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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL, 2014

WEEK 9

**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)

### TEACHER ONLY DAY - CHANGE OF DATE

**Friday 30th May - School is now OPEN**

**Friday 4th July - School CLOSED for Teacher Only Day**

The original Teacher Only Day planned for Friday 30th May has now been changed to **Friday 4th July**, due to our Mathematics adviser Bruce Moody now being available on this day. Six of our staff (and children) are also involved in Arbor Day planting on 30<sup>th</sup> May, as well as the Senior Leadership Team on professional development that day.

If you have already made arrangements for your child and family for Friday 30 May, we will understand if away from school. My apologies for the change.

### MATHEMATICS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We are really benefitting from the involvement of Bruce Moody in supporting our Maths development in the school. Along with Senior Leadership, he has observed teachers and shared back to them the observations to help support them in their next steps. I would like to give a big thank you to our staff for the professional and reflective way in which they have embraced this. It really does fit in with our school vision of "Growing and Learning Together"

### HAMILTON NORTH SCHOOL CLASSROOMS AT TE TOTARA - WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

You may have seen the two classrooms being built near the car park. These are classrooms for the Hamilton North Special School. We are looking forward to them sharing our premises and the unique culture they will bring to our school. To find out more about their wonderful school, visit...

<http://www.hamnorth.school.nz/>

### WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE PARK AT THE CORNER OF BORMAN ROAD AND MOONLIGHT DRIVE?

The park, which is well used by our School community, is having more paths added to it. It should be completed around the middle of next week.

### TE TOTARA TRACKERS IT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND!



As you've most probably heard, this **Saturday - 5th April**,

**Te Totara Trackers** are representing **Te Totara Primary** and walking 100km in the **Oxfam Trail Walk** in 24-28 hours (without sleep!) The team is made up of two teachers from our school: **Mr Mitchell** and **Mrs Kirkham**, and a parent: **Mr Pilkington**. The fourth 'go getter' is a teacher from Hamilton Boys High School, **Nicky Bryant**. They have the talented **Mr Rodger** (another teacher of our school), **Mr Mitchell** (Mr Mitchell's dad), and **Mrs Pilkington** (another parent of our school) as support people. They are hoping together to raise **\$2,500** for Oxfam from their efforts.

### We need your support PLEASE!

Donations for this great cause can be made at the front office in the MOOLOO drop box (in an envelope with **Te Totara Trackers** written on it) and/or by clicking on the link below and following the instructions. **We would love your help and support.**

<https://www.oxfamtrailwalker.org.nz/cart/checkout/7668>

## TE TOTARA PTA GALA

"The PTA would like to say a **huge Thank you to everyone** for making our first ever gala such a success. We raised around **\$15,000**, which will be put towards a new playground at the school. Thank you to all our helpers on the day and the days leading up to the gala, those who donated items for raffles, white elephant, lollies for the lolly stall or gave their time helping out in some way. Please support our wonderful sponsors who also contributed to the gala in some way."



New Zealand Home Loans Hamilton Office  
Indiefilm Productions  
\$2 Shop at Rototuna  
Radius Pharmacy  
The 1 2 3 Mart  
HJ Plus Trading Ltd  
Equisite Beauty Therapy Spa  
New World Rototuna  
Countdown Rototuna  
More Than Flowers  
Bob's Bikes  
The Virus Centre  
Gilmours  
Porter Group  
The Girl on the Swing  
Jitterbugs Dance Lessons  
Agrodome and Rainbow Springs Rotorua  
Clarence Wine and Tapas Bar  
Healthy Inspirations  
Hilton Brown Swim School  
Kitchen Things  
Lodge Rototuna  
Novotel Tainui  
Olive Cafe  
Rototuna WOF Centre  
Smith & McKenzie  
Style Hairdressing  
Zealong  
Toyworld Te Awa  
Pro Drive Golf  
House of Fundraising  
Kelly Tarlton's Auckland  
Ingham Hyundai

### FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall, starting our Ra 23 children.**

This week Milky Way, Orion and Ra children will attend assembly. Everyone is welcome.

## SPORTS

### TE TOTARA PLAYERS OF THE DAY

#### CRICKET

**Midgets** TBA  
**Mystics** Kyla Creighton & Connor Duggan  
**Terrors** TBA  
**Thunders** TBA

#### TOUCH

**Gunns** Finn Miller & Kaden Addy  
**Pacers** Ethan Gray & Taine Morrison

#### VOLLEYBALL

**Setters** Sophie Wine  
**Spikers** Catarina Gozzani  
**Volleys** Bailey Armstrong

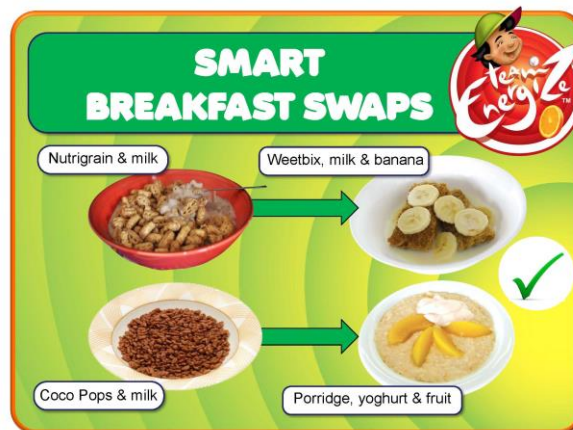
## DATES COMING UP

**Thurs 3 Apr** Learning Plan Discussions  
2.15pm – 7.30pm  
**Wed 9 Apr** PTA Mtg @ 7.30pm in Staff Lounge  
**Thurs 17 Apr** **END OF TERM 1 @ 3.00PM**

**Mon 5 May** **TERM 2, BEGINS @ 8.55AM**  
**Fri 30 May** **School is open for learning**  
**Thurs 3 July** **END OF TERM 2 @ 3.00PM**  
**Fri 4 July** **TEACHER ONLY DAY**  
**– SCHOOL CLOSED**

## Brian Sheedy

**Principal**



## TE TOTARA PTA

**NEXT MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2014**

Held in the Staff Lounge at School @ 7.30pm  
Everyone is welcome.



## 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.

### GYMSPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Hamilton City Gymsports is now OSCAR approved!! Suitable for 5-12 years - All abilities catered for.

Tuesday April 22nd to Thursday 24th; Monday 28th April to Friday 2 May

\$30 a day 9am to 3pm

BABYSITTING NOW AVAILABLE - 7.45am to 9am and 3pm to 5.15pm \$5 per hour

**Gymnastics, Trampoline, Cheerleading, Theme Days, Obstacle Courses, Tabloid Sports, Gymnastics Crafts, Gymnastics Theatre, FUN!!!**

Please visit our website for further information and enrolment forms.

[www.hamcitygymsports.co.nz](http://www.hamcitygymsports.co.nz) (07)849

[4546office@hamcitygymsports.co.nz](mailto:4546office@hamcitygymsports.co.nz)

*A few tips to help you park safely around schools*

👍 Pick up your children AFTER the 15 minute end of school chaos is over - have them play in the playground for a few minutes before you arrive.

👍 Look for a nearby place to park and walk. It may not be right on the school's doorstep, but it'll be close enough to make the walk reasonably small.

👍 WALK your kids to and from school. It may SEEM to be more time consuming than driving, but it often works out to be quicker and less stressful.

👍 Use a local Walking School Bus. A WSB is a group of children walking to school with one or more adults. Ask your school about the WSB that's operating near you.

**JITTERBUGS DANCE LESSONS** – now taking names for the waitlist for Term 2 2014. Lessons for both boys and girls (either hip hop/boxing style or jazz style) held on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Te Totara Primary School (ages 3 – 11). Cost \$75. Limited spaces. Please email Jolie at [jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz](mailto: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 names for a waitlist Term 2 2014 where we will include some Swiss Ball work (great for core strength). Cost \$70 for the term plus you will need a Swiss ball – around \$10. For a free trial email Jolie at [jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz)

# ASB

Come along to our ASB Te Rapa Branch on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April from 10am to 12pm to purchase your signed copy of The Pocket Money

**Guide. Receive some spot prizes and find out about our ASB School Banking Programme to help assist with your child's learning about financial literacy and how to save.**

This handy guide is very helpful for families with questions around pocket money for their children and offers three golden rules for success to become financially savvy.

**10% of sales will be donated to St Johns**

### PICK YOUR OWN BLUEBERRY FUNDRAISER

This Sunday from 3.00pm - 5.00pm at 218 Collins Road.

The rate is @ \$10.00 kg (\$24.00kg in the shops).

**Please bring your own containers.**

As a fundraiser for Te Totara School, \$2.00 from every kilo picked will be donated to the School.

**Simply say you are from Te Totara School.**

These blueberries are a later variety however their season needs to finish this Sunday.

218 Collins Road is only 2 kms along Collins road from the Urlich Ave shops.

Any questions, queries, don't hesitate to phone

Graeme [0276239425](tel:0276239425)

### PIANO AND KEYBOARD LESSONS

**Key2Success (Ray Nelson)**

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Email: [ray@keys2success.co.nz](mailto:ray@keys2success.co.nz)

Web: [www.keys2success-academy.co.nz](http://www.keys2success-academy.co.nz)



### Prisma Piano Studio (Judith Cartwright)

1 Millennium Heights, Flagstaff, Hamilton

Tel. (07) 2100 298

Mob. 027 128 840

Email: [jcartwright@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:jcartwright@vodafone.co.nz)



### DULUX PAINT FOR SCHOOLS PROJECT

We'd love the chance to help brighten up your school!

Find out more at [dulux.co.nz/paintforschools](http://dulux.co.nz/paintforschools)

### SCRABBLE FOR FUN

Hamilton City Libraries are holding a scrabble for fun tournament. For more information contact Ruth at [ruthgroffman@hotmail.com](mailto:ruthgroffman@hotmail.com) or Su Woollett from Hamilton City Libraries at [CaTs@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:CaTs@hcc.govt.nz)