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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 7th NOVEMBER, 2013

WEEK 4

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)

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.

If you have placed a Parent comment on your child's Learning Plan in the middle of the year, you may like to refresh your comments for the end of the year Learning Plan.

Dear Parents & Guardians

The end of the school year is fast approaching and this newsletter will update you on events coming up until the end of the School Year and also dates for 2014.

DATES COMING UP

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| Thu 8 Nov | Photolife Sibling photos |
| Tues 12 Nov | Athletics Yrs 3-6 Postponement Date |
| Tue 19 Nov | PTA meeting @ 7.30 pm |
| 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 |

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| Thu 6 Dec | 2014 organisation in newsletter |
| Fri 7 Dec | Next year's class live on parent portal |
| Tues 10 Dec | Art Exhibition |
| Tues 10 Dec | End of Year Celebration @ 5.45pm |
| Wed 11 Dec | Art Exhibition |
| Wed 11 Dec | End of Year Celebration (reserve date) |
| Thu 12 Dec | Students visit 2014 classes |
| Fri 13 Dec | END OF TERM 4 @ 3.00PM |

* A note will be sent home for those families involved in the Year 6 Leavers Dinner

INFORMATION ON SOME KEY HAPPENINGS...

NEXT YEARS CLASS FOR 2014

Thank you to parents who have made contact over 2014 arrangements, the consultation period has now closed for this and we are putting together all the pieces of the jigsaw!

For those students returning to Te Totara we are putting the 2014 class on the parent portal, this will be "livened" up on Friday 6 December at noon.

Students will then visit their new rooms on Thursday 12 December.

We will be letting you know the teachers and levels in the newsletter the day before.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION 5.45PM TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER

This is our celebration of another great year at Te Totara, some information to help make it a great event:

- It is a School event, so children will be together as a school and under the control of school staff, please leave your child with us, we will take care of them ☺
- It is like a concert in a park, so bring a picnic, a rug to sit on, something to eat and drink and enjoy a variety concert.
- We use the hills behind Ra and Earth as outdoor stages where children perform.
- Pre-schoolers are welcome to use the playground away from the performers so they don't distract the performance.
- Other children not involved in the school are asked to be respectful and if they want to play, then the court area is a good place.
- There are likely to be over 1500 people at the event so we strongly advise walking ☺
- Please no umbrellas as it blocks the view of people behind.
- We will have a "Paparazzi" section at the front for parents of those performing to use to get a good photo.

ART EXHIBITION

As part of our Arts programme we are holding an Arts exhibition on Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th December in Matariki/Hall. All our children will be displaying their fantastic work and Matariki will be open from 9.00am each day.

Entry by donation is encouraged to assist the cost of hire of display boards (over \$2 000)

YEAR 6 LEAVERS DINNER - TUES 3RD DECEMBER

A tradition we have at Te Totara is a dinner to celebrate our wonderful Year 6's as they leave Te Totara. A separate notice will be sent home to the families involved with all the details.

QUICK SURVEY-CAN YOU HELP?

Our Board would like our community to help our future direction by filling in a very quick on line survey. The information will be used to help our future Strategic plan and we will feed back the results to the community. The survey is open for one week and closes on Thursday 14 November.

[Quick Parent Survey](#)

SCHOOL DATES CONFIRMED 2014

TERM 1

MON 3 FEB – THURS 17 APRIL

THURS 6 FEB, School Closed for Waitangi Day

TERM 2

MON 5 MAY – FRI 4 JULY

FRI 30 MAY, School Closed for Teacher Only Day

MON 2 JUNE, School Closed for Queens Birthday

TERM 3

MON 21 JULY – FRI 26 SEPT

MON 1 SEP, school closed for Mid Term Break

TERM 4

MON 13 OCT – THURS 18 DEC

MON 27 OCT, school closed for Labour Day

SOME NOTES:

There is a longer than normal Queens Birthday weekend for a Teacher Only Day involving schools in our area.

We have a mid term break during the third term to help with illness etc at that time of the year.

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.**

CHECK OUT A GREAT NOEL LEEMING OFFER ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE UNDER NEWSLETTERS

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 8th November 2013 @ 2.00pm** in the Matariki Hall and stars **Milky Way 4**. Everyone is welcome.

This week **Matawhero** is rostered off assembly.

ALL REMAINING ICAS CERTIFICATES

All remaining ICAS certificates will be given out at tomorrow's assembly, Friday 8 November, for Credit, Distinction and High Distinction in all subjects. If your child wrote an ICAS at a later time or missed getting their certificate earlier this year, they will receive their award at this time.

EARTH 16 NEWS

In Earth 16 we have been looking at current events on a Friday. We found an article on designing a life size cow for the A and P show that was in Hamilton 2/3 of November. As a class we all designed a cow and those who wanted to could send them in with a chance to win. Congratulations to Olivia Kjestrup-Traue who won the Design a Cow competition. Awesome job!



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

Photolife were unable to complete all the Sibling Photos and Individual Photos and have scheduled a date to complete these tomorrow – **Friday 8th November 2013**. These will be taken during class time. Shoot Keys will be sent home to families shortly.

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!

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Our Children are looking good in their summer uniforms and we would like to remind all Parents to please ensure items of uniform are all labelled with their names.

Don't forget to check out our great new yellow lost property box down outside the purple Earth classrooms.

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

CRICKET

Giants

Midgets

Mystics

Terrors

Thunders

HOCKEY

Keas

Kiwis

Pukekos

Cameron Hopping & Riley Gerrand

Tuis

Ashleigh MacIntyre

TOUCH

Chiefs

Conner Cloete

Gunns

Pacers

Taylor Gray

Stars

Brian Sheedy

Principal



Eat a rainbow of 'glow foods' every day!

YUMMY YELLOW

Make mini **sweetcorn fritters**. Combine an egg, a can of corn kernels and 1¼ cups of self raising flour. Mix and cook spoonfuls in a hot pan until golden, flip, cook and cool on a plate. Eat cold for a vegetable hit at lunchtime.



Make a **monkey roll** – slice a banana in half and wrap in a piece of bread

TE TOTARA PTA

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2013

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

DISCO LEFTOVERS FRIDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2013



The PTA will be selling leftover drinks, chips, lollies and chocolate from the Disco, outside the school hall. Assorted prices.

2013 TE TOTARA BEACH PARTY DISCO

Thank you to all those who attended the beach party disco. We hope you had fun ☺

A huge Thank you to our disco committee for organising the night and all the other helpers that sold items on the night, helped set-up, bag lollies, take money at the door, clean up etc. A special Thank you to Jenna Nasmith and Bridget McLaughlin for all the artwork for decorations, Glenn Spencer for being our DJ and Vicki Jordan and Kate McMorran for being our photographers. Without the help of all these people our disco would not be able to go ahead.

Don't forget to support those businesses that donated prizes - DTS and NM Newmerica Imports. 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 Rototuna and 10% discount (code: tetotara10) for Te Totara families ☺.

DISCO PHOTOS

Our photographers took lots of great photos of your children at the disco. These will be available to view on facebook next week via the **Te Totara Primary School PTA** facebook page. If you would like a high resolution copy of any of the photos you can order these by emailing the photo number to Kate McMorran at mkmcm@ihug.co.nz. Kate will send you the image file for you to keep. Photos will be \$2 for each file and your image will not be sent until your money is received. Please place your money in an envelope in the green PTA box at the office. You have until Friday 22nd November to order photos.

BEACH PARTY ART POSTER COMPETITION

Congratulations to our winners of the beach party art poster competition. We were super impressed by the amazing artwork entered by all the children – it was very hard to pick winners! We have put all the artwork back into the boxes and these are in the office for you to collect. Any unclaimed artwork will be disposed of on Monday 11th November.

Thanks, your disco committee – Lisa, Bridget, Maria, 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

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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.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Purchase a Christmas Tree and receive a 10% discount off our Christmas trees and for every tree purchased we will donate \$1 to the school. If you are keen, please advise for further details. Regards Vanessa Clarke [0274 696980](tel:0274696980)

BIKE MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

For more information or to register contact 0800 BIGFOOT (244366) or email info@cyclesafety.co.nz NB Registrations are essential (NB low registration numbers will result in the workshop being cancelled)

XRACE

XRACE has mental challenges and challenges of agility – but isn't hard. For more information, go to www.xrace.co.nz or search for XRACE on Facebook.

HOME-MADE ADVENT CALENDARS BY 'JUSTKATE' (A TE TOTARA MUM)

What better way to count down to Christmas than with personalised gifts in a keepsake Advent calendar? Fill these 24 drawstring bags with the gifts of your choice, and then re-use year after year. Different designs and sizes available.

For pictures, information, enquiries or orders please contact Kate via email madebyjustkate@gmail.com or online: [facebook.com/justkateadventbags](https://www.facebook.com/justkateadventbags) on Twitter: @madebyjustkate or at www.justkate.felt.co.nz



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