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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 12th SEPTEMBER, 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), **Hola** (Spanish), **Annyeonghaseyo** (South Korea)

SCHOOL START AND FINISH TIMES

Just a reminder to everyone that school starts promptly at **8.55am** when the roll is taken.

We finish school each day at **3pm** with the only exception being Fridays after assembly. All other days teachers have been asked not to release their students until the 3pm bell goes. This allows for the satisfactory conclusion of the afternoon teaching programme, student tidy up routines and for staff to manage the school exit areas.

If a student needs to be picked up before 3pm, for any unusual events such as urgent appointments then parents are asked to sign through the office area, including the reason for an early pick up, prior to going to the classroom.

The conclusion of assembly on Fridays will be the only time when students will be released early to parents who have attended assembly.

Thank you for your assistance in ensuring we maximise learning programmes for your child.

OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2014

Each year our Board of Trustees looks to see if there are out-of-zone places available. To help with planning the Board need to know if families have moved out-of-zone and want to enrol a younger sibling in 2014 at Te Totara Primary School.

Enrolment Forms need to be with Anne Fraser by Monday 16th September 2013. You can either drop these off at the School Office or e-mail the Administration Manager at receptionist@tetotara.school.nz

In September, the Board will decide if places are available for out-of-zone enrolments for 2014.

CHANGE OF DETAILS – UPDATE THE SCHOOL

Just a little reminder that if you have changed any of your details i.e. phone, address, emergency contact details or if your family circumstances have altered and/or you have a valid Court Order in place (*please provide any copies of valid applicable Court Orders*); to **please** advise the School Office so we can update your records accordingly.

We encourage our families to check their contact details are correct through the parent portal at www.atschool.co.nz using the User ID and Passwords that were provided with your child/ren previous Learning Plan. If you have recently joined our school, you will be issued with User ID and Passwords with Learning Plans which are due home early in Term 4.

If you do not have access to a computer, you are welcome to check your details with the School Office on (07) 853-0039.

COURT ORDERS

If you have any queries around Court Orders, we have a Day-to-Day Care/Contact & Guardianship Policy in the Policies & Procedures folder held at the School Office or further information or advice, visit www.justice.govt.nz/family or contact a family lawyer or the nearest Family Court Office.

SPONSORSHIP OFFER

We recently got approached by VisTab. This company is providing a fully automated sign-in and sign out system for our pupils, staff, relieving teachers and casual visitors to the school. VisTab replaces the paper visitor books (at the front desk) and provides a real time, cloud based, touch screen procedure that is easy for all to use. In the event of an emergency or an evacuation the school immediately knows who has left the school since the roll call and who has come into the school at any one time. Information for authorised persons can be also accessed separately through a smart phone or laptop from the evacuation assembly point (or from anywhere in the world). The system comes at no cost to schools – as local business are sponsoring this system. Company's get to have their logo displayed on the front screen of the tablet for all to see. An average size School gets between 3000 -4500 hits per year.

[Watch this clip](#) go to the next step and enter your company.



FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 13th September 2013 @ 2.00pm** in the Matariki Hall and stars our **Marama 2** children. Everyone is welcome. This week **Matawhero** is rostered off assembly.

ICAS CERTIFICATES

ICAS Certificates for Credit, Distinction and High Distinction will be given out as follows:
Friday 13th September, Ra Writing ICAS.
Participation certificates will be given out at team assemblies.

ASB SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

Date: Saturday 14th September 2013

Venue: Sacred Heart Girls' College

Spectator entry by donation at the door

Time: 9am – 12pm – Year 5 & 6

We have four great spellers representing our school at this year's competition:

Year 6 - James-Hardy Rorimpandey and Tiana Mayo

Year 5 - Andrew Qiu and Nicci Lee.

We wish you the very best and know you will represent Te Totara Primary School with pride and courage.

CHEESECAKES AT SMITH AND MCKENZIE

Thank you to all of our families who supported us by voting for Te Totara Primary School. The actual votes for our Orange, Chocolate Macadamia Cheesecake were the 2nd highest in the competition! Way to go Te Totara! We are also very proud of Mr Mitchell for being our representative in the Cheesecake Eating Competition held Monday night. We received a cheque for \$136.00 from the cheesecake sold. Thanks again everyone!

NEW SCHOOL SUBMISSION DOCUMENTS

Please refer to our school website under the Newsletter Tab for information regarding the proposed new Hamilton North Intermediate/Secondary School to be opened in 2016.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book Club orders are due back to the School Office by **9.15am on Friday 13th September 2013**. **No late orders will be accepted.**

SCHOOL SPARE CLOTHES

We are really in need of some under garments for our spare clothing here at school. If you are happy to donate any clothing items, especially underwear, please drop them into the School Office. Thanks.

VOLLEYBALL TERM 4

Year 5-6 students who are interested in playing volleyball in Term 4 will be called next week to a lunch time meeting and given a letter to bring home requesting permission to play.

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

MINIBALL

Pistons Ben Leeson

DATES COMING UP

Tues 17 Sept Winter Sports Tournament

Te Totara Primary School

Mon 23 Sept Fairfield Intermediate Orientation Day – Year 6 students

Fri 27 Sept **3.00PM END OF TERM 3**

Mon 14 Oct **TERM 4 BEGINS**

Mon 14 Oct Photolife - Whole School Photo

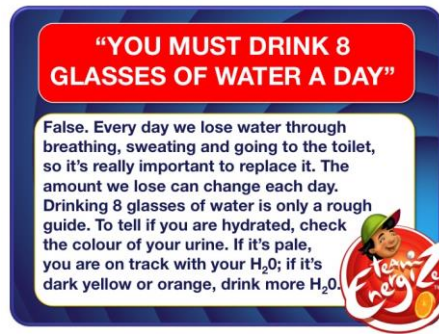
Wed 16 Oct Photolife - Team Photos

Wed 23 Oct Photolife - Class & Portrait Photos

Fri 1 Nov Te Totara Disco – details to follow

Anne Fraser

Acting Principal



TE TOTARA PTA



NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY 17th October 2013

In The Staff Lounge at School 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

PTA BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

Name: Te Totara Primary School PTA

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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2013 Te Totara Beach Party Disco

Congratulations to Ella Schaab for choosing this year's theme ☺

Date: Friday 1 November 2013

So come join the lifeguards, surfers, crabs, swimmers, Hawaiian dancers and everyone else at the beach party for a night of dancing.

More details to follow over the next couple of weeks.

If anyone can donate prizes for the night that would be fantastic. Anything accepted ☺. We are also still looking for more helpers on the night.

Any queries please email jolie.hopping@vodafone.co.nz

Thanks, your disco committee – Lisa, Jolie, Lorraine, Mel, Maria, Bryan, Katie, Jackie and Wendy



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.

THE BREEZE 400 WORDS COMPETITION

Win \$400 cash, books for your school, or a chance to hear your storey on the radio. Register now at www.thebreeze.co.nz

THE GORDONTON COUNTRY MARKET

The Gordonton Country Market is having their **1 year anniversary** on the **14th September**.

There will be tons of great stalls as per usual, and as a special treat there will be a super-charged bouncy castle for the kids (free to use!) set up safely next to the playground. **So bring the family along!**

They will also be passing around cake and a few free giveaways throughout the day so make sure you're there for the big event!!!

AUTISM NZ WAIKATO BRANCH

We are pleased to offer an outstanding Holiday Programme for children on the Autism Spectrum. The programme is facilitated by model professionals whom work alongside children with Autism on a daily basis in an educational setting. The Holiday Programme is a chance for the children to come along and have fun during the term holidays. For further information please contact the Waikato Branch on 07 849 2896 or email Adam on adam.connolly@autismnz.org.nz

PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Contact Waikato Tennis Centre, Roslyn Brown
Tennis Waikato-Bays Inc. Website
www.tenniswaikatobays.co.nz

CALLING ALL JUNIOR CHEFS!

Love watching cooking competitions, How about being in one? Submit your favourite healthy 30 minute recipe and win some prizes. To enter go to www.waikatohomeshow.co.nz

GYMNASTICS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

View www.hamcitygymsports.co.nz or Phone 07 8494 546 for more details.

JITTERBUGS DANCE LESSONS

Now taking names for the waitlist for Term 4 2013. Lessons for both boys (hip hop/boxing style) and girls (jazz style) held on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Te Totara Primary School (ages 3-10). Cost \$70. Limited spaces. Please email Jolie at jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz or phone 021 117 9633.

AEROBICS CLASS

For adults held at Te Totara Primary School on Monday nights at 7.30pm. Heaps of fun and a great workout. Now taking enrolments for Term 4 2013. Email Jolie at jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz for a free trial.

KIDZONE RUGBY PACK

First 500 kidzone tickets purchased, get a free kidzone pack. Tickets from www.ticketdirect.co.nz

ITS MY TURN TO COOK TONIGHT BOSCH HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

This programme is free, online and fun!
Find out more www.itsmyturntocooktonight.com

VOTE 1 RYAN HAMILTON

Continuing to provide excellence in health care access and services across the Waikato district encompassing city, town and rural areas is fundamental and must continue. A need to constantly look for efficiencies and innovations is paramount to ensure sound fiscal management now and for future generations. Ryan Hamilton appreciates your support and vote in helping him contribute to this great region.

Ryan@inspirehamilton.co.nz phone 027 278 8813

OKI DOKI \$5000 GIVEAWAY

Our company manufactures a very popular Snack Bar that is a favourite among school students and their parents alike because of the following reasons:

- * Made in the Netherlands - **European** quality
- * No artificial colours, flavours or any preservatives (only Natural Flavours and Colours!
- * Great taste
- * Great value

The bars are available at all leading supermarkets nationwide - Countdown, Pak N Save, New World etc.

They also get to nominate their school - and the school that has the most nominations at the end of the promotion WILL GET \$5,000 from us to put towards equipment or anything you wish. There's nothing you need to do - it's entirely over to the people who buy the product to nominate your school. We look forward to handing over the cheque just before the school year finishes - and welcome you to let your students, parents and staff alike know of this great prize that's up for grabs.