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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> December, 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)

### END OF YEAR APPROACHING

At this time of the year there are lots of things happening and below we will update you on these.

Date	Event
Fri 12 Dec	12.00 noon. Class for 2015 goes live on parent portal. To login, use your Login and Password details you received in your Learning Plan folders.
	2.00pm Assembly starring Neptune 31. Class Awards for Milky Way, Orion, Ra & Neptune
Mon 15 Dec	5.45pm for 6.00pm End of Year Celebration on the field
Tue 16 Dec	1.30pm Children visit new rooms and teachers(if available)
Wed 17 Dec	Shifting day, teachers and children stay in classes and two teams of shifters move furniture
Thu 18 Dec	Children go to their existing room, even if the furniture looks different ☺ 3.00pm School finishes for the year
Tue 3rd Feb 2015	School starts for Term 1, 2015 at 8.55am

### END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

#### 5.45PM MONDAY 15TH 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 ☺
- 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 hill 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.

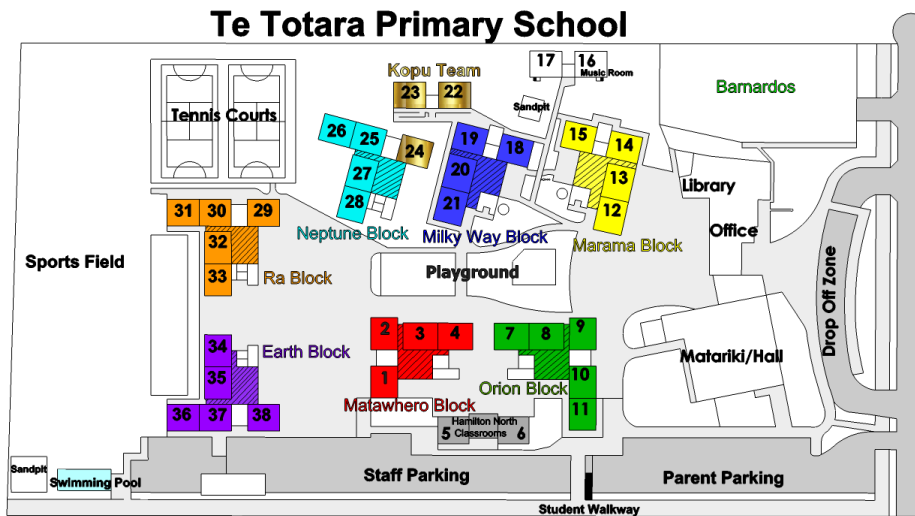
- Other children not involved in the school are asked to be respectful and if they want to play, then the court area is a good place.
- There are likely to be over 2500 people at the event so we strongly advise walking ☺
- Please no umbrellas as it blocks the view of people behind.
- We will have a "Paparazzi" 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 Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, same time. Notifications will be put on the school Facebook page, school app and the web site.
- The event is weather dependent, so may be cancelled at the last moment, but we will do our best to let everyone know as early as possible
- At the end of the event we will need to stagger people leaving due to Health and Safety, so please be prepared to wait a little time. Announcements will be made to help.
- The event programme can be found at <http://www.tetotara.school.nz/1/pages/38-latest-news>

### 2015 SCHOOL ORGANISATION

We are delighted to confirm our organisation for 2015. There are some points that may be of interest:

- Our rooms are being renumbered to reflect the building additions to the school and have a logical sequence.
- Over January, you will see signage changes to support the new layout
- Teams have been placed together in one building where possible, making the buildings reflect the needs of the children at that time
- This is why you will see our year 5/6 classes in Marama and Milky Way as they are both teams of four. Similarly our Year 3/4 teams have five in each and are in Earth and Ra buildings
- We have our youngest students in Orion and Matawhero, close to new playgrounds and a more secure environment than other places in the school
- Some information to help on how we put our classes together can be found on our website <http://www.tetotara.school.nz/39/pages/39-how-our-classes-are-put-together>
- We welcome new teachers: Naomi Courtney-Tennent, Mark Mcleod, Inge Alferink, Komal Kumar, Rebecca Foster, Sarah Rasmussen & Logan Ganley. Their biographies will be on the website in the new year
- We farewell Falstaff Mitchell-Dowling who is moving to the Middle East to further his teaching experience and thank him most sincerely for the wonderful three years he has spent with us. Bridget McLaughlin's contract is completed at the end of the year and we thank her for her wonderful service. We also farewell Casey Frew for the 2015 school year as she takes leave to explore the world ☺
- Tomorrow at noon we will liven up our Parent Portal so that you can find which class your child is. Login details are: [www.atschool.co.nz](http://www.atschool.co.nz) use your User ID & Password details. Click "My Child" then "Other Details" for next year's class details.

# Te Totara Primary School Organisation 2015



Brian Sheedy			Principal
Anne Fraser			Deputy Principal
Paula Wine			Assistant principal
<b>Team &amp; Teacher</b>	<b>Year Level</b>	<b>New Room</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Matawhero</b>			
Learning support		1	In this class until another class starts later in year
Jennie Brook-Watt		2	<b>Team Leader</b> , class starts later in 2015
Julianne Wink		3	Class starts around April
Chris Chase		4	Class starts in February
Hamilton North		5	Satellite class
Hamilton North		6	Satellite class
<b>ORION</b>			
Angela Zillwood	Y 1	7	
Anna Pratt	Y 1	8	<b>Team Leader</b>
Jemma Shannon	Y 1	9	
Caron Ace	Y1	10	
Bridie Carr-Neill	Y 1	11	
<b>Marama</b>			
Ryan Jordan	Y5/6	12	
Helena Kirkham	Y 5/6	13	<b>Team Leader</b>
Renee Morgan	Y 5/6	14	
Naomi Courtney-Tennent	Y5/6	15	
<b>Music</b>		16	Suzanne Newrick
<b>After School Care</b>		17	

<b>Team &amp; Teacher</b>	<b>Year Level</b>	<b>New Room</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Milky Way</b>			
Angela Sweeney	Y5/6	18	
Mark Mcleod	Y5/6	19	
Jo Stewart	Y5/6	20	<b>Team Leader</b>
Inge Alferink	Y5/6	21	
<b>Kopu</b>			
Andrea Johns	Y2	22	<b>Team Leader</b>
Cyra Wells	Y2	23	
Suzie Goile	Y2	24	
<b>Neptune</b>			
Komal Kumar	Y2	25	
Alana Pulman	Y2	26	
Jennifer Dalton	Y2	27	<b>Team Leader</b>
Rebecca Foster	Y2	28	
<b>Ra</b>			
Megan Leitch	Y3/4	29	
Becky Somerville	Y3/4	30	<b>Team Leader</b>
Sharon Hatherill	Y3/4	31	
Sarah Corkill	Y3/4	32	
Rebecca Griffin	Y3/4	33	
<b>Earth</b>			
Cath Glyde	Y3/4	34	
Sue Robertson	Y3/4	35	<b>Team Leader</b>
Jemma Campbell	Y3/4	36	
Logan Ganley	Y3/4	37	
Sarah Rasmussen	Y3/4	38	

## CLASSROOM SHIFTING DAY – WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

If you are able to help on this day, please e-mail Marise Crow on [receptionist@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:receptionist@tetotara.school.nz) or Ph: (07) 853-0039 ext. 858.

We are looking for around 16 helpers, meeting in the Staff Lounge at 8.30am and working within 2 teams under the direction of Mrs Wine & Mrs Fraser (*big lunch supplied - nom nom*). This will allow our teachers to focus on their children at this busy time.

We have approx. 24 lots of classroom furniture to shift all in the one day – a huge job!

## SCHOOL STATIONERY ORDERING FOR 2015

We have teamed up with OfficeMax MySchool so that you can buy all your school stationery needs for 2015 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 2015. They will have hard copies of stationery lists available at the shop from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014 onwards.

Many of our families used this online system last year and will be familiar with the ordering process. This website is available from today for ordering at [www.myschool.co.nz/tetotara](http://www.myschool.co.nz/tetotara)  
*Instructions on ordering stationery will be placed on our website under "Newsletters".*

*Please note: You do not need a Student ID, please leave this field blank. If you have a new entrant starting in Term 1, 2015 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 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2015 to ensure delivery before school starts on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2015.**

**OfficeMax My School**

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- Free delivery for orders over \$57.50 incl. GST
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- Find a lower price and we'll match it! (see [myschool.co.nz](http://myschool.co.nz) for details)
- Check delivery windows at [myschool.co.nz](http://myschool.co.nz) to ensure you receive before school starts.

Buy online at [myschool.co.nz](http://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

## BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE ENROLMENTS

2015 Before & After School Care Enrolment Forms are now available on the school website. If you wish to enrol your child in 2015, please complete an Enrolment Form and return it to the School Office by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**; or you can e-mail it direct to Anna at: [offerschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:offerschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz)

## LOST PROPERTY ON DISPLAY

All lost property will be on display beside the yellow Lost Property Box on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014, from 8.00am**. If wet, it will be on display inside the Earth Pod (purple building).

Please check to see if any items belong to your family as all unclaimed items (*other than school uniform*) will be donated to charity.

We will endeavour to return named school uniform items of clothing to their rightful owner however; any un-named school uniform will be given to the School Office and sold, with the proceeds returned to the school. As you can imagine, with 806 students at our school now, it doesn't take long before the Lost Property is full.



## TE TOTARA SWIM SCHOOL LESSONS 2015

We are looking at running swimming lessons in the Summer January 2015 school holidays. These will be a 1 week block course for your child/ren.

**Block courses would be held:**

**12-16 January 2015**

**26-30 January 2015**

Your child/children's lesson would be for 25 minutes each day of the week.

You choose the week you would like your child/children to swim from the above dates.

An interest letter has gone home with the oldest child today.

## FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW - LAST ONE FOR 2014

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall**. **Our Neptune 31 children will be sharing and class awards.**

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

## COURT ORDERS

If your child/ren has a Court Order in place, please ensure that the school has the current Court Order on file. You are welcome to contact Marise on (07) 853-0039 ext. 858 to check the details we have on file.

## ALL LIBRARY BOOKS DUE BACK

We have 193 outstanding library books that need to be returned. If you still have library books at home could you please send these back as soon as possible.

## LIBRARY OPEN OVER SUMMER

The school library will be open from 1pm - 4pm every Tuesday in the summer holidays. Students, accompanied by a parent, can borrow up to six books. They are not due back until after school starts in 2015 so you can keep books for the whole holidays if you need to. On 23 December we are lending packs of 'mystery books' for a nice surprise over Christmas. We would love to see you.

## HAMILTON CITY LIBRARIES' SUMMER READING

Once again we are able to offer Hamilton City Libraries' fantastic Summer Reading Programme from our school library over the holidays. If you would like to sign up your child to their programme please see Michelle Simms in the library any time next week. The Summer Reading Programme is an enjoyable way to encourage your child to keep reading over the holidays and prevent the 'summer slump' (a loss in reading achievement over summer if children stop reading). Please make sure that your child is willing to do the programme and that you have enough time for it, as we have limited places available.

## EBOOKS ARE HERE IN TIME FOR THE SUMMER!

Are you going away but still want access to our library books? We now have a range of eBooks that can be borrowed on a wide range of devices and read online or offline. If you would like more information about this please look under Our Learning > Our Library > [eBooks](#) on our website.

## DIRECT GROUP SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Our school uniform supplier will be re-opening Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January, Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm with limited stock available. They have advised all school uniform items will be available from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January onwards from 8am – 5pm, also we will be having a late night on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 8am – 6pm.

Direct Group Uniforms  
07 847 6664  
115 Ellis Street,  
Frankton, Hamilton  
[www.directgroup.co.nz](http://www.directgroup.co.nz)

## WRAPPING PAPER NEEDED

If you are organised and have done your Christmas wrapping already the library would love to have your leftover wrapping paper so we can wrap our 'mystery books' up. Please drop off donations to the office.

## TE TOTARA SPORTS

### PLAYER OF THE DAY

#### CRICKET

##### Midgets

Wyatt Wink

##### Mini's

Matthew Gunn, Cole Hill & Melanie McEwen

##### Tigers

Flynn Allison, Samuel Rattray, Eita Maeuea

##### Thunders

Connor Duggan

#### TOUCH

##### Chiefs

Kendyll Blissett

##### Gunns

Cooper MacKay, Adian Faulkner

## DATES COMING UP

Mon 15 Dec 5.45pm End of Year Celebration

Thurs 18 Dec END OF TERM @ 3.00PM

### 2015

Tue 3 Feb

School Starts

Wed 11 Feb

Meet the Teacher

Y1-2 5.30pm

Y2-3 6.00pm

Y3-4 6.30pm

Sat 21 March

School Gala

Thu 2 April

Term 1 Finishes

## THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR

This is the last newsletter for the year. All of our team wish everyone a wonderful holiday time with family. Our thanks to families to contributing to a wonderful year at Te Totara School

Kind regards

**Brian Sheedy**

**Principal**





## NEXT PTA MEETING - TBA

7.30pm, Held in the 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>

## DISCO PHOTO'S – DEADLINE EXTENDED TO THIS FRIDAY – LAST CHANCE TO ORDER.

Photos are now available for you to view on the PTA Facebook page. See the page for ordering details.

- The photo numbers can only be seen if viewed via the Facebook album, the number can be found at the bottom left hand side of each photo (e.g. 67 of 536)
- Cost \$2 per electronic photo
- Orders and payment must be in by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014** to Kate McMorrان [mkmcm@ihug.co.nz](mailto:mkmcm@ihug.co.nz)
- Payments to be either cash into the green PTA box or internet banking to the PTA bank account
- Payment can be made in the green PTA box in the office or via internet banking into the PTA bank account: 12-3171-0277833-00
- Please clearly mark your payment/envelope with the photo number, your name and your email address

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visit our School's own page:  
[www.abacus.co.nz/schools/tetotara](http://www.abacus.co.nz/schools/tetotara)

- An electronic copy of the photo will be emailed to you the week of the 8<sup>th</sup> December.
- No late orders accepted



## 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.

### KELLY SPORTS - HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

**Our programme is full of exciting activities and trips that will guarantee children, aged 5-13 years, have a great time!**

Te Totara School, Southwell School  
Hamilton Girls High School & Bankwood School.

Also Leamington School, Cambridge  
**Programmes at various venues from ...**  
**12<sup>th</sup> December to 24<sup>th</sup> December**  
**& 5<sup>th</sup> January to 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

**8am – 6pm**

For more information or to **BOOK ONLINE**  
go to [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz)

Email: [waiato@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:waiato@kellysports.co.nz) Tel: 07 839 9017

**TERM 1 2015 ENROLMENTS – ONLY A FEW SPACES LEFT FOR TERM 1 2015, GET IN QUICK.** Lessons held at Te Totara school on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afterschool for both boys (hip-hop boxing style unisex class) and girls (jazz/aerobic style class). Boys from age 5-11 and girls from age 3-11. Heaps of fun and great for your child's confidence, co-ordination and fitness. Cost \$75 for the term and includes an informal show at the end of the term held in the school hall. Email Jolie at [jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz) for more info

**JITTERFIT BOOTCAMP** – Session held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at Te Totara School at 6.15pm. Cost \$8 for 45 minute session. Heaps of fun and guaranteed workout. Just what you need at this time of the year! All levels of fitness welcome. Email [jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz) for more info or to register.

**ADULTS AEROBICS – NOW TAKING NAMES FOR THE WAITLIST FOR TERM 1 2015.** A great way to burn calories, tone muscles, get fit and have fun at the same time! Cost \$75 for the term. Classes held on a Monday night in the Te Totara School Hall from 7.30pm – 8.25pm. For a free trial session, email Jolie at [jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz).

## SPEECH AND DRAMA CLASSES AT TE TOTARA SCHOOL

..... are fun classes where students learn to communicate effectively with other people express themselves with clarity and confidence use eye contact practise active listening skills develop an appropriately projected voice develop a vocabulary rich enough to express thoughts and ideas with clarity and imagination plus lots more !!! Above all, promotion of self-esteem and self confidence through self-expression is paramount.

All classes take into account each individual's capabilities and are specifically structured to meet those needs. All students have the option of sitting exams through The New Zealand Speech Board. Each year consists of four terms.

Classes start February - spaces are limited so be in quick to secure your place. For further information and enrolments, please contact me before 24 December.

Gaylene Loneran L.T.C.L. N.Z.S.B  
PH: 8556122

## RIVERLEA THEATRE

Children's show 'Bugsy MALONE' is being staged at Riverlea Theatre in May next year, and we are looking for kids to audition! This is an awesome opportunity for all you musical/singing/dancing 10-16 year olds.

Set during the 1920s prohibition era and in Fat Sam's legendary Speakeasy. Featuring gangster characters the likes of Bugsy, Fat Sam, Blousey, Tallulah and Dandy Dan...this musical is full of fun, singing, dancing, rival gangs and splatter guns! You can audition for a key character lead, chorus or a specialty dancer.

Auditions will be held 14-15 February, between 9am-5pm. To get all the details about how to prepare and where to find out more, please check out our website [www.musikmakers.org.nz](http://www.musikmakers.org.nz)

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## @ CHAPEL HILL CHURCH

### 2015 Summer Holiday Program

Please pack a lunch and a snack.

- Jan 12 – 13 9am – 5 pm: **Mining & Crafting**
- Jan 14 – 15 9am – 5 pm: **Model Designer**
- Jan 16 9am – 5 pm: **Amusement Park**
- Jan 19 – 20 9am – 5 pm: **Superhero Academy**
- Jan 21 – 22 9am – 5 pm: **Remote Control Mania**
- Jan 23 9am – 5 pm: **Animal Grossology**

#### Program Price:

- \$100 for two day program
- \$50 for one day program

#### Special discounts for second siblings!

10% off for second siblings.

For a full description of each workshop and to register online, Please visit our website at [bricks4kidz.co.nz/Hamilton-waikato](http://bricks4kidz.co.nz/Hamilton-waikato) or contact: [lwang@bricks4kidz.com](mailto:lwang@bricks4kidz.com)  
Chapel Hill Church  
2 Cate Road, Rototuna, Hamilton

### EASY LOW COST RECIPE

## FESTIVE FRUITS

- Cut an apple in half and make a hole on the top to insert carrot 'trunk'
- Push toothpicks into carrot to create 'branches'
- Slice a selection of fruit and arrange onto toothpick branches
  - Strawberries
  - Grapes
  - Pineapple
  - Banana
  - Melon
  - Apple
  - Orange
- Enjoy as a festival fruit platter