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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 31st OCTOBER, 2013

WEEK 3

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

HURRY HURRY HURRY!

2013 Year Book Orders & Payment

Get in quick for the 2013 year book which will be fantastic as usual!

Orders close Monday 4 November 2013

Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.

Year books will be handed out in the last week of this term. Full payment is required at the time of ordering. **Get in quick or you will miss out!**

ATHLETICS DAY – YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ONLY

THURSDAY 7th NOVEMBER

POSTPONEMENT DATE TUESDAY 12th NOVEMBER

Time	LJ 1 – Boys LJ 2 – Girls	CRICKET BALL THROW by Milkyway	SPRINTS – field 50m, 80m, 100m
9:10 – 10:00	Y4 B/G	Y5 B/G	Y3 B/G
10:00 – 10:25	Yr 5 B	Y4 B	Y6 B
Morning Tea Time			
11:10 – 11:35	Y5 G	Y4 G	Y6 G
11:40 – 12:30	Y6 B/G	Y3 B/G	Y4 B/G
12:30 – 1:00	Y4, 5 & 6 800m race – optional		
Lunch Time (12:30 – 1:25)			
1:35 – 2:25	Y3 B/G	Y6 B/G	Y5 B/G
2:25 – 2:55	House Relays – 1 male representative from each year level to run. – 1 female representative from each year level to run. Teachers and Sports Captains Relay – if time		

NB: Long jump 1 (LG) – Girls - is by Milky Way
Long jump 2 (LG) – Boys - is by PE shed
High Jump will be completed on Tues 4 Nov
Check out Facebook or our school website for postponement by 7.30am.

YEAR 6 SCHOOL LEAVERS – INTERMEDIATE

Thank you to those parents who have advised the school where your children will be enrolling for 2014. We would really appreciate those families who have not advised us, to let the School Office know a.s.a.p. please.

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO - \$16.00 EACH

The whole school photo and order form is now on display on the noticeboard in the School Office. Last day for orders will be **Friday 15th November**. **Sorry no late orders will be accepted.**

PHOTOLIFE SIBLINGS/INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS CATCH-UP DAY – FRIDAY 8th NOVEMBER

As you are aware from last week's newsletter, Photolife were unable to complete all the Sibling Photos and Individual Photos and have scheduled a date to complete these – **Friday 8th November 2013**. These will be taken during class time. Shoot Keys will be sent home shortly.

YUMMY STICKERS

Thank you to everyone who have been collecting YUMMY stickers this year. We have raised \$1159 to spend on sports gear. Another fantastic result! Alana Pulman in Orion 10 will now be in charge of this promotion so keep on collecting these stickers. If you would like a sticker chart please see Miss Pulman.

VOLUNTEERS “THANK YOU” MORNING TEA WEDNESDAY 20th November 2013 @ 9.00AM

A warm invitation is extended to helpers of our school for a special morning tea in the Staff Lounge @ 9.00am to say “Thanks”. If you were involved in helping out in any way at school (ie, coaching, book binding, sports help, classroom help, transport etc.) or in any other way, we would love to see you. **Please advise the School Office if you would like to come to the morning tea by Monday 18 November 2013. Thanks!**

LEARNING PLAN PARENT COMMENT

On the Learning Plan is a 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.

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) In the subject line of your e-mail type – Parent Comment Attn: Deputy Principal
 - 3) Send it to dp@tetotara.school.nz
 - 4) If you do not have access to e-mail, you are welcome to complete a “Learning Plan Comment Form”, which is available from the classroom teacher or at the School Office; it gives you an example of the types of comments which are suitable for this box.
- These comments will appear on the Learning Plans online.

PLANNING FOR 2014

We are beginning to plan for 2014 and are looking at next year's classes for our students. The process for organising classes includes:

- Looking at the school structure, the staff and how we can best cater for our students.
- Teachers reflecting on their students' needs.
- We consider students' needs and ask them the names of five friends.
- Parents have an opportunity to contribute by e-mailing me any factors to consider. If you would like to do, this then please e-mail me by **Friday 1st November 2013** at principal@tetotara.school.nz

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY WAS HELD WEDNESDAY 30th OCTOBER 2013 THIS WEEK INSTEAD OF FRIDAY DUE TO THE DISCO SET UP ON FRIDAY.

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

CRICKET

Giants

Midgets

Mystics

Terrors

Thunders

HOCKEY

Keas

Kiwis

Pukekos - Ashlee Gray, Ben McMorran, Bradley Silcock, Aaron Kumar

Tuis - Emily Cocurullo

TOUCH

Chiefs

Gunns

Pacers

Stars

DATES COMING UP

Thurs 31 Oct	BOT Meeting at 6.30pm
Fri 1 Nov	<u>No</u> Full School Assembly due to Disco
Fri 1 Nov	Te Totara Disco
Tues 5 Nov	Athletics Yrs 0-2 Postponement Date
Thurs 7 Nov	Athletics Yrs 3-6
Tues 12 Nov	Athletics Yrs 3-6 Postponement Date
Wed 20 Nov	Volunteers Morning Tea @ 9.00am
Tues 26 Nov	Cluster Athletics
Wed 27 Nov	Fairfield Cultural Festival
Thurs 28 Nov	BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
Fri 29 Nov	Routine N/E Hearing & Vision Checks
Tues 3 Dec	Year 6 Leavers Dinner
Tues 10 Dec	End of Year Celebration
Wed 11 Dec	End of Year Celebration (reserve date)
Fri 13 Dec	END OF TERM 4 @ 3.00PM

Brian Sheedy
Principal



TE TOTARA PTA

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2013

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

DISCO THIS FRIDAY!!!

2013 Te Totara

Beach Party Disco

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.

Pickup: Parents will need to come into the hall to collect their kids from each session. Please be on time as we only have 15 minutes between sessions.

Where: Te Totara School Hall

Food: Juice, fizzy drink, water, lollies, chips, poppa jacks \$1.50, chocolate bars \$1.00.

Marshmallow bunnies, buzz bars, caramel eggs & crème eggs \$0.50 cents (due to the best before dates for these being June/July 2013. They are still suitable for consumption)

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

We would love you to draw us a picture of your interpretation of the "Beach" to place up on the wall at the disco. There will be a prize for the best poster from each session (year 0-2 and year 3-6). Please place artwork in the appropriate boxes in the office by 3.15pm **Thursday 31st October**. Make sure you put your name and room number on the back of your picture. Winners announced at the disco.

Thanks to DTS and NM Newmerica Imports for donating prizes for the disco. Check out www.newmericaimports.com or their facebook page (www.facebook.com/newmericaimports) for lots of yummy lollies and other treats to purchase. Great for stocking fillers for xmas. Free delivery to Rotorua and 10% discount (code: tetotara10) for Te Totara families ☺.

Any other queries please email:

jolie.hopping@vodafone.co.nz

Thanks, your disco committee – Lisa, Bridget, Jolie, Lorraine, Bryan, Katie, Jackie and Wendy ☺

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
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Te-Totara-Primary-School-PTA/30090011661692>

POLICE PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD 2013

Organised by The Combined Rotary Clubs of Hamilton.
Nomination forms are available through Public Libraries or local Police Stations or downloaded from <http://bit.ly/17aRPb4>

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.

SMART WATER STARTS WITH YOU!-HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO!

We all love the summer sun, the beaches and the long nights but summer also brings with it some pressure on our water resources. Council's, along with 100 other river users, have resource consents to take water from the Waikato River. This consent determines how we use the water and how much water we can take. Water supply, even if it is from a spring or bore despite what many think, is not unlimited and during summer months when demand for water is at its peak we need to make sure we use it wisely. This is a reminder to families that Smart Water starts with You! Here are some simple and easy things you can do that will make a big difference.

1. Be a leak detective! Check all hoses, connectors, and taps regularly for leaks.
and save up to 500 litres a day
2. Wash your pets outdoors, in an area of your lawn that needs water.
3. When cleaning out fish tanks, give the nutrient-rich water to your non-edible plants.
4. Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you'll save up to 570 litres a month.
5. Keep a jug of drinking water in the fridge instead of running the tap. This way, every drop goes down you and not the drain.

BRAND NEW HOUSES FOR RENTAL

In Arista Way, available early November 2013.
1x 2 Bedrooms \$330pw and 1x 4 bedroom \$450pw.
Contact Rhys ph 854 5563

SAFETY IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Want to help your children use the latest digital devices safely and get the most out of them? Visit chapelhill.org.nz for more information.

HOUSE CLEANER

Experienced house cleaner available, Wednesday, Thursday or Fridays, Phone Fay 027 408 9996.

WATERWORLD SWIMMING COURSES

New six week courses running at Waterworld from 11 November until the end of Term 4. Please phone the learn to swim office to enquire. Phone 07 958 5863.

KIDSCAN SANTA RUN

Register at www.santarun.co.nz

A KIWI CHRISTMAS SHOW

For further details check out our website www.cec.org.nz