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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2015

#### Week 1

**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), **Geia sou** (Greek), **Mbote, Jambo** (Congolese), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese), **Hola** (Spanish), **Annyeonghaseyo** (South Korea)

### WELCOME BACK TO THE SCHOOL YEAR!

It was wonderful to start the school year on Tuesday and we are delighted with the way everyone has been so positive and supportive.

All our staff worked hard to make sure things are in place and our children are certainly making a wonderful start to the school year.

We are really looking forward to this year. We now have our building work complete and are really looking forward to making the most of our facilities, to continue to focus on teaching and learning.

A special welcome to our new families, we hope your association with the school goes really well.

### SCHOOL CLOSED-WAITANGI DAY

Our school is **closed tomorrow, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February** for a national holiday-Waitangi Day. We open again on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

### SCHOOL SIGNAGE

We hope everyone is getting used to the new signage and room numbers around the school. The bright and colourful signs, courtesy of THE SIGN CREW, are certainly been a big hit with all and much appreciated! Hope you like the new foyer welcome representing many of our school cultures☺



## GALA GALA GALA

### SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2015

#### 9.00AM- 1.00PM

Our 2015 Te Totara School Gala planning is underway!! To date we have received such generous support from many businesses, both local and out of town, and we would encourage you to support them where possible please. Some businesses are supporting us for a second year in a row, others are new, and without their generosity, our Gala wouldn't be so successful.

So a massive shout out and a big thanks to: **Peter Baker Transport – Waikato Callum Brae Pitch 'n Putt, De Bretts Thermal Springs & Hot Spa (Taupo), Dominos Pizza Rototuna, Our 'Good Neighbour' Bar & Restaurant, Mind Junction (Taupo), More than Flowers, Paper Plus Rototuna, Physiques Gym, Style Hairdressing, The Eatery & Keg Room, Unichem Rototuna, Zealong Tea, Rose Bryant @ The First Aid Supply Team & Te Totara Primary Swim School.**

We would love more sponsors for our raffles and prizes. If every parent could ask their employer... or if you are the employer or boss, and you would love to see more play equipment and resources poured into Te Totara School for the kids learning and enjoyment, then please contact Nicky at [nick\\_muza@hotmail.com](mailto:nick_muza@hotmail.com) with any queries or offers. No contribution is too big or small!

### MEET THE TEACHER

#### WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

Come along for around half an hour and meet your child's teacher and find out what is happening. Times are:

5.30pm Y1/2 Orion, Kopu, Neptune

6.00pm Y3/4 Earth, Ra

6.30pm Y 5/6 Marama, Milky Way

Parking may be a challenge, so a stroll to school may help ☺

### NEW PLAYGROUND FOR OUR YOUNGEST

Our new playground by Orion is proving a huge hit with our younger students. Thanks so much to our PTA for the donation which was used to build this. Shortly, we will add artificial grass in front of the area to complete the project.

### SWIMMING

We are pleased to start our school swimming programme next Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Times for the next thirteen school weeks are on the web site and teachers will let children know to bring their togs and make use of the lovely new changing sheds. Details are at:

<http://www.tetotara.school.nz/210/pages/65-swimming-pool>

Later in the year we will update all on costings after we have had a full year of operating.

**Weeks 2 & 3 Classes are: Room 29, Room 30 & Room 33**

## TE TOTARA SWIM SCHOOL LESSONS STARTING TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY

Back by popular demand after our very successful Term 4, 2014 Swim School and Summer Holiday lessons, we are pleased to offer a 6-week block course swimming lessons for your children this term at school.

**These will be held on Tuesday's and Thursday's after school at our school pool.**

Swim School lessons will be for 25 minutes with a 5 minute turn around time. Classes offered will be for Pre-schoolers and level 1-5 swimmers.

The block course of lessons will cost \$87.00 (\$14.50 per lesson)

Our Swim School Policy and Enrolment Form are now available on our school website under our school, general information, swimming pool, swim school swimming lessons.

**Bookings close Wednesday 18th February 2015.**

**Please contact Celeste via email [celestem@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:celestem@tetotara.school.nz) to make a booking, please include your child's name and swimming level.**

Once your booking has been confirmed, you will be required to complete an Enrolment Form and make full payment before the Swim School lessons start please.

## KEEPING UP-TO-DATE

Many different things happen at school and we have many ways to keep up to date, including:

Online school calendar [On line School Calendar](#)

School App [Download the School App](#)

School Web site [Te Totara Web Site](#)

Weekly notices [Weekly Notices](#)

Facebook Page

We have a great team at school who keep these all updated in real time.

## PARENT HELP PLEASE

We would love some parents to help in the Resource Room, covering dictionaries for the classes. If you could spare any time on Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's, could you please let the School Office know or contact Esther via e-mail at [estherr@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:estherr@tetotara.school.nz)

## CHANGE OF DETAILS/ADDRESS

Just a little reminder that if you have changed any of your details i.e. phone, address, e-mail etc; to please advise the School Office so we can update your records accordingly.

We encourage our families to check your contact details are correct through the parent portal at [www.atschool.co.nz](http://www.atschool.co.nz) using the User ID and Passwords that were provided with your child/ren previous Learning Plan.

## OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Is published each Thursday and is available online from 3.00pm. We will send an e-mail link each week for you to access it or visit our website direct at [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz)

## SCHOOL DONATION

We certainly appreciate the fantastic support we are receiving for the school voluntary donation, it is appreciated and the funding will be used for resources for the children.

If you wish to pay your voluntary School Donation, we are happy to accept payment by cash, cheque, internet banking or EFT-POS at the School Office. The Board of Trustees has set payment at:

\$100.00 for the first family member  
\$50.00 for each subsequent child

Please check with the School Office as the voluntary School Donation is adjusted depending on which term your child/ren started school.

A GST receipt will be issued. A % of your donation may be claimed as a tax rebate using a "Rebate Claim Form" – please refer to Inland Revenue for further details.

You are welcome to pay via internet banking to the following account:

Account Name: Te Totara Primary School  
Bank: ASB Bank Chartwell  
Account Number: 12-3171-0270973-00

Please place your child's name, (or surname only if making payment for more than one child) and what the payment is for, in the reference boxes).

## SCHOOL HOURS

Just a reminder that school starts at **8.55am sharp** and it is important for children to be here at that time. We appreciate your efforts however; if for any reason you do arrive late (after 8.55am) please report to the School Office where a "Late Card" will be issued to your child before heading to your learning area.

## EARLY ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL BEFORE 8.15AM

Children are welcome to arrive at school from **8.15am onwards**. We have noticed a number of students arriving around 8.00am or even earlier. Teachers have planning to do before school in their classrooms and are unavailable to supervise any students arriving before 8.15am. We offer a Before School Care facility; Enrolment Forms are available from the School Office or via our School website [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz)

## LATE ARRIVALS (AFTER 8.55AM)

Have you ever arrived at a meeting late, everyone is settled in their chair, the presenter has welcomed them and is now outlining what the day has in store..... and as you walk in they all turn and look at you?

That is what it can be like for your child when they arrive late at school and their class is all settled. So please, we ask parents to ensure their children arrive at school with at least five minutes to spare, for them to organise themselves by hanging up their school bag and sorting their book bag independently.

We understand there may be rare occasions where your child arrives **late** at school (**after 8.55am**) and require families to report to the School Office for the child to be issued a Late Card prior to heading to their learning areas. We appreciate your effort in ensuring your child/ren arrive at school in good time before the first bell at 8.55am.

## ABSENCES

If your child will be away from school then please let us know by either:

- Phoning the school on **(07) 853-0039**
- School App
- Texting the School Office on 027 207-4466 with name, details and reason for absence.

**Every text message received will be acknowledged by a return text. If you do not receive a reply by 9.30am, please resend your text.**

We would appreciate any absence messages before 9.00am.

## PROCEDURE WHEN STUDENTS ARE AWAY DUE TO FAMILY HOLIDAY ETC

From time to time families wish to take their children out of school for various events not related to illness. Simply notifying the teacher/school verbally is not sufficient. To gain an exemption you will need to write or e-mail the principal (copy Carole Carter) in order to follow the Education Act.

**E-mail address for Brian Sheedy**

[principal@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:principal@tetotara.school.nz)

c.c. [officeassistant@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:officeassistant@tetotara.school.nz)

## ALLERGIES/MEDICAL CONDITIONS

In the event of a medical emergency, if your child has a medical condition, is taking regular medicine/tablets or has an allergy (including sticking plasters etc), please advise the School Office (if you haven't already), so we can amend your records accordingly

## DENTAL CLINIC FOR TE TOTARA CHILDREN

### - FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY DENTAL CLINIC

Our school Dental Clinic is located at the Fairfield Community Dental Clinic C/- Fairfield Intermediate School Ph: (07) 853-8145. The physical address is: Kensington Place (end of road not far from Davies Corner Medical Centre)

## APPOINTMENTS AT SCHOOL

We love to see families at school and appreciate the home and school partnership. However, we are finding that that we have a number of "cold callers" arriving and expecting to see either a leadership person or a teacher. This can pose problems as we often have commitments elsewhere and can't do justice to any queries that you may have. We certainly don't want to stop the great communication in place but would appreciate either a phone call or e-mail so that we can make an appointment to give you the time needed to sort out any queries. This phone call or e-mail will need to be done a day or two prior to the appointment.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are delighted with the large numbers of students who look really great by wearing their uniform in the correct manner.

However, we have noticed a few students who are not complying with our Uniform Expectations and we ask your assistance with this.

**ALL** students are expected to be wearing their full correct summer uniform.

- All students are to arrive at school and leave from school in their Te Totara Primary School uniform, including footwear.
- Uniforms are to be worn clean, neat and tidy.
- Students are encouraged to take pride in their school uniform and to wear it well.
- Hair is to be off the face, tied back if longer than the bottom of the collar, and be the natural hair colour.
- Nail polish and cosmetics are not permitted.
- Second hand uniforms may be available. Please see the notice board in the School Office for details.
- Any hair accessory is to be of a single school uniform colour – red, white, black, green.
- Variations in relation to the Human Rights Act may be negotiated with the Principal.
- All pupils are encouraged to use sunscreen at home before school and expected to wear the regulation school hat while outdoors. No hat – play in the shade.
- All uniform items should be clearly named.

## JEWELLERY

Items of jewellery can be easily lost or damaged at school. They may also cause injury to the wearer or other students. **For safety reasons items of jewellery are NOT to be worn.** The school accepts no responsibility in the case of loss, damage or injury.

However, students may wear:

- a) One small earring stud per ear.
- b) A watch.
- c) A necklace of religious or cultural significance – to be worn underneath clothing.
- d) A Medical Identification Tag as required.

For a full description of our Uniform Expectations for our school uniform, please check the noticeboard in the School Office or the school website.

If you have any queries, please contact me at [principal@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:principal@tetotara.school.nz)

### TE TOTARA BUCKET SUN HATS COMPULSORY TERM 1, 2015

From the beginning of Term 1, 2015 ALL children will need to wear their Te Totara Primary School Red Bucket Hat when outside.

These can be purchased through Direct Group, 115 Ellis Street, Frankton (07) 847-6664.

### NAMING OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

**Please, please, please can you make sure all items of school uniform are clearly named.** It is not good enough to assume that your child will know that something belongs to them "because it has a black dot on the tag". If an item of clothing is found out on the fields it can not be returned unless it is named. We go out of our way to identify and return lost property, but patience runs thin when clothing is not named.

### SCHOOL BANKING - FIRST CREDIT UNION

Banking can be deposited in the Credit Union Drop Box in Reception and will be collected every Wednesday morning by First Credit Union. Passbooks will be returned and will go home with students the following day (Thursday).

Application Packs can be collected from the School Office.

### TOUCH RUGBY REGISTRATION

Children will be called to collect an 'Interest Letter' for Touch Rugby today at lunch time. The season will commence on **Monday 23rd February**. I will also call for children next Monday if they miss out today.

The 'Interest Letters' must be returned to the MooLoo Box in the School Office by **Thursday 12th February** so we can register our teams promptly. We appreciate offers of Coaches and Managers as we can not put forward teams without parent support. Many thanks, Te Totara Sports Team

### DATES COMING UP

<b>Wed 11 Feb</b>	<b>Meet the Teacher</b>
	<b>Y1-2 5.30pm</b>
	<b>Y3-4 6.00pm</b>
	<b>Y5-6 6.30pm</b>
<b>Sat 21 March</b>	<b>School Gala</b>
<b>Thu 2 April</b>	<b>Term 1 Finishes @ 3.00pm</b>

Kind regards

**Brian Sheedy**  
**Principal**

## TE TOTARA PTA



### 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>

## 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.

### AFTER SCHOOL ART LESSONS

[www.allsmilez.com](http://www.allsmilez.com) hosts quality, small group lessons in drawing, painting.

skills, confidence and creativity. Email kim to [book\\_allsmilez@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:book_allsmilez@vodafone.co.nz)

### HAMILTON ADVENTURE PARK

The Perry Group are in the early stages of designing an Adventure Park, and are currently seeking market feedback. The concept is to develop an outdoor Adventure Park, with a Wakeboarding facility as the core attraction. Other drafted attractions could include an Aqua park, Bike park, Theme Park, Café and Pro-shop but they need your feedback to tell them what you want.

Take out 4 minutes of your day to voice your opinions and ideas, and go in the draw to win an Ipad Air! This survey is online for 10 days only, so don't miss out on your chance to have a say towards an Adventure Park of the future!

[www.surveymonkey.com/s/hamiltonadventurepark](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/hamiltonadventurepark)

### FRANKTON JUNIOR RUGBY WANTS YOU!

Our General Weigh-in is being held March 7th 2015 at 3pm - 5pm at the clubrooms on Rifle Range Road. So come join our rugby community.

New players need to bring a current photo and a copy of birth certificate or passport. Any inquiries ph 0210590036 Haley.

### SUPPORT IAIN INGS

On March 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Iain Ings, one of our school Board of Trustees is walking in the Cancer Society Waikato/BOP Relay for Life. Iain is on his own journey with cancer and wants to give back to the Cancer Society for all the support and assistance they have so far given him and he wants sponsorship. If you would like to sponsor Iain you can do at his team's fundraising page: <https://relayforlifehamilton.everydayhero.com/nz/team-well-heeled> and if you more information you can visit his Facebook page and like it! [www.facebook.com/TeamWellHeeled](http://www.facebook.com/TeamWellHeeled) Thank you

## HAMILTON NORTH FOOTBALL - WELCOME TO THE 2015 FOOTBALL SEASON.

Registrations are open from today until 6<sup>th</sup> March. We cannot guarantee team placement after this date, it will be dependent on team numbers. Links to our online registration forms are available on our website

[www.hamiltonnorthfootball.org.nz](http://www.hamiltonnorthfootball.org.nz)

For those that are unable to register online, forms can be emailed on request

[secretary@hamiltonnorthfootball.org.nz](mailto:secretary@hamiltonnorthfootball.org.nz)

## TENNIS COACHING

'Number 1 Tennis' is offering tennis coaching before and after school at Te Totara Primary School

Tennis lessons will be 45 minutes long and are on Wednesdays and Thursdays and start on February 11th. Private lessons are available.

Contact Andrew for a free trial lesson, enrolment forms are available at reception.

For more information contact coach Andrew Sheedy at: [andrewsheedy@hotmail.com](mailto:andrewsheedy@hotmail.com)

027 906 3353 facebook - Number 1 Tennis'

## DYNAMIC SPEECH CLASSES - 2015



**SPEAK OUT - gain confidence, stress-handling and public speaking skills**

Classes Te Awamutu/Ham/Cambg. From 5 – 17 years. Give your child the most invaluable life skills ever!

**CHATTERBOX - Roslyn 027 248 2888** or email [info@chatterbox.net.nz](mailto:info@chatterbox.net.nz) [www.chatterbox.net.nz](http://www.chatterbox.net.nz)

## R.E.A.P

We are an afterschool enrichment programme with the purpose of providing children, in the Waikato, with a range of courses to help develop them as global citizens. Our programmes are starting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of February. In term 1 we are offering; Orienteering, Violin, Chess – Level 1, French, Spanish, Japanese –children and adults, Bricks 4 Kidz, Singing, Decoupage, Du-kit Creations, Glass Art, Adventure Based Learning, Ukulele, Keyboard, Piano, Cartooning with Dan, Coding, My School – Moving Images. For more information you can see our timetable and booklet at [www.hamiltonreap.co.nz](http://www.hamiltonreap.co.nz) or e-mail us at [admin@hamiltonreap.co.nz](mailto:admin@hamiltonreap.co.nz).

## FREE EAR CLINIC SERVICE

25 Vialou Street Hamilton.

Ph 838 3565 to make an appointment.

## FUN FAMILY COLOUR RUN

Saturday 14 February 2015

Register online at [www.trimaori.nz](http://www.trimaori.nz)

Email Ariana@trimaori.nz

## MANSFIELD CONSTRUCTION LTD

A wide range of services available from renovations, new builds, landscaping etc.

Contact Greg Gudsell Phone 022 153 8440

## HAMILTON ROLLER SKATING CLUB

A great way to get out there and get active with your kids. Lots of public sessions held.

Contact Kathy phone 8552523 or Pearl phone 8474527 for further details.

## CRYSTAL LAUNDROMAT

230 Peachgrove Road Hamilton. Special opening deals in store. Contact Greg Phone 021 132 6726

## THE HAMILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE OF MUSIC

Classes offer affordable group tuition in a wide range of musical instruments for all ability levels and ages.

Contact us via our website [www.hccm.ac.nz](http://www.hccm.ac.nz)

## JITTERBUGS DANCE LESSONS

Last chance to enrol for Term 1 2015 – lessons start next week and spaces will full up fast. Spaces available in the following sessions:

- Monday 3.15 Jitterbugs Mini's (ages 3 – 5 ½) 2 spaces
- Tuesday 3.15 Jitterjam (unisex class consisting of boxing/hip hop style moves) 1 space
- Wednesday 4.05 Jitterjam (unisex class consisting of boxing/hip hop style moves) 1 space
- Thursday 3.10 Jitterbugs Junior (ages 5 ½ - 6 ½) 2 spaces

Or I can put you on a waitlist for one of the other sessions. Cost \$75. Lessons held at Te Totara School.

Email: [jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz) for more info or to enrol.

## JITTERFIT

Adults aerobics class Monday night at 7.30pm in the Te Totara School Hall.

Sessions are now full for Term 1, but check out my Facebook page for motivational challenges and updates on any additional sessions I offer J.

For more info email [jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz)