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# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## THURSDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2012

### WEEK 11

#### Kia Ora

The third term is traditionally one that has lots of illness. This year has seen some miserable sickness hit our school. Families and staff have done an amazing job in ensuring our children are well looked after in some challenging times. My thanks!

#### TERM 4, 2012

School begins for Term 4 on:

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2012 at 8.55am**

#### WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO

We will be taking a whole school photo on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2012**. Students will need to look their best, so please ensure the correct school uniform is worn and is in a clean condition.

#### THE BUTTON BOX

Our school production led by our Assistant Principal, Paula Wine, last week, was FANTASTIC. Big congratulations to our Year 3-6 students, parents and staff for supporting this event. The way in which everyone helped, supported and went out of their way was remarkable. Especially pleasing was the positive support by all that culminated in an amazing show.

It really does epitomise what our school is about and reinforces our school vision of "Growing and Learning Together"

#### NATIONAL STANDARDS INFORMATION

These have been in the media lately and from tomorrow will be available on the Ministry of Education website

<http://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/>

There are wide ranging views about this information as is often the case with education matters.

Our school has been careful to look not only at National Standards information, but lots of other data and feedback to continually look to improve.

We are delighted with our children's progress and attainment in academic and social growth, well done to our Te Totara STARS!

One important indicator we use is the smile barometer and it is so neat to see lots of these in our school!

#### PRE SCHOOL STUDENTS AT TE TOTARA

We really enjoy having our pre-school children visit our school, preparing them for their exciting times ahead at Te Totara. Some things to make their time at school enjoyable and to help with the smooth process are:

- We enjoy having pre-schoolers when they are well, when sick they can be irritable and spread those nasty bugs.
- Our youngest school members seem to really enjoy school events. When not fully focussed or wandering they can take the gloss off the event, so please take extra care and be aware of this.

#### TE TOTARA BUCKET SUN HATS

##### COMPULSORY – NEXT TERM & TERM 1, 2013

With the warmer weather approaching our thoughts are turning towards protection against the summer sun. From the beginning of Term 4, 2012 **ALL** children will need to wear their Te Totara Primary School Red Bucket Hat when outside. These can be purchased direct through EmbroidMe (07) 839-1980.

#### TERM DATES FOR 2013

Term 1	Tue 29 Jan - Fri 19 April
Term 2	Mon 6 May - Fri 12 July
Term 3	Mon 29 July - Fri 27 Sep
Term 4	Mon 14 Oct - Fri 13 Dec

#### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Term 1	Wed 6 Feb	<i>Waitangi Day</i>
	Fri 29 March	<i>Good Friday</i>
	Mon 1 April	<i>Easter Monday</i>
	Tue 2 April	<i>Easter Tuesday</i>
Term 2	Mon 3 June	<i>Queen's Birthday</i>
Term 4	Mon 28 Oct	<i>Labour Day</i>

#### NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our new website is coming! We will be switching over to our new site in the holidays. Whilst we expect that things will go smoothly, if you do encounter a problem with the site, it should be rectified within a few days.

The new website includes more photos of our children and the home page will be regularly updated with the latest news about happenings around our school.

#### NEWSFLASH – MATHLETICS IS COMING TO IPAD ON 9TH OCTOBER, 2012!

Mathletics is evolving... right into your hands. The multi award-winning e-learning platform is coming to iPad. Students will be taking Mathletics with them anywhere with the new (and incredibly good looking) app. For more information please email [ipad@3plearning.com](mailto:ipad@3plearning.com) . If you Tweet, remember to #ipadmathletics

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL FROM WEEK 2, TERM 4

Our school prides itself on the way it "reduces, reuses and recycles". In order to reduce the time and money it takes to provide each family with a paper copy of our newsletter, from **Week 2 next term**, we will e-mail you a link to our new website every Thursday using your **preferred e-mail address**. Click on the Quick Link on the right-hand side of the home page to view our newsletter. However, if you do not have an e-mail address or require a paper copy of the newsletter, please advise the School Office.

## THE BUTTON BOX SCHOOL PRODUCTION DVDs - \$10.00 EACH

Pre-paid orders for DVDs of The Button Box will be taken from **now** until the **end of this term**. There will be a separate Cast A DVD and Cast B DVD, you can place your orders at the School Office. The cost for each DVD is **\$10.00** and they will be ready for collection at the beginning of Term 4.

**SORRY, NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

## PRODUCTION PROPS

If you kindly donated props that you would like returned, please come by at your earliest convenience to collect from Paula Wine.

## CHEESECAKE FESTIVAL

Congratulations!!! Te Totara Primary School has won the 2012 Cheesecake Festival competition at Smith & McKenzie. Thank you to everyone who supported this competition by buying our cheesecake flavours and then voting for your favourite. The winning flavour was Snickers, Caramel and Almond and our prize is a \$500 book voucher. We are **delighted!**

## FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held tomorrow, **Friday 28th September, 2012 @ 2.15pm** and stars **Milky Way 6 and the Year 2 Dance Group**. Everyone is welcome.

**Computer ICAS certificates will be given out at tomorrow's assembly.**

## YEAR 6 ORIENTATION VISIT TO FAIRFIELD INTERMEDIATE

This will be on **Wednesday 31st October, 2012** at Fairfield Intermediate from 9.00am – 12.30pm. Your children will be involved in a number of activities with other students; parents are welcome, please make your own way to the School. The children will all need to travel by bus from Te Totara. If you haven't already done so, please complete the Enrolment Forms as soon as possible and deliver (or post) to Fairfield Intermediate School. **Enrolments close Friday 26th October, 2012.**

## OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

Invoices will be sent home shortly for outstanding payments of various activities:

Swimming	\$34.00 per student
Mathletics	\$15.00 per student
School Donation & Sports Fees	

**We currently have \$18609.77 of fees outstanding (includes Voluntary Donation). We would appreciate your urgent attention to payment of these invoices.** This can be made through the School Office either by EFT-POS (no credit card), cash, cheque or internet banking.

## NATIONAL BANK SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAMME

Due to limited staffing resources at The National Bank Chartwell, they have advised us they will be finishing their School Banking Partnership Programme at our school at the end of Term 3. Unfortunately, this now means our families will have to make alternative arrangements for their National Bank school banking.

Lincoln Davie, Mobile Mortgage Manager for The National Bank, still has fantastic home loan packages for families and friends of Te Totara School which includes no application fees, interest rate discounts and contributions towards legal fees. A generous donation of \$400 to Te Totara Primary School for each new home loan drawn down is offered along with a mobile service at your home. Phone Lincoln anytime on (07) 837- 8600.

We wish to thank our STAR bankers who have represented Te Totara School wonderfully:

**Well done to Ethan Hight, Harrison Pett and Haisong Lin.**

## FIRST CREDIT UNION SCHOOL BANKING

Banking can be deposited in the Credit Union Drop Box in the School Office 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.

## VOLLEYBALL MANAGER NEEDED

We have many Year 5 and 6 students who are keen to play volleyball in Term 4. Mrs Wine will coach the players at school, but we still need a manager to attend games on Mondays after school. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Wine at the school office, or e-mail at ap@tetotara.school.nz  
Thanks.

## DATES COMING UP

To keep up-to-date with school events coming up, please check the "School Calendar" on our website [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz)

Thurs 27 Sept Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6.30pm  
Fri 28 Sept END OF TERM 3, 2012

Mon 15 Oct TERM 4 STARTS AT 8.55am  
Mon 15 Oct Full School Photo  
Wed 31 Oct Fairfield Intermediate Orientation YR 6  
Thurs 15 Nov Athletics Day & PTA Sausage Sizzle

Brian Sheedy  
Principal

## NEXT PTA MEETING

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2012 @ 7.30pm in the Staff Lounge. Everyone is welcome.

## CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISING

We have had an awesome response to this, so thank you to all. If you do not wish to sell the chocolates please return the box, or part box & money, to the office by the end of term so others can sell over the school holidays. All money is due back by Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October (Week 1 of next term). Please return the collection envelope with correct money (bank transfer (**account 03-1355-0711498-00**), cash or cheque made out to 'Te Totara Primary School PTA')

For extra supplies during the holidays please email at: [tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com) or contact Lisa Clay 0211 333 997.

## ATHLETICS DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER, 2012

Once again the PTA is doing a Sausage Sizzle for our kids and for you!

We want this day to be an awesome family day for all. If you are willing to help be part of the subcommittee running the event and/or can help on the day, please e-mail [tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com) Order Forms will be home early next term.

## TE TOTARA COOKBOOK

The last of the Te Totara Cookbooks are available at the School Office at a reduced cost of **\$10.00** per book. Be in quick, makes a great gift for friends and family!

<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.

### ICE SKATING IN HAMILTON

A temporary ice rink has been established in **Garden Place OPEN this Saturday** until 22nd October, giving residents a chance to try their hand at ice skating. This will offer great family atmosphere but more importantly we would like to invite your school to bring your students for the opportunity to ice skate. Phone 0800 ICE WORLD for enquiries, or email [gareth@douglaswebber.co.nz](mailto:gareth@douglaswebber.co.nz)

### WAIKATO TOUCH ASSOCIATION

Free coaching skill sessions in the lead up to junior trials Encourage your players to attend Contact Lynette Blair Mobile: 0274 519 160 Fax: 07 858 5389 Website: [www.waikatotouch.co.nz](http://www.waikatotouch.co.nz)

### GET YOUR SKATES ON

Over the holidays there will be extra roller skating sessions on **Fridays from 10am to 12 noon** at the Hamilton Roller Skating Club rink on Melville Park. \$2 each plus \$2 skate hire, all welcome.

For information on our other public sessions or learn-to-skate class, contact Pearl on 07 847-4527.

### TOUCH COACHING AND REFEREE CLINIC

The coaching clinic will cover practical drills and skills, whilst the touch module referee course will give you the tools to enable you to referee a touch game confidently. This referee course would also be suitable for student lead games or tournaments that many schools have in term 4 and term 1. Register with Rachel Wikeepa 021 618 309, Email [rachelw@sportwaikato.org.nz](mailto:rachelw@sportwaikato.org.nz)

### HOLIDAY FUN WITH CLAY

The Waikato Society of Potters' annual Open Day – "Hot Wet Clay" Hamilton Community Arts Centre, cnr of Seddon and Ward Sts.

Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>, 10am – 3pm, Activities \$2 - \$5 Contact Ginny Lane email [ginny.lane@gmail.com](mailto:ginny.lane@gmail.com)

### LUGTON PARK TENNIS CLUB

Season starts soon.

New members and existing members are welcome to join our upcoming season.

Contact Desiree Smith on 027 3516574 or email to [desiree@rotokauri.schoolzone.net.nz](mailto:desiree@rotokauri.schoolzone.net.nz)

For more information/details visit [sportsground.co.nz/Lugton park](http://sportsground.co.nz/Lugton_park)

### SALES PERSON REQUIRED

The Christmas Heirloom Company is seeking to employ an experienced sales person for the HAMILTON store. The successful applicant will be well presented, enthusiastic, motivated. An artistic flair would be an advantage. Position is seasonal & weekend work is required. Phone 07 839 6209 to apply (Monday-Friday).

### PINK WALK AND PINK CHALLENGE

Pink walk and Pink challenge, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2012. For more information and to register please visit [www.pinkwalk.co.nz](http://www.pinkwalk.co.nz)

### FORMATION OF A LIONS CLUB IN NORTH HAMILTON (TE TOTARA)

It is proposed to form a family orientated Lions service club in the North Hamilton suburbs with the focal point being around Te Totara.

**This will be held at Te Totara Primary School on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2012 7.30pm in the Staff Lounge.**

Please come along, with no obligation and find out a little more about Lions. For more information see our community noticeboard or our School website under newsletters.



**Jitterbugs**  
Dance Lessons  
Jolie Hopping Ph 021 117 9633 Email [jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz)

### Still some sessions available.

To enrol or for any queries please email [jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz) or phone Jolie on (021) 117 9633