENT

**We are looking for parent help as marshals on the day, if you are able to help for any of the times below, please advise the School Office.**

**9.00am-10.30am  
11.00am-12.30pm  
1.30pm-2.00pm**

**If the Cross Country is postponed we will do this by 8.00 a.m. This will be posted on our school facebook page and our website.**

**The postponement date is Thursday 11th July 2013.**

## TE TOTARA SCHOOL HOUSES

- There are four houses, all named in line with our STARS theme and space expeditions: **"Apollo, Challenger, Discovery & Mercury"**
- Children are placed in houses when they arrive at school. New Entrants with family members already at school will be placed in the same house.
- We will be able to use the houses for different school events and happenings i.e. Athletic Sports.
- Houses will provide our children with leadership responsibilities and provide good natured competition.
- There are colours for each house
- There will be a Lead Teacher looking after each house
- Students will be meeting in house groups before the School Cross Country.

House	Colour
Apollo	Yellow
Challenger	Blue
Discovery	Green
Mercury	Red

## FAMILY LIBRARY LENDING ON FRIDAY MORNINGS

Our library is switching its morning opening time from Tuesday to Friday mornings, from 8.30am - 9am. We are also offering the option of family lending. If parents would like to take out their own books we can issue **four** books to you in your own name. We hope that families will take advantage of the opportunity to take out books to read over the weekend.

## AFTER SCHOOL CARE STAFF NEEDED

Before and After School Care is in need of relief staff to work with our ever growing programme. Please contact Anna Herbert for more information 021 570 277 or e-mail [afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz)

## FIRST CREDIT UNION

Banking can be deposited in the Credit Union Drop Box in Reception and will be collected every Wednesday morning by First Credit Union. Passbooks will be returned and will go home with students the following day (Thursday). An application Pack can be collected from the School Office.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book Club orders are due back to the School Office by **9.15am Friday 21st June 2013 (tomorrow)**. **Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.** (If you have arranged to collect your order from the School Office, please collect it on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June)

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## ECO KIDS COLLECTING OLIVANI BUTTER CONTAINERS

Our Eco Kids are looking for Olivani 1 litre butter containers to help create our pathway at school. If you are able to help, please drop these off to Mrs Robertson Milky Way 5 before Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2013. Many thanks for your support!

## FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 21st June @ 2.00pm** in the Matariki Hall and stars our **Earth 19 children**. Everyone is welcome.

## SPARE CLOTHING AND TOWELS WANTED

As winter is upon us we are in extremely short supply of spare clothing for our children. Any donations of pre-washed boys/girls undergarments or school uniform would be gratefully received. We would also really appreciate any spare towels you may have, due to the wet weather lately we are using lots of towels in different areas of the school to keep our children clean and safe!

## TE TOTARA SPORTS

### PLAYER OF THE DAY

#### HOCKEY

**Cheetahs** Camryn Harker  
**Lightening** Sahil Thanki  
**Tigers** Arnav Kumar  
**Thunder** Ashleigh MacIntyre

#### NETBALL

**Comets** TBA  
**Ferns** Teeshan Kottaiya  
**Magic** Chloe MacIntyre  
**Tigers** TBA

## DATES COMING UP

### Tues 4 - Fri 28 June

Mobile Dental Unit at School  
**Thurs 20 June** Routine N/E Vision & Hearing Testing  
**Fri 21 June** Domino's Pizza Lunch, PTA  
**Tues 25 June** Life in the Zoo, PTA Evening  
**Thurs 27 June** BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm  
**Thurs 4 July** PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm  
**Thurs 4 July** School Cross Country  
**Fri 12 July** **3.00pm - END OF TERM 2**

### Mon 29 July TERM 3 BEGINS AT 8.55AM

**Wed 31 July** English ICAS Exam  
**Tues 13 Aug** Maths I Exam  
**Tues 27 Aug** Selected Yr 4-6 children to Fairfield Cluster Cross Country  
**Thurs 29 Aug** Postponement date for Fairfield Cluster Cross Country

**Brian Sheedy**  
Principal



## TE TOTARA PTA

### NEXT MEETING

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



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### 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 25<sup>th</sup> June 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](mailto:finfamily@xtra.co.nz) or text 027 201 5079.

**RSVP for this is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013 please!**

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

### DOMINOS PIZZA

In conjunction with Domino's Pizza, the PTA have organised a Pizza Lunch on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June** – orders have now closed. The pizzas will be delivered to each child's class at Eating for Learning 12.25pm – 12.35pm

Any queries or if you are available to help next Friday, please contact [tracy.jessep@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.jessep@gmail.com)

### 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](mailto: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.

### EDVENTURE HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Check out our range of new and exciting holiday programmes, including outdoor activities, ipad learning and animation classes, School of Rock, everyday programmes or week long programmes. We have a range of programmes to suit all children aged from 5-8 and 8-13. Check out our website for more details. [www.edventure.co.nz](http://www.edventure.co.nz) or text fun to 226.

### MARK COSSEY COACHING – JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

Inzone Indoor Sports Centre, Sunshine Avenue, Te Rapa  
\$30 per day or \$110 for 4 days (family discounts available) Ages 5-12  
Further enquiries or to register email: [cosseycoaching@gmail.com](mailto:cosseycoaching@gmail.com)

### NANNY AVAILABLE

Mature Nanny, experienced, former Nurse.  
Available for Part time or casual care of your child. Phone Lyn 854 5384

For a great night of fun, come to a Casino Night.

A fundraising event for the Eastern Suburbs Netball Club. For more information and tickets contact Tina Griffiths 027 236 2727 or Amie Kiely 021 303 628



### CHARTWELL SCOUTS JAMBOREE FUNDRAISER

### THE LOAN RANGER MOVIE NIGHT

@ LIDO CINEMA CENTREPLACE

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2013 @ 6.00pm (please arrive early)

\$20.00 Adults

\$15.00 Children (14yrs & under)

Ticket includes spot prizes and a free snack pack!

Purchase tickets through Marise at the School Office

### "A SPECIAL YOU WILL LOVE!

Do you need some up to date family portraits?  
Only \$90 for a half hour sitting; and you receive all photos on a disc!  
Receiving all photos on a disc means you can do what you like with them, print to your own size, email them, share them on facebook; and treasure them forever! Email Tyla Richards photography now! [tylaphotography@gmail.com](mailto:tylaphotography@gmail.com)"

### GRANT BRADBURN SPORTS

Cricket Coaching Clinic in Hamilton in the upcoming school holidays; contact the Team at Grant Bradburn Sports  
Waikato's Cricket & Hockey Specialists  
Ph. [07 838 0912](tel:078380912) or [www.gbsports.co.nz](http://www.gbsports.co.nz)



### FAIRFIELD SWIM CLUB

Interested in swimming? Join our novice, junior squads. Become a member of our club. Qualified coaches and quality training Contact Angela 0274633776 or [nickoang@hotmail.com](mailto:nickoang@hotmail.com)

### IT'S MY TURN TO COOK TONIGHT BOSCH SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM – JULY 15 – 17

The It's My Turn To Cook Tonight Bosch School Holiday Program is FREE, ONLINE, FUN and unique with great prizes. It is available ANYWHERE there is Internet coverage. This means no travelling, no pick ups or drop offs – kids get food savvy and learn to cook in their own home, using their food, cooking their dinner. Find out more [www.itsmyturntocooktonight.com](http://www.itsmyturntocooktonight.com).

## PLAYGROUND MAGAZINE

Stuck for ideas on what to 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/regions/> and view the magazine for your region you either live in or will be visiting. A small number of magazines are available from the school office. Happy holidays from the **Playground** team.

## HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

We have been notified by the Medical Officer of Health that there has been an increase in Hand, Foot & Mouth Disease (HFMD) reported in the Auckland region, and some cases are more severe than usual. This more severe form of the condition is caused by coxsackie virus A6 (CVA6). CVA6 has caused large outbreaks of more severe HFMD overseas, and, unusually for HFMD, may affect adults as well as children.

HFMD is a common, contagious childhood illness that is caused by a virus and is usually mild in children with symptoms including mild fever, painful red blisters on their tongue, mouth, palms of their hands and soles of their feet. The more severe cases may have a more extensive rash around the mouth, on legs, arms, buttocks and groin, and on hands and feet.

HFMD is spread by droplets from coughing or sneezing, or by contact with mucous, saliva, fluid from blisters or faeces of an infected person, or from contaminated surfaces. Transmission of HFMD can be reduced by maintaining good hygiene, including in particular handwashing with soap and drying hands thoroughly, and disinfection of surfaces in child care settings and homes with bleach. Bleach is the recommended disinfectant because other disinfectants (unless they are specifically indicated to kill enteroviruses or noroviruses) are not very effective against enteroviruses like coxsackie viruses.

Cases should not attend childcare, school or work until 24 hours after the fever has gone, and/or until the sores have dried up and no new sores are appearing.

Please advise families to see their doctor, and we would appreciate you letting me know if your preschool or school has more children than usual affected by this condition.

Ministry of Health information on HFMD:

<http://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/hand-foot-and-mouth-disease>

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**COUNTDOWN \$15 MEAL DEAL**

Hamilton Countdowns are joining with Energize to offer a \$15 family meal deal every week.

Check out the Energize display on entry.

If you miss the meal deal in store it'll be available through our Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/ProjectEnergize](http://www.facebook.com/ProjectEnergize)

**STEP 1: TAKE A FLIER**

**STEP 2: LOOK FOR THE ENERGIZE LOGO ON THE SHELVES**

**STEP 3: ENJOY YOUR HEALTHY HOME COOKED MEAL!**

Project Energize logo: A circular logo with a green border, a red center, and the word 'Energize' in white script. A green arrow points from the top right towards the center.

Logo for sport waikato: A stylized 'W' logo with the text 'sport waikato' and 'for kids and adults' below it.