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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 31st July, 2014

WEEK 2

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)

BUILDING PROJECTS COMING TO AN END

The last 18 months has been a busy time at school with lots of building work going on. A big thanks to all our community for their patience and support over this time. Enhancements have included:

- Updated car park area and pick up and drop off area
- The addition of 12 additional classrooms
- Storm water enhancements

NEW NEPTUNE BUILDING OPENING SOON

Our new Neptune building of five classrooms is due to be handed over within a few weeks. I know that the Neptune team are looking forward to their new learning spaces. This will bring Neptune 13, 36, 37 & 38 together. More details will follow a little closer on the exact shifting day. The Team Leader, Jennie Brook-Watt, has been busy getting all the logistics sorted out to make the move a fun time ☺

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESPECT

A big thanks to the drivers around the school who are taking care and being patient. It certainly helps and we do appreciate this

LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS

Learning Plan discussions will take place on **Wednesday 6th August & Thursday 7th August, 2014**. To make an appointment time for your child/ren, please use our online booking system www.schoolinterviews.co.nz – our school code is **NAYDS**. You can also access this site via our school website www.tetotara.school.nz. If you are unable to access the internet, please phone the school (07) 853-0039 ext. 858 and leave a message with the time slot that you would prefer and Marise will collate these.

We will endeavour to give you the time as close as we can to your preference. If we unable to assist we will go by first in first served.

Please **do not** make arrangements direct with learning area teachers.

WHO SHOULD COME?

We encourage the student, and family members who have an interest in learning, to come along and discuss this with the teacher.

WHAT WILL THE FORMAT BE?

The discussion is a general one about how the learner is progressing, areas of strength and also discussing next steps in learning and how this will happen.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN THEN?

There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress on:

Wednesday 6th August, 2014

2.15pm, 2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm, 5.00pm & 5.15pm

Thursday 7th August, 2014

2.15pm, 2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm (break between 5.00pm-5.30pm), 5.30pm, 5.45pm, 6.00pm, 6.15pm, 6.30pm, 6.45pm & 7.00pm.

We have arranged **15 minute time slots** for the discussion, there will be changeover bell so that everyone is aware of timings. To ensure the smooth running of our Learning Plan Discussions, we would be grateful if all our parents/caregivers kept to the timetable. If you have more than one child, you might like to have a break between each interview.

HOW DO I BOOK A TIME?

Please book a time through the online website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz - our school

code is **NAYDS**. If you have more than one child attending school, please use the "**Add Student**" key for additional children to be displayed at the same time.

An electronic confirmation note will automatically be sent via e-mail upon completion of your booking, don't forget to include your e-mail address.

Bookings opened Monday 28th July @ 9.00am

Bookings close on Monday 4th August @ 3.00pm

We will not be able to accept bookings after 3.00pm on Monday 4th March, 2014.

The whole school will finish at 2.00pm on Wednesday 6th August & Thursday 7th August; students will need to be collected by parents/caregivers at 2.00pm please.

After School Care will begin at 2.00pm, for those children enrolled at After School Care.

BOOK FAIR AT SCHOOL

The Scholastic Book Fair arrives this Friday and runs until next Thursday.

Our school library will be full with books available for purchase. All students will get a chance to look at the books with their classes either on Friday, Monday or Tuesday. There will be an EFT-POS machine available for purchases.

Opening hours:

Friday 1st August	3.00pm - 4.00pm
Monday 4th August	3.00pm - 4.00pm
Tuesday 5th August	3.00pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday 6th August	2.00pm - 5.15pm
Thursday 7th August	2.00pm - 7.00pm

BOOK WEEK

Our Book Week celebrates our love for reading and kicks off next week with author visits from Dawn McMillan, Judi Billcliff and Paul Martin.

Next we have an appearance from Geronimo Stilton (a book character) and finally on Friday 8th August we are having our PJ day.

Children can come to school in their pyjamas and snuggle up to hear their favourite stories. Don't forget slippers and a dressing gown!

COMMONWEALTH GAMES TABLOID CHALLENGE

Today our students were all involved with our Commonwealth Tabloids and the cheers, smiles and laughter were evidence of a fun event.

Our Year 6 Senior Leaders did a great job in leading each class through their tabloid rotation event.

Well done to our Year 6 leaders!

Thanks to Abbey Billings from Project Energise, Mrs Wine, Mrs Fraser and The Sports Team for a great day.

We have launched our Commonwealth Games Home Play Challenge which your children and teachers will be sharing with you.



AHOY ME HEARTIES..

Our school production of "Pirates of the Curry Bean" is looming and we are on the hunt for some key props to help with decoration.

We need: an anchor, captains wheel, triangle bunting flags, life preservers, a blow up dinghy, a recliner beach themed chair, sea blue fabric material and any other nautical 'pirate themed' items.

If you have any of these items lying around then we would love to use them.

We also need parent helpers to help with prop organisation and marketing.

If you are able to help with any of the above, can you please come and see me in Matawhero 17 or contact me by email jemmac@tetotara.school.nz.

FAIRFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL OPEN DAY & INFORMATION EVENING

Every day is an **Open Day** – however there will be specific days being **Tuesday 26th August and Thursday 28th August 2014 between 9.00am – 3.00pm.**

There will be an **Information Evening** held on **Tuesday 26th August 2014 – 7.00pm** held in the Auditorium.

Parents and students from any primary school are welcome to attend the Information Evening and the Open Days.

All contributing school students (*includes Te Totara Primary School*) will be able to attend an Orientation visit - further details will follow regarding this visit. Enrolment Packs will be sent home with each Year 6 Te Totara student shortly.

Parents/Caregivers are invited to phone for an appointment to discuss their child's requirements. Ph: (07) 855-9718.

PEACHGROVE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL OPEN DAY & INFORMATION EVENING

Our **Open Day** and **Information Evening** for ALL new families is on **Monday 18th August**.

On this day your child may come to Peachgrove and experience some of the different classes that we offer.

Year 6 students and their parents are invited to attend our afternoon session, between 1.30pm – 3.00pm. Please come to the school hall ready to begin at 1.30pm.

An **Information Evening** for parents and students will also be held at Peachgrove that evening, beginning at 7.00pm in the school hall.

A copy of the school prospectus will be available for interested students and parents at these sessions. There will also be some copies available at your child's school. Enrolments for 2015 are being accepted now. Visits are welcome at any other time by phoning the Peachgrove School office on Ph (07) 855-7596.

Please check the noticeboard in the School Office for other Intermediate schooling options, Open Days and Information Evenings.

HEALTH WAIKATO HEARING & VISION TESTING FOR STUDENTS THAT HAVE NOT COMPLETED ROUTINE TESTS

A Vision & Hearing Technician will be visiting our school on Friday 1st August, 2014 to complete routine tests for those students who have missed their pre-school/prior school checks.

YUMMY STICKERS

We are still collecting Yummy Fruit stickers to help our school receive free sports gear. If you have any at home, please drop them off to Miss Pulman in Kōpū 33.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 1st August 2014 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall. Our Marama 1 children will be sharing.**

This week Marama, Kōpū, Matawhero and Earth children will attend assembly. Everyone is welcome.

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

HOCKEY

Stormers	TBA
All Stars	Lilli Suess
Thunder	Lucy McMorran
Leopards	Cathy Young
Cheetahs	Charlotte Kirton
Tigers	Jessica Laws

NETBALL

Comets	Tamzyn Taylor
Magic	TBA
Ferns	Olivia Kjestrup-Traue
Rebels	Emma Cuff
Tigers	Emma Timmo

DATES COMING UP

Thurs 31 July	Cluster Music Festival @ Southwell 7pm
Thurs 31 July	BOT Mtg @ 6.30pm
Fri 1 Aug	Routine N/E Vision & Hearing Testing
Fri 1 Aug	Book Week Starts at school
Wed 6 Aug	Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm-5.30pm
Thurs 7 Aug	Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm – 7.15pm
Thurs 7 Aug	Book Week Ends at school
Fri 8 Aug	Pyjama Day at School
Wed 24 Sept	School Production – Matinee/Evening
Thurs 25 Sept	School Production – Matinee/Evening
Fri 26 Sept	END OF TERM 3 @ 3.00PM

Brian Sheedy
Principal

ATHLETICS – DRAMA & SPEED

USAIN BOLT – Jamaica. Triple Olympic Champion and World Record holder. 100m in 9.58s!

A great vegetable and secret weapon for speed is... yams! They're packed with vitamins and natural energy. Other great energy foods: breads, cereals, potatoes, bananas, pasta and rice.





TE TOTARA PTA

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS – NOW OVERDUE

We **urgently** need all unwanted books returned please – pop them into the Entertainment Book box at School Office. If you have purchased a Digital Membership, **you need to return the book.**

If you still wish to purchase your book, please get your payment organised as soon as possible. Remember, for every book sold, the school receives \$12.00

Any questions, please contact Jackie 0204 220169 or via e-mail gregandjack@gmail.com

TE TOTARA COOKBOOKS, GRAB A BARGAIN. ONLY \$10!

Just a few available of our Te Totara Cook Books. 154 colour pages. Great recipes and great gifts. For sale at the School Office, cash or cheque only please as this is a PTA fundraiser.

NEXT PTA MEETING, Date to be advised.

Held in the school Staff Lounge. All welcome, we would love to see some new faces.

PTA EMAIL ADDRESS

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.

SCALLYWAGS AND MUNCHKINS MARKET

Our Scallywags and Munchkins Market may be of interest to you. The next Hamilton market will be held on Saturday 30 August 1:30-4:30, at Chartwell Cooperating Church on Comries Road in Chartwell. The market is for new and preloved items for maternity to 7 years. This will be the second market held in Hamilton and there will be more than 25 stalls selling a variety of goods and products.

WINTEC NATIONAL POETRY DAY POETRY COMPETITION JULY/ AUGUST 2014

Wintec is running a Poetry competition for National Poetry Day.

There are two sections: over 18 and under 18 years with prizes to be won.

Waikato residents are welcome to send a maximum of three entries per person.

Entries close on 6 August and place getters will be announced on 22 August at the Open Mic Night at Arts Post.

Full details of the competition and other events are at <http://hamiltonpoetryday.wix.com/2014>

HAMILTON NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

What an opportunity to attend the FIFA U-20 World Cup 2015 in New Zealand. There are 7 host cities and we are all proud that Hamilton is one of them. This is our chance to be the great kiwi hosts we are known for and ensure the stadiums are full of people, noise, colour and movement. Play your part to ensure we create the biggest celebration of global football ever seen in New Zealand. Below is some information for you.

24 teams from Asia, Africa, Europe, South America, Central and North America and Oceania will qualify for this event between May 2014- March 2015, and we know that New Zealand and Fiji have already qualified.

Games for Waikato Stadium are on:

Sunday 31 May 2015 - 1pm and 4pm, (double header group games)

Wednesday 3rd June 2015 - 4pm and 7pm, (double header group games)

Saturday 6th June 2015 - 1pm and 4pm, (double header group games)

Thursday 11th June 2015 - 7.30pm, (round of 16 match)

Sunday 14th June 2015 - 1pm, (quarter-final match - ticket not included in venue pack)

8 games all up, 6 pool matches, a round of 16 and a quarter-final match.

Venue pack prices which include 7 matches (quarter-final not included) at Waikato Stadium are Adult - \$87.00 + \$6 service fee Child - \$30.00 + \$6 service fee Family - \$204.00 + \$18.00 service fee *Family pack is 2 adults and 2 kids *kids must be 14 and under at the time of the tournament.

These prices include our Hamilton North 25% discount as we have sold an amazing amount of packs. One of the highest amount of ticket sales by a club in New Zealand and we are really proud of that.

Purchasing a venue pack also gets you:

- First access to purchase quarter-finals (we have one in Hamilton) and semi-finals tickets

- Optional entry into the FIFA U-20 World Cup 2015 Final ballot.

Venue packs will not be available next year so ensure you get your tickets early. If you are interested in other Host Cities venue packs we can make an enquiry for you.

Contact Nicole Mills

Hamilton North Football Club

secretary@hamiltonnorthfootball.org.nz

BARNARDOS ANNUAL GALA DAY

SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER - CANCELLED

Unfortunately this Gala Day which was due to be held on Saturday 6th September 2014 has been cancelled.

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THE HRG MONSTARS JUNIOR ROLLER DERBY LEAGUE

Free open day this Sunday 3-4pm at the Melville skate rink. If you are aged 9 to 17, and would love to learn more about this growing sport, come along and join in. Girls and boys are both welcome, no skating experience necessary. We have skates available for you to use or bring your own. See our FB page HRG Monstar Squad for more info or email Monstars@hellmiltonrollerghouls.com

HAMILTON EAST GYMSPORT FESTIVAL

Date: Wednesday 27th August

Cost: \$5 per student per GymSport and \$3 per Group Performance

Venue: Hamilton City GymSports, 3 Mainstreet Place, Te Rapa

If you have any questions regarding this event please feel free to contact me.



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MINI MUDD RUSH

19th October 2014

Enter now www.muddrush.co.nz or email event@tscgroup.kiwi.nz

TRIATHLON PINK

Enter now at www.triathlonpink.co.nz or email event@tscgroup.kiwi.nz