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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 5th DECEMBER, 2013

WEEK 8

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)

ORGANISATION FOR 2014

Tomorrow we will be livening up the parent portal at noon with the name of the class teacher for 2014. To log in please use the same user name and password as you would to access the Learning plan. Organisation for 2014:

Brian Sheedy			Principal
Anne Fraser			Deputy Principal
Paula Wine			Assistant Principal
Team & Teacher	Level	Room	Notes
New Team to be named			
Jennie Brook-Watt			Team Leader
Angela Zillwood	Year 1		Likely start in March
Caron Ace	Year 1	36	Likely start in Feb
Marama			
Jemma Shannon	Year 1	35	
Sharon Hatherill	Year 1	1	
Anna Pratt	Year 1	2	Team Leader
Bridie Carr-Neill	Year 1	3	
Casey Frew	Year 1	4	
Kopu			
Cath Glyde	Year 2	5	
Jennifer Dalton	Year 2	34	Team Leader
Alana Pulman	Year 2	33	
Milky Way			
Suzie Goile	Year 2	6	
Andrea Johns	Year 2	7	Team Leader
Cyra Wells	Year 2	8	
ORION			
Ryan Jordan	Year 3/4	9	
Sue Robertson	Year 3/4	10	Team Leader
Brenda Wollen	Year 3/4	11	
Emma Dunbar	Year 3/4	12	
MATAWHERE			
Megan Leitch	Year 3/4	14	
Whaea Becky	Year 3/4	15	Team Leader
Sarah Corkill	Year 3/4	16	
Jemma Campbell	Year 3/4	17	
Rebecca Griffin	Year 3/4	18	
Earth			
Kelly Fletcher	Year 5/6	19	Team Leader
Jo Stewart	Year 5/6	20	
Angela Sweeney	Year 5/6	21	
Ra			
Renee Dutton	Year 5/6	22	
Helena Kirkham	Year 5/6	23	Team Leader
Falstaff Mitchell	Year 5/6	24	

SOME POINTS

- We welcome Sarah Corkill, a new teacher for next year. Sarah comes to us from Te Kowhai School and was selected from a very strong field of candidates.
- We are delighted to confirm two new leaders next year; Whaea Becky and Sue Robertson.
- The classes are not streamed, we have taken into account the children's needs, friends, parents information and school input, with the final decision resting with the Principal.
- We have catered for roll growth and will add more Year 1 classes as the school roll grows.
- Kopu is the name of our New Year 2 team, in English this means Venus and fits well into our school theme of the STARS.
- We have also allowed for roll growth by having at least 6 options for children at Year 2 and above, this will keep numbers to a reasonable level.
- At times we get asked about how we organise classes, and you will find information on this on our web site [How we put our classes together](#)
- Importantly your child should be safe, happy, smile a lot and have a great teacher.

CHILDREN VISIT THEIR NEW TEACHERS

Children will be visiting their new teachers on Thursday 12th December from 1.30pm-2.00pm. This will be an opportunity to meet their new teacher, have a brief outline of what is coming up next year and be relaxed over the holidays.

PARKING

Our sincere thanks to parents for their help with the new car parking arrangements. We have been so impressed with the politeness and respect shown.

Some points to help.

- The car park is closed for construction
- The turning bay is now a drop off and pick up area only
- Simply drive in and we will help load/unload your child
- Children who are being picked up by parents, either by car or on foot, will be at the front of the school, wet or fine
- Children walking or scooting by themselves will be able to leave at 3.00
- Parents of year 1 students are not required to be dropped off and collected from their class
- If you want to physically drop off and pick up your child please find a park before you get to the school entrance, this helps with congestion

Once again our thanks and for further updates please check our Facebook page.

ART EXHIBITION MATARIKI/HALL

As part of our curriculum work this term we have been learning about Visual Arts. A culmination of the learning is an Art Exhibition, which is being held in Matariki on Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th December. You will find work from each of the classes here. We have deliberately held the event so that families can come along and see the wonderful art work around the end of Year Celebration.

Viewing is Tuesday 10th December 9am till the end of the school celebration and Wednesday 11th December 9am – 4pm.

We ask for a gold coin donation to help cover the costs of the hireage of the screens.

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 ☺
- There will be no car parking available at the school car park or in the turning bay, it will be best to find a park before the school entrance
- 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.
- If the weather is not good we will postpone to Wednesday 11th December, same time.
- We will put the information on the web site and facebook page. We may have to postpone right up to the start of the event but are looking to have a decision around 4.00pm.
- Ra and Earth toilets will be open for use.
- Expected finish time is by 7.15pm.

ASSEMBLIES TOMORROW – FRIDAY 6TH DEC Matariki Hall

This will be for CLASS AWARDS with 2 assemblies being held. Everyone is welcome.

1.30pm Marama, Milky Way, Orion.

2.20pm Matawhero, Earth, Ra.

WEET-BIX TRYATHLON 2014 – DUE TOMORROW

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 tomorrow, **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.

SCHOOL STATIONERY ORDERING FOR 2014

We have teamed up with OfficeMax MySchool so that you can buy all your school stationery needs for 2014 over the internet or by mail order. If you do not have access to the internet, you can purchase stationery direct through Office Max (cnr Victoria St & Princes St, Hamilton) Ph: (07) 838-8604. Advise them that you are from Te Totara Primary School and the year level your child (ren) will be in 2014. They will have hard copies of stationery lists available at the shop from Monday 16th December 2013 onwards.

Many of our families used this online system last year and will be familiar with the ordering process. This website is available from Friday 13th December 2013 for ordering at www.myschool.co.nz/tetotara Instructions on ordering stationery will be placed on our website under "Newsletters" shortly.

Please note: You do not need a Student ID, please leave this field blank. If you have a new entrant starting in Term 1, 2014 you are able to order through this website – your child will be a Year 1.

Please ensure you have placed your order no later than Wednesday 22nd January 2014 to ensure delivery before school starts on Monday 3rd February, 2014.



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- Find a lower price and we'll match it! (see myschool.co.nz for details)
- Check delivery windows at myschool.co.nz to ensure you receive before school starts.

Buy online at myschool.co.nz, or download your class list requirements to take with you to your local OfficeMax Store!

myschool.co.nz
Phone 0800 724 440 Fax 0800 367 724 RETAIL STORES NATIONWIDE

SPORTS

As the school year comes to a close, so too do our sports team draws. A massive thank you to all the coaches, managers and parents who have made these teams possible.

Please remember to return all sports gear bags given to you at the beginning of the season. This also includes sports folders and trophies. If your gear is not returned the teacher in charge of your sport will be contacting you shortly.

SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWS

We have completed our library stocktake and currently have **114 overdue items and 273 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.

Thank you to everyone who has been returning library books

Summer reading programme

We are pleased to announce that we will be running Hamilton City Libraries' Summer Reading Programme from our school library over the holidays. We have forty places for our returning students available on "The Summer Beach Read". The programme aims to encourage and promote books, libraries and the fun of reading to children through incentive awards, activities and events. It starts on 16 December and runs through the summer holidays until 25 January. Students will be able to check in at Te Totara's library and there will be a "beach hop" held here on 13 January from 1-2pm. If you are interested in registering please see Michelle Simms in the library between 8.30am-9.00am on Friday or in her office during school hours.

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>

SCHOOL READERS

It is now time to return all school readers. Please make sure they are returned to your classroom teacher as soon as possible. Thanks

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

All books purchased as gifts are now available to be picked up from the school office.

CLUSTER ATHLETICS CERTIFICATES

Cluster Athletics Certificates will be given out in a Matawhero, Earth, and Ra Assembly this Friday 6th December in Matariki at 9am - all welcome.

SECURITY OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

A note to everyone for your assistance over the School Holidays with regard to security at Te Totara School. We would really appreciate you keeping an eye out for any suspicious behaviour around the school. Several of our neighbouring schools have been the victims of burglary and graffiti lately, and we would like to do our very best to ensure that this does not happen to our school.

It is just a matter of keeping our eyes peeled for any suspicious behaviour and phoning the police (**dial 111**) if you do.

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

Invoices were sent home earlier this week; we would appreciate any outstanding invoices to be cleared by the end of term. You are welcome to pay through the School Office either by EFT-POS (sorry, no credit card), cash, cheque or internet banking. Our internet banking details are:

Te Totara Primary School

38-9006-0273959-00

Please indicate what the payment is for i.e. school donation, hockey fees, athletics etc...

Any queries regarding your invoice, please e-mail Wendy Bulloch, our Executive Officer on executiveofficer@tetotara.school.nz

LOST AND FOUND

We have several items that have been found and handed into the office. These include a usb stick, glasses, cellphone, headband and watches. Please come to the school office to view if you think these may be your items.

**SCHOOL STARTS FOR 2014 ON:
MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY
@ 8.55am**

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

Cricket Midgets	Zoe Babbage & Anten Maeuea
Flyers Volleyball	Jasleen Notra
Setters Volleyball	Sophie Wine
Spikers Volleyball	Tamya Te Kata
Chiefs Touch	Lukas Warren & Phoebe Tan

NOTE: *Our final volleyball games will be the Monday, 16th December, usual time.*

DATES COMING UP

- Fri 6 Dec** 12.00noon 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 (*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

Brian Sheedy

Principal



TE TOTARA PTA



NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2014

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

LAST DAY!!! 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. 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
<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.

NUMBER 1 TENNIS COACHING

Private, Semi-private and Group lessons at:

- [Te Totara Primary School on Wednesdays and Thursdays Before and After School Term 1 2014](#)

• **Also available:**

- Cardio tennis
- Adult coaching

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

- Mon 20-Thu 23 Jan
- Tue 28 - Fri 31 Jan
- Based at Te Totara Primary School

Your Coach...**ANDREW SHEEDY**...

- Coaching tennis since 14 years old
- Trained with the New Zealand Academy until 18 then accepted a Tennis scholarship to an American University
- Coaching in Australia, since February 2013, working in schools and clubs across whilst becoming a fully qualified tennis coach
- Coach of internationally recognised "Hot Shots" programme

For more details... andrewsheedy@hotmail.com

Facebook...Number 1 Tennis

GYMSPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Hamilton City Gymsports is now OSCAR approved!!

Suitable for 5-12 years. All abilities catered for.

Please visit our website for further information and

enrolment forms. www.hamcitygymsports.co.nz (07) 849

4546.office@hamcitygymsports.co.nz

CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?

Grandparents are visiting from the UK but our house is a bit of a squeeze. Looking to rent granny flat or willing to house sit in local area from 8-25th February.

Contact Lorraine ph 853 2333 email korulodge@xtra.co.nz

MOVING SALE

Garage Sale as we are moving to Australia.

Saturday 8am till 12.

111 Te Huia Drive Flagstaff Hamilton

SPEECH AND DRAMA CLASSES AT TE TOTARA

Fun classes, starting February 2014, contact Gaylene Lonergan ph 8556 122

INFLATABLE WORLD

It's all about family fun!

www.inflatableworld.co.nz or phone 07 8471 653

GET READY TO RIDE

Te Awa The Great New Zealand RIVER RIDE
Saturday 14th December 2013 11am at Fonterra's Te Rapa
Site

GYMSPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Timetable and enrolment forms available at
www.hamcitygymsports.co.nz or phone 07 849 4546

THE CAMBRIDGE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Santa's Coming! Cambridge Town Hall,
www.cambridge.co.nz

ACE LEARN TO SWIM

Block courses available, email info@acetoswim.co.nz, or
www.acelearntoswim.co.nz or phone 07 854 9668

JITTERBUGS DANCE LESSONS

Now taking names for the waitlist for Term 1 2014. Lessons for both boys (hip hop/boxing style) and girls (jazz style) held on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Te Totara Primary School (ages 3 – 10). Cost \$75. Limited spaces. Please email Jolie at jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz or phone (021) 117 9633.

AEROBICS CLASS

For adults held at Te Totara Primary School on Monday nights at 7.30pm. Heaps of fun and a great workout. Now taking enrolments for Term 1 2014. Cost \$75 (11 weeks). Come for a free trial next Monday. Email Jolie at jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz.