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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 26th SEPTEMBER, 2013

WEEK 9

**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), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese), **Hola** (Spanish), **Annyeonghaseyo** (South Korea)

### HEALTH CURRICULUM LEARNING

During Term 4 in your child's class we will be teaching the personal safety programme called "**Keeping Ourselves Safe**". In the Year 0-3 classes the unit is called "*Knowing What to Do*" and in the Year 4-6 classes it is titled "*Getting Help*".

**Keeping Ourselves Safe** has been designed to give children the skills to cope in situations involving abuse. It has three overall aims:

- To develop and strengthen children's skills to keep themselves safe with other people;
- To support and encourage abused children to get help from caring adults;
- To make teachers and parents more aware of the need to keep children safe from abuse by adults or other children.

The **Keeping Ourselves Safe** units will be taught by your child's teacher, with help from the local Police Education Officer as required.

To be successful, **Keeping Ourselves Safe** needs your help and support. Your child will have Home Activities to work on with you.

It is important that you participate as much as possible and talk to your child about what they have been learning. This will help reinforce the messages the school is giving, and help your child to use his or her new skills with confidence.

Please contact Anne Fraser at our school, Phone 853 0039 if you would like any more information about the programme or about child abuse.

Our Police Educator Adrienne Clarkin will be in the Staff Lounge on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2013 at 8.30am to answer any parent queries.

### PHOTOLIFE SCHOOL PHOTOS

**FULL SCHOOL PHOTO – Mon 14<sup>th</sup> October @ 10am**

**SPORTS TEAM PHOTOS – Wed 16<sup>th</sup> October**

**CLASS & PORTRAIT PHOTOS – Wed 23 October**

Each year we have school photos; these are deliberately done towards the end of the year so we can have as many of our students involved.

**Students will need to look their best, so please ensure the correct school uniform is worn and that it is in a clean condition.**

### SPORTS PHOTOS

We will be taking Sports photos on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013**. If you were a Coach and/or

Manager of one of our sports teams below in 2013, we would love you to be part of our children's memories. Below is an approximate timetable:

9.05	Cricket – Midgets
9.08	Hockey – Lightning
9.11	Cricket – Terrors
9.14	Hockey – Tigers
9.17	Netball – Stars
9.20	Touch – Rockets
9.23	Cricket – Minis
9.26	Touch – Gunns
9.29	Hockey – Cheetahs
9.31	Netball – Magics
9.34	Miniball – Pistons
9.37	Cricket – Mystics
9.40	Touch – Pacers
9.43	Volleyball
9.46	Hockey – Strikers
9.49	Netball – Ferns
9.52	Netball – Tigers
9.55	Cricket – Thunder
9.58	Hockey – Thunder
10.01	Netball – Comets
10.05	Librarians
10.10	School Leaders
10.15	Student Council
10.20	Kapa Haka

### ATHLETICS DAYS AT TE TOTARA

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2013 Yrs 0-2**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 Yrs 3-6**

Pop these dates in your diary, further information will follow early next term.

Postponement dates are at the end of our newsletter in the dates coming up.

### GET IN QUICK! HAMILTON NORTH LIONS CLUB T PARTY TICKETS

**Grab your friends, Tickets on sale one more day, this Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September outside the Te Totara School Hall.**

**8-9am and 2.30-3.30pm Last day of Term 3**

Last chance to get tickets before the holidays!

Ring or text Tracey Gurnick on 021 514 101 for tickets and payment details.

Online banking now available.

Be part of a great night out and support the school in raising funds for the new Rototuna Community Pool. **Only a few tables left.....**

## 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 also be 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 businesses are asked to sponsor this system. Sponsors 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.

## HAMILTON'S POSITIVE YOUNG STAR AWARD

We are really proud to announce Noah Davies has been awarded the Hamilton's Positive Young Star Award. He was nominated for the level of respect and kindness he shows others, his integrity, his caring nature, his honesty and helpfulness and for his resilience – he is a real role model. Noah's photo, along with his teacher Mrs Stewart, will be in the Hamilton Press in the near future. We are really proud of you Noah and believe you will continue to shine ever so brightly.

## YEAR 6 LEAVERS – DESTINATION SCHOOL

Many of our Year 6 families have already enrolled at an Intermediate School for 2014 and have received confirmation of acceptance.

It would be appreciated if you could advise the School Office of your decision on Ph: 853-0039. As you can imagine, these schools have a huge amount of applications to process and are keen to receive applications in advance.

If you haven't made a decision as yet, please also let the school office know.

## TE TOTARA BUCKET SUN HATS

### COMPULSORY – TERM 4 2013 & TERM 1, 2014

With the warmer weather approaching our thoughts are turning towards protection against the summer sun. From the beginning of Term 4, 2013

**ALL** children will need to wear their Te Totara Primary School Red Bucket Hat when outside.

These can be purchased through our uniform supplier - Direct Group (07) 847-6664.

## UNIFORM WHITE POLO SHIRTS

Direct Group will have these available for purchase online or in store on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

## FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2013 @ 2.00pm** in the Matariki Hall and stars our **Orion 9** children and Mrs Newrick's recorder group. Everyone is welcome.

This week **Milky Way** is rostered off assembly.

## ENGLISH ICAS

Certificates for Credit, Distinction and High Distinction will be given put at Week 1, Term 4 full school assembly, to be held 2.0pm Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

## LOST PROPERTY YELLOW BOX

Please check the lost property box outside the Earth block at the end of term for any items you may be missing. Items will not be on display at the end of this term as they can all be located in the big yellow box from now on.

## SPORTS GEAR

If any coaches or managers still have sports gear, trophies or folders, please return to the teacher in charge of your sport by the end of the term.

## SPORTS UNIFORMS

If your child was lent a sports uniform during Terms 2 and 3, please keep a hold of these until sports photos. We will collect them in, the day after their photo.

## SPORTS PAYMENTS

If your child has played in a sports team this year please make sure that you pay now. There are many outstanding fees that need to be paid please.

## JUNIOR SOFTBALL TERM 4

Students who are interested in playing junior softball in Term 4 will be called the first week of next term to a lunch time meeting and given a letter to bring home requesting permission to play.

## CHECK OUT THE NEW ZEALAND'S MOST INSPIRING TEACHER COMPETITION

Our own Nominee, Helena Kirkham nominated by Ryan Broome-Cole. More details at the end of this newsletter.

## DATES COMING UP

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

**Mon 14 Oct**      **TERM 4 BEGINS @ 8.55am**

**Mon 14 Oct**      Photolife - Whole School Photo 10am

**Wed 16 Oct**      Photolife - Team Photos

**Wed 23 Oct**      Photolife - Class & Portrait Photos

**Thurs 31 Oct** Athletics Yrs 0-2  
**Tues 5 Nov** Athletics Yrs 0-2 Postponement Date  
**Thurs 7 Nov** Athletics Yrs 3-6  
**Thurs 11 Nov** Athletics Yrs 3-6 Postponement Date  
**Fri 1 Nov** Te Totara Disco – details to follow  
**Fri 13 Dec** **END OF TERM 4 @ 3.00PM**

**Anne Fraser**  
 Acting Principal

**"I CAN'T BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE BECAUSE IT'S EXPENSIVE"**

False. There are heaps of ways for you to be active without having to pay a cent. Try a few of these ideas:

- Go bush walking or running around the park
- Try scootering, skateboarding and biking
- Enjoy walking the dog and playing games with your family



## TE TOTARA PTA



### NEXT MEETING

**THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com)  
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Te-Totara-Primary-School-PTA/30090011661692>

### 2013 TE TOTARA BEACH PARTY DISCO

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

**Date:** Friday 1 November 2013

**Time:** Year 0 – 2 5.00pm – 6.30pm  
 Year 3 – 6 6.45pm – 8.15pm

**Cost:** \$2.00 to be paid on entry  
 Please try and have the correct change

**Where:** Te Totara School Matariki Hall

**Other:** There will be flashing lights, food and drinks to purchase on the night.

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

**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](mailto: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.

### NETBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

#### VENUE

Te Rapa School  
 Netball Courts

#### DATES

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October  
 Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

#### AGE/TIME

Years 3,4,5 – 10am till 12pm  
 Years 6,7,8 – 12:30pm till 2:30pm

#### BRING

Shoes, drink bottle, snack & a great attitude ☺

Contact Aroha Crombie at [netball@kiwisportwaikato.org.nz](mailto:netball@kiwisportwaikato.org.nz)

**North Hamilton Lions Club**  
 invite you to a night of fun and frivolity...





## Quiz & Auction Night

Come dressed as a 'T'... who will you be?

**Sat 19 Oct 2013, Te Totara School Hall**  
 Fundraising for the Rototuna Community Pool

Doors open 6.30pm, quiz starts 7.30pm  
 Live Band and Celebrity MC  
 Prizes for Best-dressed Team and Individual  
 Spot prizes and prizes to be auctioned

**TICKETS ON SALE**  
 Mon 23rd Sept  
 Tues 24th Sept  
 8AM-9.30AM AND  
 5PM-7PM, Te Totara  
 School Hall

DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE • SUPPER PROVIDED • EFTPOS  
 TABLES OF 8: \$200 OR \$60 FOR A COUPLE  
 Couples placed with others to make up tables of 8.  
 Internet Banking for tickets available – ph Tracey Gurnick 021 514 101 for details.

### SPCA FAMILY DAY 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

The Waikato SPCA is a non-profit Animal Welfare organisation dedicated to helping the sick, injured, abandoned, abused and neglected animals in the Waikato region. We cover a very large area which means we see a lot of animal coming through our doors continually. On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding a family fun day at the shelter to create awareness and help gain resources for the impending kitten season and continual influx of young puppies in to our care. The 'Big Baby Shower Bonanza' will be lots of fun with activities for children of all ages! We hope



that you will display the attached poster at your school to increase awareness and ask you to consider placing a small notice in your next newsletter about this event. Should you require further information or for any queries, feel free to contact me. Regards, Jess Woodcock Small Animal Unit Team Leader Waikato SPCA 219 Ellis Street, Frankton, Hamilton Phone [\(07\)847 4868](tel:078474868)

### **BADMINTON OCTOBER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME WAIKATO BADMINTON STADIUM**

- Intermediate & Secondary School age (\$25 per day)  
Tuesdays & Thursdays both weeks from 9am-3pm
  - Primary School age (\$15 per day)  
Wednesdays both weeks from 9am-12pm
- To register email [events@waikatobadminton.co.nz](mailto:events@waikatobadminton.co.nz) or phone TJ on [021 464 229](tel:021464229)

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz) for a free trial.

### **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CASUAL CARE**

If you are looking for some casual care for the school holidays, contact Rita on 021 0512 949 or email [ritadeacon@hotmail.com](mailto:ritadeacon@hotmail.com).

### **NEW ZEALAND'S MOST INSPIRING TEACHERS CATEGORY : PRIMARY SCHOOL (YEAR 1-8) NOMINATION: MRS HELENA KIRKHAM**

I am privileged to nominate my teacher, Helena Kirkham, to be New Zealand's Most Inspiring Teacher. Mrs Kirkham is in charge of the Ra Team at Te Totara Primary School in Hamilton and she is passionate about all her students. When faced with a road block, she makes us believe in ourselves and gives us the tools to think about different strategies to solve any problem.



Mrs Kirkham is an inspiration to all the year 5 and 6 students, and she radiates enthusiasm in everything that we do. She is always there to help and if there's something that we don't understand, then she's only too willing to take the time to explain the problem to us.

Her students come first above everything, and she is so proud of all our achievements whether they are in the classroom or out of school.

What makes Mrs Kirkham the best teacher in the school is that she believes in us 100% and treats us with the utmost respect at all times. The whole school loves Mrs Kirkham to bits and we are especially proud to have her as our teacher.

Mrs Kirkham makes learning exciting by introducing different strategies and concepts, so that we understand what is required of us. We are currently learning economics and learning the difference between buying and selling. We have had a lot of fun with paper money and will be moving onto budgeting soon.

Mrs Kirkham oozes motivation and the reason that she never had a day off is because we matter to her. She is dedicated to our learning and creates amazing resources in the classroom to help us grow. We love going to school, so that we can learn something that we didn't know before.

The school's vision is broken down into five key STARS:

**S** - Smart Decisions

**T** - Trying our best

**A** - Always Learning

**R** - Respectful

**S** - Self Managing

Through structured learning, Mrs Kirkham has given us the confidence to make the right decisions at school. Thank you Mrs Kirkham.

I cannot speak highly enough of Mrs Kirkham – she is an amazing teacher and a friend to all the students at Te Totara Primary School.

Ryan Broome-Cole  
Room 23