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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 18TH OCTOBER, 2012
WEEK 1

Kia Ora

**** IMPORTANT ** IMPORTANT ** IMPORTANT ****

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL FROM NEXT WEEK ONWARDS

Our school prides itself on the way we "reduce, reuse and recycle", so we are making some changes to the way we distribute our weekly newsletter as of next week. From ***Thursday 25th October 2012 onwards***, each family will receive an e-mail which will have a link to our new school website.

This e-mail will be sent to the "preferred e-mail address" you provided on your child's Enrolment Form. However, if you would like additional copies sent to other family members or a work e-mail address, then you will need to add them the following way:

1. Go to www.tetotara.school.nz
2. From the menu on the left-hand side select "our school"
3. Then choose "newsletters" and "subscribe to our newsletters"

We ask that families please take a few minutes to check that we have your correct details recorded on our administration files by logging into the @school parent portal:

1. Login to www.atschool.co.nz
2. Enter your User ID and Password for each child (*User ID's & Passwords were issued with Learning Plans distributed 1st June 2012*)
3. Click "My Child"
4. Click "Contact Details" under the General heading

If you do not have access to a computer, have forgotten your User ID/Password login details or need to update your contact details, please call the School Office on [07 853-0039](tel:078530039).

Please note:

Each family will receive a hard-copy of this week's newsletter so we can be sure that you are well prepared for next week's changes.

If you do not currently have an e-mail address, we will continue to provide you with a hard copy of the newsletter. If you have any queries, please phone the School Office on [07 853-0039](tel:078530039).

TE TOTARA BUCKET SUN HATS

COMPULSORY – TERM 4, 2012 & TERM 1, 2013

ALL children will need to wear their Te Totara Primary School Red Bucket Hat when outside this term. These can be purchased direct through EmbroidMe (07) 839-1980.

SCHOOL LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

After months of behind the scenes work, we are delighted to launch our new website. Michelle Simms, our wonderful Librarian, has worked long and hard on this and is our webmaster. We are including more photos, events and school happenings to continue to keep it up-to-date. Thanks to families who have provided such positive feedback already, it is appreciated. The site is:

www.tetotara.school.nz

CONGRATULATIONS MRS SHANNON!

Congratulations to our wonderful teacher in Ra, Kim Shannon, who has had a baby girl, Poppy. Well done to Kim and her husband Pete!

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.

A flyer about this is available at the interview or you can pick one up 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.

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

These comments will appear on the Learning Plans online.

Please note: Learning Plans are currently offline until 30th November 2012, due to teachers working on them.

NEW FACE AT SCHOOL

Our fantastic caretaker, Barnie, is away at present having an operation on his shoulder. This means he will be out of action for around 6-8 weeks. We certainly wish him well for a speedy recovery. To help out, we are delighted to have Ian Hunter join our team. Ian is known to many of our staff and he has spent a few days working with Barnie this week, so he is up to speed. Welcome Ian.

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>

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 Fairfield Intermediate. 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.**

YEAR 6 SCHOOL LEAVERS

The time is sneaking up on us quickly and soon we will say goodbye to our Year 6 children who will move on to their chosen Intermediate Schools for 2013. **Could families please advise us as soon as possible which Intermediate School your children will be attending in 2013.**

PEACHGROVE INTERMEDIATE GATE TESTING

Year 6 students going to Peachgrove Intermediate next year, who would like to take part in the GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) testing, are to go to Peachgrove Intermediate on **Wednesday 24th October, at 1.00pm.**

THE BUTTON BOX PRODUCTION DVD

We will let you know when the Production DVDs are available for pick up at the office.

If you donated any props or equipment for our school production please can you pick them up by Friday 26th October. Thank You.

FREE EAR CLINIC FOR CHILDREN

Waikato District Health Board offer a Free ear clinic for our children. All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. The service included glue ear assessment and management, wax/ foreign body removal, grommet check and treatment of discharging ears. For enquiries please phone (07) 838-3565, clinic hours are by appointment only.

WHANAU MEETING

Our busy Whanau team are having a few meetings coming up, so pop the following dates in your diary:

- Wednesday 24th October @12.40pm-1.10pm in the meeting room at the School Office
- Tuesday 13th November @ 5.30pm-7.00pm Noho. More details to come on this!

This is a great opportunity to be involved in the school and our Tikanga. Anyone is more than welcome to come along.

If you would like more details, please don't hesitate to contact me via e-mail: principal@tetotara.school.nz or Whaea Becky in Ra 22

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

Swimming \$34.00 per student

Mathletics \$15.00 per student

School Donation & Sports Fees

We currently have \$19,099.36 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.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held tomorrow, **Friday 19th October, 2012 @ 2.15pm** and stars Ra 24 Mathematics ICAS Certificates will be given out at this assembly. Everyone is welcome.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book Club orders are due back to the School Office by 9.15am on **Friday 26th October 2012**. **Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.**

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

Wed 24 Oct	Whanau Meeting @ 12.40pm
Wed 31 Oct	Fairfield Intermediate Orientation YR 6
Thurs 1 Nov	PTA meeting 7.30pm
Tues 13 Nov	Whanau Meeting @ 5.30pm
Thurs 15 Nov	Athletics Day & PTA Sausage Sizzle

Brian Sheedy

Principal



TE TOTARA PTA



NEXT PTA MEETING

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

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISING

Just a reminder all money is due back by **tomorrow, Friday 19th October**. Please return the collection envelope with correct money (\$60.00 per box) cash or cheque made out to 'Te Totara Primary School PTA' to the green 'PTA' box in the school office. Alternatively you can bank transfer to the PTA account: **Te Totara Primary School PTA 03-1355-0711498-00**. **Please ensure child's name & class are used for reference.**

I do still have some boxes for sale, if you want more please email tetotara.pta@gmail.com, or contact Lisa Clay on mobile 021 1 333 997.

ATHLETICS DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER, 2012

The PTA will be cooking a sausage sizzle on this day, as long as we get enough helpers!!

We would like at least 10 people so we can roster people on/off during the day, that way we all get a chance to see our kids competing.

I would like to organise a meeting in the next week so urgently need to know if you are able to help.

If you are willing to help be part of the subcommittee running the event and/or can help on the day,

Please email tetotara.pta@gmail.com or contact Lisa Clay on mobile 021 1 333 997.

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.

SPRING EXPLOSION!

Gordonton Country Garden Ramble - November 17, 10am - 4pm, 12 Amazing Gardens for \$20 - if purchased by November 3 (\$25 after Nov 3)
Tickets at Firepot Cafe Gordonton, Palmers Garden Centre or Oderings Nurseries Rototuna.
A Fundraiser for Desert Spring Ministries.

ROUND THE BRIDGES – IS YOUR SCHOOL DOING IT?

Have you thought about [Round the Round Bridges](#) yet? It is less than 8 weeks away. We would love to see your school being involved either for the first time or once again!

This year the event takes place on Sunday the 18th of November. Hundreds of kids are coming together for the 2km Grassroots Kids Challenge. Grassroots Trust has subsidized this event ensuring the entry fee for kids entering remain at a very modest level of \$5.00 per child.

If you or your students/teachers are interested in taking part, please go to www.roundthebridges.co.nz/entertainers for more information and to fill out a competition entry form.

HILTON BROWN SWIMMING

A learn to swim facility situated close to you. We are extremely passionate about making sure that the youth of today are safe in and around the water. Contact Brad, Ph 855 8666

PRIMARY & INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLSTENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Waikato Tennis Centre, Dey Street,
Hamilton
25th & 30th October, 2012

Contact Roslyn Brown

Website: www.tenniswaikatobays.co.nz

Ph/Fax: 07 856-8181

