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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2015

#### Week 4

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

### THANK YOU

Thank you to all of our fantastic parents



who phoned, texted, e-mailed or used our Te Totara School App when their children were away this week. We had a record day on Monday, where we didn't have to chase one single family to see where their child/children were. Tuesday was as great with only one family being called. Many thanks, it makes for a good day ahead knowing that all our children are safe and all accounted for so early in the day. I am sure you can appreciate that with 718 children in our school, this can be a very time consuming job.

### 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

### WINTER SPORTS MUSTER

There will be a winter sports muster for all students interested in playing hockey, netball and miniball on **Thursday 5th March (Week 5)** at 12.35pm in the Marama pod. Please listen for the bing bong.

### LOCK DOWN TRIAL

Next Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March @1.30pm, we will be having a trial Lock Down. We do practice this twice a year and will be talking with children about it. Our next trial will be held later in the year and will be unannounced.

### STAFFING UPDATE

At the end of this term Sarah Corkill, our wonderful teacher in Ra 32 is leaving to have a baby, which is wonderful news for her and husband Andrew. We are currently advertising the position. You can find details of the advertisement at: <http://www.tetotara.school.nz/1/pages/88-teaching-vacancy>

**GALA \*\* GALA \*\* GALA \*\* GALA**  
**SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 9.00AM-1.00PM**

### WE NEED:

- **Helpers for Friday 20th March to help set up the White Elephant Stall**
- **Gazebos for shade cover over stalls (it's definitely going to be a sunny day!)**
- **Helpers for one hour time slots during the Gala (you won't need to be on any stand all day, just one hour. LOTS of people will be super helpful)**
- **For the Funky Fashion Stall:**  
**nail polish (new or used)**  
**coloured hair spray (from \$2 shop)**  
**hair chalk**  
**tattoos (\$2 shop)**
- **For the Lolly Stall:**  
**LOLLIES! Wrapped, unwrapped, chocolates etc.**

**Please email the PTA at [tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com) if you can help with any of these things.**

### IT'S GROCERY WEEK!!

If each student could please contribute at least 1 grocery item to their class box, that would be hugely appreciated! Which class will win the prize? Groceries will be judged on a variety of factors (see posters for details) **Closes Friday 27 February 2015.**

### RAFFLE BOOKS:

Raffle books will be sent home with the oldest child in each family next week. Each family is allocated 5 tickets to sell. If you can't sell them, or choose not to sell them please, return them to the green PTA box in the office ASAP, as some families might choose to sell extra.

All books must be returned by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

### HELPERS REQUIRED:

- 1 person who is happy to be given a list and drive around collecting prizes from businesses
  - 4 people to chase up any non-returned raffle books and money.  
Mon 16<sup>th</sup>, Tue 17<sup>th</sup>, Wed 18<sup>th</sup> of March
  - 4 people to sell raffles at the school gate before and after school
  - Week of Mon 16<sup>th</sup> to Fri 20<sup>th</sup> March. Even if you can help on one day...
- Please email [nick\\_muza@hotmail.com](mailto:nick_muza@hotmail.com) if interested.

### WHITE ELEPHANT STALL:

Start collecting these items at home and then we will have drop-off times leading up to the Gala. We need your **good condition pre-loved items** e.g. Toys, Books, Puzzles, Baby gear, Plants, Furniture, Electrical equipment in good working order, etc etc.

**Please... NO junk, NO clothes, NO Manchester, NO weekly magazines**  
Items need to be in working order and complete.

Please search "Te Totara Gala Event" on **Facebook** and invite all your friends & family. The more people we have join us on the day the merrier! It's going to be so much fun!

### MAJOR SPONSORS:

We have an opportunity for 5 businesses to sponsor \$500 each towards an activity, so that all the profits on the day go back into the kids rather than hireage fees. In exchange for their donation, the businesses will have their signs up on the day and will also receive Facebook, Newsletter, Website & School Apple TV advertising.

There are **only 2 spaces left! First in first served!**

Contact [nick\\_muzza@hotmail.com](mailto:nick_muzza@hotmail.com) if interested

**Please support all of our sponsors** but especially our Major Sponsors who have been incredibly generous  
*Chip Humble of Lugtons Real Estate*  
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*Ingham Hyundai*  
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*Peter Baker Transport (PBT)*  
*David @ The Virus Centre*

### OTHER SPONSORS

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### THANK YOU!!!

**A HUGE thank you to Vicki Jordan for creating for all our amazing Gala & Food Festival signage and advertising.**

### SWAN PLANTS - \$2.00 EACH

The Earth Team is selling 'Swan Plants' as a contributor for our School Gala. We are pre-selling around 100 plants as they are ready to go now and can be enjoyed either in the pot or as part of your garden. Each plant is \$2.00 which can be handed into the office where your name and room number will be taken. On Tuesday 3rd March and Wednesday 4th March at 2.50pm, a 'Bing Bong' will ask for you to come and collect your 'Swan Plant' from the Earth Team to take home. Thank you from the Earth Team for your support in helping us keep these wonderful plants growing and for your contribution to our School Gala.

### LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS

To help the teachers formulate Learning Plans due out during Term 2, Learning Plan discussions will take place on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015**. **School will finish at 2.00pm on both days.**

More details on how to book an interview time will follow in next week's newsletter.

**The whole school will finish at 2.00pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March & Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March; 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.**

### HEBREW LANGUAGE

We have a family who are new to Te Totara whereby their first language is Hebrew. They would love to meet other families at our school who speak Hebrew. If you can help and would like to make contact with them, please speak to Marise Crow, our Community Liaison, or send her an e-mail at: [receptionist@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:receptionist@tetotara.school.nz)

### FAMILY INVOICES VIA E-MAIL

We are trying to play our part in reducing our carbon footprint by e-mailing our invoices/statements out to families each term. This will start next week and we will only be printing invoices/statements for those families who do not have e-mail facilities at home.

We are able to have more than one e-mail address in the system for our students, so if you wish the full invoice/statement to go to both parents, if they reside at different addresses, please advise the School Office.

### MATHLETICS, TO HELP LEARNING

We have decided to join the whole school for 2015 at a much discounted price of:

**\$20.00 per student for 2015**

*(usual rate is \$99.00 per year, per student)*

Teachers are encouraging their students with this interactive computer programme as it helps with important maths skills; you will also find teachers using it in their daily maths programmes.

We have been so impressed with how motivated the children have been producing excellent results. Shortly, we will be invoicing families **\$20.00 per student** to join Mathletics for 2015. You are welcome to pay by internet banking, cash, cheque or EFT-POS via the School Office.

**Students have already been issued their User Log-in ID & Passwords by their classroom teacher.** The Mathletics site is <http://www.mathletics.co.nz>

If you have any queries on how Mathletics works, please don't hesitate to contact Paula Wine, Assistant Principal.

### SCHOOL DONATION FOR 2015

*Thank you for 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, internet banking, cheque 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.*

### FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 27th February 2015 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.** This week Matawhero, Neptune, Ra and Milky Way children will attend assembly. Everyone is welcome.

### SPORTS

#### TE TOTARA PLAYERS OF THE DAY

##### CRICKET

**Tigers** Ayrton Spring, Eve Jordan, Emily Cobby  
**Thunders** Alston Lee & Daniel Fitzgerald

##### TOUCH

**Gunns** Ashton Spencer  
**Pacers** Connor Cloete

### DATES COMING UP

**Wed 4 March** Trial Lock Down  
**Wed 11 March** PTA Mtg @ 7.30pm  
**Tues 17 March** Cluster Swimming at Fairfield College  
**Thurs 19 March** Postponement date for Cluster Swimming at Fairfield College  
**Sat 21 March** School Gala  
**Wed 25 March** Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm – 5.30pm  
**Thurs 26 March** Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm – 7.15pm  
**Thu 2 April** Term 1 Finishes @ 3.00pm

Kind regards

**Brian Sheedy**  
**Principal**

**NUTRITION CLAIMS**

**NO ADDED SUGAR**

- The product might still contain natural sugars
- Sugar is sugar whether it's added or natural
- Pick products with less than 15g sugar per 100g



AVERAGE QUANTITY	PER SERVING	PER 100 ML
SERVING SIZE 200ML	36.0G	18.0G
ENERGY	0.0G	0.0G
PROTEIN	0.0G	0.0G
FAT - TOTAL	0.0G	0.0G
FAT - SATURATED	0.0G	0.0G
CARBOHYDRATES - TOTAL	20G	10G
CARBOHYDRATES - SUGAR	18.8G	9.4G
SODIUM	1.8MG	0.9MG
VITAMIN C (200% RDI*)	80MG	40MG

**OPEN DAY!**

**SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2015**  
10AM - 2PM

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## TE TOTARA PTA

### NEXT PTA MEETING –

**WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH, 2015 @ 7.30PM**

To be 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>

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

Registrations are open from today until 6th March. 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)

## TE RAPA JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB WEIGH-IN

The Te Rapa Junior Rugby Club is holding its season weigh-in at the Te Rapa Rugby Club. We welcome interest in playing for our rugby club from school-aged children keen to join a well-structured and popular junior rugby club. For more information, email the club at [terapajuniorrugby@gmail.com](mailto:terapajuniorrugby@gmail.com)

## 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.

### XRACE 2015

**Kids – have you ever wondered if your Dad can hula-hop? Are you keen to put Mum's three-legged skills to the test? Then New Zealand Home Loans XRACE series could be your chance to find out!**

The family adventure race series sees kids team up with Mum, Dad, or a trusted adult to complete 10 mystery challenges against the clock. New Zealand Home Loans is the title sponsor for the 2015 XRACE series, run from Feb - April 2015 all around New Zealand. We are delighted to be associated with such a fantastic family event.

I have 2 free tickets to give away for XRACE Hamilton on 1st March, so parents, please email [blair.miller@nzhomeloans.co.nz](mailto:blair.miller@nzhomeloans.co.nz) by Monday 23rd Feb, 2015. For your chance to win a free entry valued at \$75 each, please tell me what NZ Home Loans clients are saving in interest currently in \$\$\$\$\$\$ (hint, check the website!!) & email me your answers.

### WAIKATO BADMINTON

Previous Badminton Experience NOT required  
Eastlink Badminton Stadium  
To Register or for more info:  
Peter Jensen: [coaching@waikatobadminton.co.nz](mailto:coaching@waikatobadminton.co.nz)  
[07 856 3049](tel:078563049) or [027 856 3049](tel:0278563049)

## 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.**

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