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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2014

WEEK 3

**Kia Ora** (Maori/NZ), **Hello** (English), **Bula** (Fijian), **Welkom** (South African), **Huān yǐng** (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)

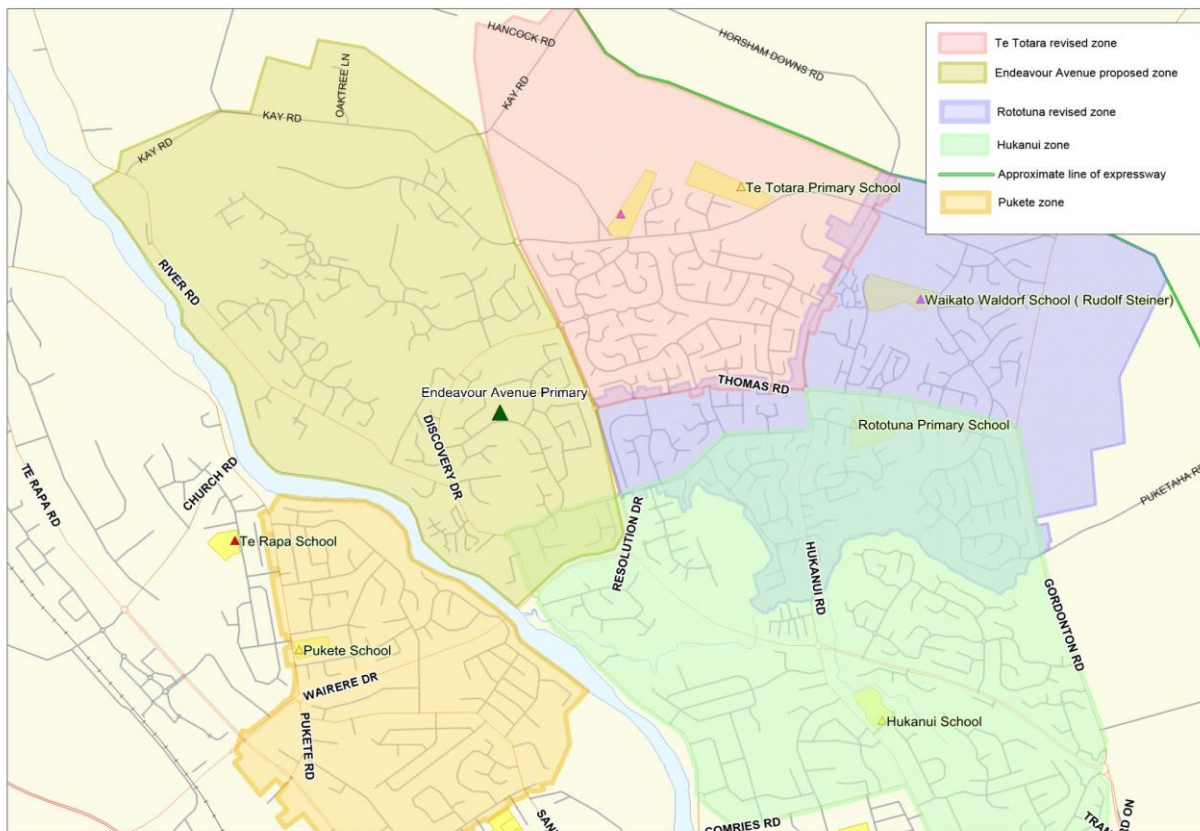
## FUTURE SCHOOLING SPECIAL

As you may well be aware, our school enrolment zone will shrink when the new Endeavour School for Year 1-6 students opens at the beginning of the 2015 school year. This newsletter will bring you up-to-date with what this means.

### New School Zone from the beginning of the 2015 School year

Our school zone will change to fit in with the new schooling at Endeavour School starting, as well as to accommodate growth in the area. The western boundary will be reduced back to Resolution Drive, the eastern boundary reduced back to Horsham Downs Road and north boundary reduced back to the line of the Waikato Expressway.

The map below shows the zones from the beginning of the 2015 School year



What does this mean?

**All current students enrolled at Te Totara Primary School at the end of the 2014 School Year are eligible to stay at Te Totara.**

## SOME FAQ's

### **My child already goes Te Totara and we will be out-of-zone for our younger child/ren to attend, what happens?**

You are eligible to enrol all your children at either of Endeavour School or Rototuna School if you live in their school zone. You may also apply to enter the out-of-zone ballot for Te Totara for the 2015 school year, see information below.

### **Why can't the younger brother or sister attend as of right?**

The Ministry of Education has strict guidelines on enrolment and we are bound by these. Out-of-zone children do not count for building entitlement i.e. if the school has 850 children and 50 of these are out-of-zone enrolments then the school only has entitlement for 800.

### **Can a student get into the school if they live out of the school zone?**

Only if they are balloted in, or in extreme cases directed by the Ministry of Education

#### **What is Te Totara Primary School doing?**

**The Board of Trustees are looking to accommodate, if possible, younger siblings and children of staff in the 2015 school year. To help determine this, we urgently need to have Enrolment Forms in to the School Office to help with this process. Enrolment Forms are available from [Te Totara enrolment forms](#) or by visiting the School Office.**

**At the Board of Trustees meeting on the 29th August, the Board will look at the number of enrolments, the level of predicted student growth and determine how many spaces for out-of-zone students are available for the 2015 school year. This will be completed in September, allowing for lots of time for families to know what is happening.**

#### **What about current students who are attending Te Totara and will move to Endeavour School when it opens?**

**If your child is moving to either Endeavour or Rototuna School Schools, then please contact the school [brians@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:brians@tetotara.school.nz) as soon as possible and by 20th August please. We do understand if parents wish to take this option. This helps with our planning for out-of-zone students as well as for staffing levels for the school. The Ministry of Education is also conducting an online survey for the community to help determine where students are going to help all the schools with their planning. More details are likely in next week's newsletter.**

For further information on enrolment schemes please see the Ministry of Education link...  
[Ministry of Education Enrolment Schemes information](#)

### **What about other schooling?**

Two other state Schools are due to open:

- In 2016 a Year 7-10 Junior High School. This will start with all year levels
- In 2017 a Year 11-13 Senior High School. This will start with Year 11 and add a year level each year
- Both schools are located around 200 metres to the north of Te Totara Primary School.

## STAFF NEWS – NEW TEAM LEADER

Our leader of the Earth Team, Kelly Fletcher will be leaving us shortly to have her baby, exciting for her and her family! Niki Collins will be taking her place as the class teacher. Niki is well used to our school being an original staff member! Congratulations to Jo Stewart, teacher in Earth 20, who will be taking over the leadership of the team for the remainder of the year.

## 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: a captains wheel, triangle bunting flags, 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](mailto:jemmac@tetotara.school.nz).

## MID TERM BREAK MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014

A reminder school will be closed for this mid term break.

## YEAR 6 ORIENTATION FOR TE TOTARA PRIMARY STUDENTS TO FAIRFIELD INTERMEDIATE Wednesday 17th September, 2014

Our Year 6 students have been invited to an **Orientation Day at Fairfield Intermediate** from 9.00am – 12.30pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Students will travel by bus to/from school. Parents/caregivers are most welcome to accompany your child on this Orientation Day however, parents/caregivers are asked to meet our group at Fairfield Intermediate. Enrolment Packs have already been sent home with your Year 6 child, additional Enrolment Packs can be obtained from Fairfield Intermediate.

*This is a wonderful opportunity for our Year 6 students and we anticipate all of our students will attend. If you do not wish your child to attend, please let the classroom teacher know in advance.*

## FAIRFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL OPEN DAY & INFORMATION EVENING

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

There will be an **Information Evening** held on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**

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

**Computer ICAS Certificates** will be given out at full school assembly to Ra students for:

High Distinction

Distinction

Credit

*Note: Participation Certificates will be given out at team assemblies.*

Earth students will be given their ICAS Certificates at next week's full school assembly.

## VISITING PRODUCTION FROM NZ PLAY HOUSE IN WELLINGTON

On **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of August** there is a touring production visiting our school from The New Zealand Play House in Wellington. They will be performing a production called 'Rap-unzel' at our school. The play puts a twist on traditional fairy tales, and is specifically written for primary school aged children.

Watching this performance is a great opportunity for all our **Year 3-6 students** to observe a professional production, before they take to the stage in week ten for our production 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'.

The school has subsidised the cost of the production by \$1.50 per child, which brings the cost down to **\$3.00 per child**. You are welcome to drop payment of **\$3.00** off at the School Office, in a named envelope into the Mooloo box, or by internet banking:

Te Totara Primary School  
12-3171-0270973-00  
ASB Bank

*Please indicate what the payment is for i.e. Rap-unzel in the reference box along with your family name in the particulars box.*

## ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

We have begun the term with a number of students away with infectious illnesses including Chickenpox, Glandular Fever and Strep Throat. According to the Ministry of Health Infectious Diseases Guidelines:

### Chickenpox

- Early signs are a fever and spots with a blister on top of each spot.
- The child is infectious from up to 5 days before appearance of the rash until lesions have crusted (usually about 5 days).
- Time between exposure and sickness is 13-17 days.
- This disease is spread by coughing, sharing saliva (this is one of the reasons why we have no spitting at school) and sneezing and by direct contact with weeping blisters.
- Exclusion from school is approximately a week from the date of the appearance of the rash.

We also have one case of Glandular Fever at our school. Anyone at any age can catch Glandular Fever and symptoms are similar to the Flu with chills, loss of appetite, headache, fever, sore throat and swollen glands in the neck, armpit or groin. These can persist for several weeks or longer.

**If you are unsure whether your child should return to school, please see to your family doctor.**

*A copy of the Infections Diseases Guidelines can be found on the school website under "Infectious Diseases".*

## TE TOTARA SPORTS

### PLAYER OF THE DAY

#### HOCKEY

<b>Stormers</b>	Samantha Ward & Yuma Fielder
<b>All Stars</b>	Paul Araneta
<b>Thunder</b>	Lucy McMorran
<b>Leopards</b>	TBA
<b>Cheetahs</b>	Keira Marx
<b>Tigers</b>	Quade Lutze
<b>Lightning</b>	Paige Hopping & Sebastian Du Bois
<b>Shooters</b>	Ashleigh MacIntyre & Jasmine Fitzwalter

#### NETBALL

<b>Comets</b>	Kirstie Johns
<b>Magic</b>	Hayley Garforth & Jasmine Fitzwalter
<b>Ferns</b>	TBA
<b>Rebels</b>	Lana Mills
<b>Tigers</b>	Imogen Slater

## DATES COMING UP

<b>Thurs 7 Aug</b>	Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm – 7.15pm
<b>Thurs 7 Aug</b>	Book Week Ends at school
<b>Fri 8 Aug</b>	Pyjama Day at School
<b>Wed 13 Aug</b>	Visiting Production for Y3-6 students
<b>Mon 1 Sept</b>	Mid-term break – <b>School Closed</b>
<b>Wed 17 Sept</b>	Y6 Students to Fairfield Intermediate Orientation Day
<b>Wed 24 Sept</b>	Pirates of the Curry Bean School Production Matinee/Evening
<b>Thurs 25 Sept</b>	Pirates of the Curry Bean School Production Matinee/Evening
<b>Fri 26 Sept</b>	<b>END OF TERM 3 @ 3.00PM</b>

**Brian Sheedy**  
**Principal**



## 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](mailto: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, TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014 7.30pm

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

### PTA EMAIL ADDRESS

[tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com)



<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Te-Totara-Primary-School-PTA/30090011661692>

## WAIKATO EXPRESSWAY

The NZ Transport Agency is considering possible connections to the Waikato Expressway in the Hamilton North and Horsham Downs area. An information day will be held to present options and seek feedback. Representatives from the NZ Transport Agency, Waikato District Council and Hamilton City Council will be available to explain the options and answer your questions.

Where: Horsham Downs Community Hall (Martin Lane, off Horsham Downs Road)

When: Tuesday 19 August 2014, 2pm-7pm, call in any time

If you cannot make it to the information day and would like to provide feedback regarding the options being considered, please visit us online at [www.nzta.govt.nz/hamilton](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/hamilton)

## CHIP HUMBLE, REAL ESTATE AGENT LUGTONS ROTOTUNA

Call Chip today for a free market appraisal or for any advice on any up and coming real estate requirements that you may have.

**A donation will be made back to our School with every completed house sale or purchase and all referrals that also leads to a successful sale or purchase.**

Phone 027 475 2349 or After Hours 854 6228 or Email [chiphumble@lugtons.co.nz](mailto:chiphumble@lugtons.co.nz)

## 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.

## CLUB ENERGIZE CROSS COUNTRY

A FREE programme for ages 7-12 years catering for all levels of ability and fitness.

**Held at two locations:**  
Porritt Stadium  
Swarbrick Park, Frankton  
**Mondays 3.30pm-4.30pm**  
**4 August - 25 August 2014**

BRING Shoes, drink bottle, light clothing.

Text or email for more info. No need to register, just turn up and have some fun with your Energizers!