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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 28th NOVEMBER, 2013
WEEK 7

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), **Geia sou** (Greek), **Mbofe, Jambo** (Congolese), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese), **Hola** (Spanish), **Annyeonghaseyo** (South Korea)

BUILDING WORK

This starts this coming Monday 2nd December. This involves:

Car Park

Part of the car park being blocked off, but still open, please watch for safety fences and signage.

New Buildings

Early next week part of the school will be fenced off so that building work can begin.

To see the new developments please click on the links below...

[Te Totara Building plan](#)

[Te Totara Car Park plan](#)

FANTASTIC PERFORMANCE BY OUR ATHLETES AT CLUSTER ATHLETICS EARLIER THIS WEEK

Our Athletics Team represented Te Totara Primary School on Tuesday 26th November at the Fairfield Cluster Athletics Competition. Competing schools were: *Te Totara, Rototuna, Hamilton Christian School, Bankwood, Hukanui, Fairfield Primary, St Josephs and Southwell School.*

Each and every one of them performed their absolute best and achieved some amazing results. Thank you for being such star athletes, you were truly amazing. Mrs Kirkham and Miss Dunbar would like to personally thank the students for showing such great sportsmanship and support to their team members. Thank you to the parents for their ongoing support and for being there on the day to support the team as a whole. Our representatives were:

Year 4 Boys

Asten Addy
Logan McKay
Mark Trewin
Will Best
Josh Blaikie
Flynn McCormack
Kallum Mardon

Year 4 Girls

Rebecca Mihigo
Olivia Connolly
Armani Carter
Alyssa Kay
Kyla Creighton
Lyrik Johnson
Tayla Cassells

Year 5 Boys

Reuben Lawrence
Dean Ralph
Raymond Wu
Zack Hunt
Fletcher Warren
Nathan Dinan
Tom McMillan

Year 5 Girls

Anna Serafeimidou
Neema Mihigo
Mercy Olubode-Awosola
Emily Fitzgerald
Jordanna Bremner
Georgia Cocurullo
Mia Wall

Year 6 Boys

Reuben Bell
Liam Crow
Trent Campbell
Oliver Stokes
Alyx Trewin
Marius Ings

Year 6 Girls

Mehar Wadhwa
Anna Rodgers
Mikaela Blaikie
Mia Carter
Mia Coventry
Marieke ten Hove

CLUSTER ATHLETICS 2013 RESULTS:

LONG JUMP

YEAR 4 GIRLS	3rd Armani Carter
YEAR 4 BOYS	2nd Mark Trewin 3rd Logan McKay
YEAR 5 GIRLS	3rd Emily Fitzgerald
YEAR 6 BOYS	1st Trent Campbell

HIGH JUMP

YEAR 4 GIRLS	3rd Rebecca Mihigo
YEAR 4 BOYS	1st Logan McKay 4th Asten Addy
YEAR 5 BOYS	2nd Reuben Lawrence 3rd Fletcher Warren
YEAR 6 GIRLS	3rd Anna Rodgers 4th Mehar Wadhwa
YEAR 6 BOYS	1st Reuben Bell 4th Liam Crow

TRACK

YEAR 4 GIRLS	
Relays	3rd Te Te Totara
YEAR 4 BOYS	
50m	3rd Logan McKay
100m	1st Logan McKay
Relays	1st Te Totara
YEAR 5 GIRLS	
50m	1st Mercy Olubode-Awosola
100m	3rd Mercy Olubode-Awosola
Relays	3rd Te Totara
YEAR 5 BOYS	
800m	4th Reuben Lawrence
YEAR 6 BOYS	
50m	1st Trent Campbell
100m	1st Trent Campbell
800m	1st Liam Crow
Relays	3rd Te Totara

LEARNING PLANS HOME

FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2013

A Learning Plan for each student will be sent home tomorrow, Friday 29th November 2013 with the oldest or only child from each family. However, if your child started at school from Term 3 onwards this year you will not receive a Learning Plan yet. The Learning Plans will also be available online after 3.00pm on Friday 29th November 2013. Included in the information pack being sent home with the Learning Plan will be instructions on how to log-on to the site.

The work involved in developing these Learning Plans is immense and reflects our goal of developing a personalised plan for each student. Much thought and consideration has gone into these plans. We have managed to include a lot more of each child's comments and goals, to ensure they have an increased sense of ownership of their Learning Plan.

We strongly advise that you:

- Go through the Learning Plan with your child
- Look especially at the "Where to Next" and "How We Can Help" sections and incorporate these into supporting learning at home.

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 6th December at noon. Students will then visit their new rooms on Thursday 12th December 1.30pm-2.00pm.

We will be letting you know the school organisation in next week's newsletter.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

5.45PM TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER, 2013

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.

YEAR 0-2 PARENT SURVEY

TLRI: Learning Journeys from Early Childhood into School

Thank you to all the parent/caregivers who have recently completed the online or paper survey.

The Transition Project is due to end on **Friday 13th December**. If you are still to return your paper survey or to complete it on line, we would really appreciate it by this time.

Please remember that if you would prefer a paper copy, please see Mrs Carr-Neil in MilkyWay 3.

Many Thanks, TLRI Team

WHANAU GROUP FINAL MEETING 2013

Kia ora koutou,

Te Totara Whanau Group is having its final meeting of the year. It will be from 12.35pm - 1.00pm in the meeting room on **Wednesday 4th December 2013**.

It will be a quick meeting to celebrate the work that has been done this year and brain storm ideas for 2014. Everyone is welcome.

SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWS

We have completed our library stocktake and currently have **454 overdue items** and a large number of books unaccounted for. Could you please have a good check at home for any of our library books and return them as soon as possible.

Lending to Parents

Students are unable to borrow while we ensure all our overdue items are returned. However, our regular Friday morning opening (8.30am-9.00am) will continue right up until the end of the school year and parents are welcome to continue borrowing up to four books for their children.

School library open in the school holidays

We are happy to confirm that our library will be open every Monday in the school holidays from 1pm - 4pm. If you would like to know more about this initiative please click on this link

<http://www.tetotara.school.nz/102/pages/45-summer-holiday-lending>.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

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

DATES COMING UP

Thurs 28 Nov	BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
Fri 29 Nov	Routine N/E Hearing & Vision Checks
Fri 29 Nov	Learning Plans home
Tues 3 Dec	*Year 6 Leavers Dinner
Wed 4 Dec	Whanau Meeting @ 12.35pm
Thurs 5 Dec	2014 Organisation in newsletter
Fri 6 Dec	12.00 noon 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 29th November 2013 @ 2.00pm** in the Matariki Hall and stars **Ra 20**. Everyone is welcome. This week **Orion** is rostered off assembly.

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

Terrors Cricket	Cole Carter
Minis Cricket	Charlie Jordan, Sartaj Randhawa
Midgets Cricket	Melanie McEwen, Maxwell Gurnick
Flyers Volleyball	Imogen Slater
Setters Volleyball	Sian Trask
Spikers Volleyball	Emma Cuff, Catarina Gozzani, Lara Maniapoto
Chiefs Touch	Asten Addy, Jack Norton, Jadon Embling, Alyssa Sayers
Pacers Touch	Mikaela Blaikie

Brian Sheedy

Principal

TE TOTARA PTA



NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2014

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

LAST DAYS!!! FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER & FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER FROM 2.30PM

Lollies, chocolate, chips, drinks!!! Reduced price as we need to sell these!!!

Drinks, chips, lollies, peppery chews, dairy milk - ALL \$1.00

Buzz bars, chocolate fish, marshmallow bunnies, crème eggs - ALL 50c!

(best before date passed for these chocolates and the dairy milk, still ok to eat!)

We will be outside the hall.

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.

HAVE YOU GOT AN ECOMAILBOX? NEW SERVICE LAUNCHED!

Help reduce waste and make our streets greener by getting your free 'No Ad Mail' sticker for your letterbox.

Ecomailbox also provides a great alternative-go to

www.ecomailbox.co.nz and see only today's latest news and promotions from your favourite retailers, deal sites and organisations. Start using Ecomailbox today and help make NZ greener!

TE RAPA PRIMARY SCHOOL'S AQUATIC CENTRE IS A 'POOL SAFE' HCC PARTNER POOL

Open to the public every weekend from Saturday 7 - 8 December, and every day except Public Holidays from 21 December to 6 February 2014.

For more information, please contact Te Rapa Primary School on Ph 07 849 2232. From 21 December - 6 February please contact Pool Manager - **Mr Cyril Gudgeon** on Phone 021 2615814 or email gudgeonswimming@vodafone.co.nz

Eat a rainbow of 'glow foods' every day!



WICKED WHITE

Slice juicy apples into wedges and dip into low fat yoghurt

Munch on a white flesh nectarine

Homemade hummus. Combine 1 can of chickpeas, 2 cloves of crushed garlic, 2 tbs olive oil and the juice of 1 lemon in the food processor. Use as a dip for carrot and celery sticks, yum!

