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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 21st NOVEMBER, 2013

WEEK 6

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)

MAJOR BUILDING PROJECT

We are delighted to announce that a new building project is about to begin. We will confirm start date very shortly but it will be within a week or two. This will involve the building of:

- New car park designed to ensure children don't have to cross the dangerous car park entry
- New pod of classrooms(4) between the tennis courts and Milky Way
- Two new classrooms for Hamilton North Special School between Orion/Matawhero and the car park
- In addition we expect to "add" classrooms to Earth, Ra, Orion and the new classroom block later next year

What does this mean?

The car parking work will be done mainly over the school holidays. There will be disruptions to parking and drop-off for the rest of this year, but this will be for the least amount of school time possible.

How will I know what is happening for drop-off/car parking?

Now that the contracts have been awarded we are meeting with the contractors to finalise a traffic management plan. To keep everyone informed we will be using our school Facebook page for updates as well as our website.

Will it be a hassle?

Yes it will. Please be mindful that the traffic plan going in place is to ensure health and safety. Your patience, a wave and smile to staff helping keeping our school safe will certainly be appreciated.

I am not sure what is happening, or if I have a query?

Please email the Principal principal@tetotara.school.nz for any queries. Anything that may be useful for families can be added to the Facebook page

Whew...

This project has involved a major amount of work and effort by current and former Board of Trustees for two years. Their commitment and skills have enabled the school to have buildings that are high quality, fit into the existing school structure and provide the best possible environment for our children. An alternative could have well have been well used portable classrooms...

HELP...

Oops...We added a community survey two weeks ago but gave you the incorrect link. To help support the direction of the school we would love you to spend a minute or two filling out this quick survey. The survey closes on Wednesday 27 November, in time for our Board of Trustees meeting.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NRZ2663>

CULTURAL FESTIVAL

WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER, 2013

Our Kapa Haka group and Band will be performing at the Fairfield Cluster Festival being held on Wednesday 27th November at Fairfield College. The event starts at 4.25pm and our groups are due to perform at 5.30pm and have a ten minute slot.

Our children have been busy, led by Whaea Becky for the Kapa Haka, and Suzanne Newrick for the band.

For our Kapa Haka group it is their first public performance wearing their new uniform, our thanks to Board member Erika Pearson for her efforts along with a team of wonderful parents for getting this organised.

Both groups will be performing at our School Assembly, tomorrow 22nd November for the school.

WEET-BIX TRYATHLON 2014

The School Group Permission Slip for the 2014 Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is on our school website today, under "newsletters" and this is also available from our community noticeboard in the school office. If your child is 7 years of age or older (by February 2014), and would like to be part of our school team, please return the completed permission form by **Friday 6th December**. **No late entries to The School Team will be accepted.** If you have any questions visit the website at www.weetbix.co.nz The Hamilton event is 9th February 2014 and the location is the University of Waikato Fields.

SENIOR ATHLETICS PHOTOS

If you took some photos of our senior athletics day last week we would love some for our school website. Please send your best five photos via email to Michelle Simms at michelles@tetotara.school.nz

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book Club orders are due back to the School Office by **9.15am Friday 29th November 2013** so that we can make sure the orders are back before school finishes for the year. If your order is a "Gift or Christmas Present", please write this on the top of your order and we will hold it at the School office for you to collect.

"Please note that orders from different pamphlets and for multiple children can be combined on one credit card slip."

SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS RETURNED

All school library books are due back by **MONDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2013** so that we can complete a stocktake please.

LEARNING PLANS HOME - FRI 29TH NOVEMBER

Your child's Learning Plan will come home with the oldest child in the family in a sealed envelope on Friday 29th November 2013.

2014 TERM DATES FRIDGE MAGNETS

Thank you to Chip Humble at Lugtons Real Estate Rototuna for supporting our school and supplying us with some wonderful 2014 fridge magnets with our term dates on. These will go home with the oldest child in the family today. Thinking of buying or selling a home, please consider Chip Humble Ph: (07) 855-7510.

PHOTOLIFE SCHOOL PHOTOS

The Shoot Keys have arrived and will come home with each child today detailing how to order **INDIVIDUAL & CLASS** photos only online.

SIBLING PHOTOS will be sent directly to the school early December and cannot be viewed using your Shoot Key.

If you do not have a computer, please collect an order envelope from the School Office.

DATES COMING UP

Tues 26 Nov	*Cluster Athletics @ Southwell School
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
Thurs 5 Dec	2014 Organisation in newsletter
Fri 6 Dec	Next year's class live on parent portal
Fri 6 Dec	Class Awards Assembly, staggered times for each pod
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 (<i>reserve date</i>)
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

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 22nd November 2013 @ 2.00pm** in the Matariki Hall and stars **Matawhero 12**. Everyone is welcome. This week **Marama** is rostered off assembly.

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

Midgets Cricket	Callum Carter & Xavier McGrath
Minis Cricket	Hayley McEwen, Teia Benefield, Ethan Sale, Rory Allison
Terrors Cricket	Christopher Plank
Flyers Volleyball	Lana Mills
Setters Volleyball	Emma Marsden

Brian Sheedy
Principal

email Nicole.thorburn@hcc.govt.nz to book your space. Check our website for more details.

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Mondays, 2, 9, 16 December, 3:30pm– 4:30pm
\$5. 00 Bookings essential.

Leading up to our Christkindl Market, join us for our three 'Santa's Workshops' in December and we'll make an exciting range of Christmas crafts.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS (CHRISTKINDL) MARKET

Friday 20 December, 11am-2pm

Free event. Bookings essential for stalls.

Want to find the perfect Christmas gift for your parents? Set up a free stall to sell Christmas crafts at our Christkindl market, or buy Christmas presents at pocket-money friendly prices. Craft prices \$2 or less. Join us for carols and Christmas cheer! Ngaa mihi,

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TRAMPOLINE FOR SALE

12ft round trampoline, no safety sides, 3 years old.
\$150 or near offer.
Phone Wayne 854 5546.

KELLY SPORTS 2013-2014

CHECK OUT THE SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME FLYER ON OUR WEBSITE UNDER "NEWSLETTERS" OR ON THE NOTICEBOARD IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

SMART WATER STARTS WITH YOU!-ALERT LEVEL 1

Everyone in Hamilton, Waikato and Waipa districts are being asked to limit the use of their sprinklers because we are going to Water Alert Level 1 today.

Water Alert Level 1 means residents can use their sprinklers only between 6-8am and 6-8pm but they can use hand-held hoses at any time. Alert Level 1 has been put in place at this early stage because the demand for water is a lot higher than what is usually expected for November even with the rainfall on Tuesday. Everyone has a part to play on conserving water now and in the future. Making small changes, such as limiting the use of your sprinkler in your garden or fixing a leaking tap, can have a positive impact on decreasing water demand. We are all in this together, so lets be smart with our water now and for future generations.



Eat a rainbow of 'glow foods' every day!

PERFECT PURPLE

Pop a plum or two in your lunchbox
Freeze grapes and eat after school to help cool down
Add some fresh or frozen blueberries to homemade muffins

Te Totara Energy

TE TOTARA PTA



NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2014

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

2013 DISCO PHOTOS – LAST CHANCE TO ORDER

Our photographers took lots of great photos of your children at the disco. These are now available to view on facebook on the **Te Totara Primary School PTA** facebook page. If you would like a high resolution copy of any of the photos (without the watermark) 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 only have until **Friday 22nd November** to order photos.

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>

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.

PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS AT WAIKATO MUSEUM!

Book in for our afterschool craft sessions and let the kids sell their crafts at our Christkindl market, where they can also buy an affordable present for mum and dad! Call 8386562 or