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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 19th MARCH, 2015

Week 7

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)

ACHIEVEMENT AT TE TOTARA

Recently, we completed all our obligations for reporting to the Ministry of Education. We are delighted with how well our children are achieving, at or above in relation to National Standards, some information on our children's achievement:

	READING	WRITING	MATHS
AT TE TOTARA 1 YEAR OR MORE	92.4%	94.5%	90.9%

We do have more detailed information on our web site under...

<http://www.tetotara.school.nz/6/pages/23-analysis-of-variance>

WHAT ARE WE DOING IN 2015?

There are lots of things happening in 2015, including:

- Focussing on our Maths programmes to lift achievement
- Developing further teaching as Inquiry, enabling our teachers to focus on the needs of their children in their room
- Utilising fully our new facilities to support children

Shortly we will be sending home a leaflet on key initiatives. Meanwhile you can find out more by visiting our web site which has details of our charter, strategic and annual plan

<http://www.tetotara.school.nz/6/pages/6-2014-charter>

HOCKEY TRIALS

Hockey Trials for Yr 5 and 6 players who returned an expression of interest letter will be on Monday and Tuesday next week at lunch time on the school turf. Bring your hockey gear including hockey stick, shin-pads and mouth-guard if you have one.

See Miss Courtney-Tennent in Marama 15 on Friday (tomorrow) at lunch time to see whether you are trialing on Monday or Tuesday.

GALA ** GALA ** GALA

THIS SATURDAY

21ST MARCH

9.00AM-1.00PM



WE NEED:

- **Helpers for Friday 20th March to help set up the White Elephant Stall**

Please email the PTA at tetotara.pta@gmail.com if you can help.

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

Drop off your items to Matariki:

8.00-9.00am or 2.00-3.00pm on Friday 20th March.

URGENT - GALA DAY VOLUNTEERS SIGN UP NOW !

To volunteer your help for our School Gala this year, please use our online booking system. It's easy..... just choose the stall and the timeframe you are available to help. **We would appreciate someone from every family to sign up please. We need 32 people just for raffles and help on the scissor lift.** Helpers are required for 1 hour time slots. Many hands make light work!

Please use our online booking system,
www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
our school code is TL5NV.

GAZEBOS/SHELTER WANTED

We need some shelter for people to sit under while eating or watching entertainment on the Gala Day. Please could you email tetotara.pta@gmail.com if you have a gazebo that you are willing to bring down and put up on the day, before our 9am start. Many thanks

WARRANT OF FITNESS (WOF)

Everyone needs one sometime in the next 12 months – so why not buy one from the Ingham Hyundai team on Gala Day? They are selling vouchers for \$25, they are valid for 12 months and are available for any make/model of car. And best of all?? Every \$ of that \$25 comes back to our school – Thanks Ingham Hyundai!

GALA DAY is upon us. Its going to be so much fun!

There will be a Scissor Lift, Bouncy Castle, Bouncy Slide, Bumper Balls, Slippery Slide, Climbing Wall, Horizontal Bungee, Funky Fashion, Lollies, Cake Stall, White Elephant Sale, ANZ Cricket, Ingham WOF Vouchers, Guess the weight of Fudge, Entertainment, Food & Drink galore, including Candy Floss, Ice-cream Sodas & Donuts, Raffles Galore including Trade Me auctions, Quick Fires, Mystery Envelopes and some fantastic raffles.

We have over \$10,000 worth of prizes that you could win by visiting us at the raffle table.

FUNKY FASHIONS STALL

(crazy hair, nails & tattoos)

We are short of coloured hair spray (any colour, can be bought from \$2 shop). Drop off to the school office please.

RAFFLES

The draw is being held at the Gala. **Booklets/Money must be returned by Friday 9am.** It is an expectation that EVERY booklet will be returned please, and those that are not returned will be followed-up.

LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS

Learning Plan discussions will take place on **Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th March, 2015**. To make an appointment time for your child/ren, please use our online booking system www.schoolinterviews.co.nz – our school

code is **9EC27**. 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 are unable to assist we will go by first in first served. Please **do not** make arrangements direct with classroom teachers.

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

Wednesday 25th March, 2015

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 26th March, 2015

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 **9EC27** 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 ARE OPEN NOW

Bookings close on Mon 23rd March @ 3.00pm

We will not be able to accept bookings after 3.00pm on Monday 23th March, 2015.

The whole school will finish at **2.00pm** on **Wednesday 25th March & Thursday 26th 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.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PARENTS PLEASE NOTE

This week

This week on Wednesday 18th Thursday 19th and Friday 20th march

Before and After School Care will run out of the following places:

ASC: Room 17 (behind Marama pod)

BSC: Library

This is due to the hall being used for storage for the gala

Next week

Next week on Wednesday & Thursday school will finish at 2.00pm due to Learning Plan Discussions

If your child is usually booked in for either or both of these days and you do not require After School Care on either/both days, you must let Anna know before the end of the week. Otherwise, you will be automatically booked in for the 2.00pm finish and charged if your child does not attend. Anna's email:

afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz

Mobile: 027 8530031

Thanks ☺

ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

We have had a huge amount of children sick at school this week.

If your child is sick please keep them at home until they are well. If your child has diarrhoea or vomiting we ask that they do not return to school unless they are well and have had **no further diarrhoea or vomiting for 24 hours prior to returning – these bugs can be highly contagious**. Thank you for your assistance in this.

SPORTS FEES

Sports notices were sent out last week with the fees applicable to each sport. Payments can be made through the School Office or you are welcome to use internet banking. As the school has already paid the registration fees, we would appreciate all sports fees paid to the school as soon as possible please.

FAIRFIELD CLUSTER SWIMMING SPORTS

On Tuesday 17th March, 16 Students represented Te Totara Primary School in another highly competitive round of Fairfield Cluster Inter School Swimming Sports. Thank you for all the parent support on the day and very big congratulations to all the students who took part and tried their best in all events.

We were proud of you all. Special congratulations to the following placegetters in these events.

Results were:

- 1st Dominic Fawkner - Y6 boys Freestyle, Backstroke & Breaststroke
- 1st Dylan Baillie- Y5 boys Breaststroke
- 2nd Alessio Lane- Y5 boys Breaststroke
- 2nd Dylan Baillie- Y5 boys Backstroke
- 3rd Lucy McMorran- Y4 girls Breaststroke
- 3rd Jadon Embling, Christopher Plank, Kallum Mardon, Dominic Fawkner- Y6 boys Relay

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS

Tamzyn Taylor & Kayla Steele have recently attended the NZ Marching Championships in Christchurch, their team the Railfreight Cavaliers Under 12's represented Waikato at this major event and came away with outstanding results. In the Under 12 section there were 17 teams and this team placed 1st NZ Champion Team in the Technical Drill section, 1st NZ Champion Team in the Display section and 1st NZ Champion Team overall. A huge achievement for these hard working, dedicated girls. Well done!

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SWIM SCHOOL LESSONS

We are looking at running Swimming Lessons in the April 2015 school holidays.

This will be a 1-week block course for your child/ren. Pre-school children's lessons will also be available if there is enough interest.

Block courses would be held: **13th - 17th April 2015**. Your child/ren's lesson would be for 25 minutes each day of the week.

Parents are reminded please to stay on site for your child's swim school lesson as per our swim school terms and conditions.

A copy of our terms and conditions is available on our school website or in our school office.

Please e-mail Celeste if you would be interested in making a booking with your child's name and swimming level celestem@tetotara.school.nz



- Visit us online at www.lunchorders.co.nz
- Sign up for a free account and select your school
- Top up your account using a credit card or direct credit
- Place your order and select delivery date
- Sit back and relax while your order is freshly made and delivered to your school

LunchOrders delivers to Te Totara Primary on **MONDAY - FRIDAY** at 12.15PM.



SCHOOL LUNCH SERVICE, TERM 2

We are excited to offer a school lunch service which will start at school on **Monday 20th April, 2015**. Our school lunch supplier will be "Lunch Orders" who are based in Hamilton.

School lunches will be delivered to our school every day for children's lunches at 12.15pm if ordered by 8.30am daily. How it works:

- Order online anywhere, anytime on any device.
- Healthy food made with love from a team of experienced chefs.
- Affordable solution providing nourishment for your child with ease.
- Sign-up for a free account now and be ready to order in Term 2.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE RELIEVERS POSITION AVAILABLE

We are currently seeking relievers for our programme at Te Totara Primary School, with possibility of permanent hours. Before and After School Care provides a safe, secure, friendly environment for the care of children aged 5 years – 11 years

The ideal applicant will have

- A fun "can do" attitude
- Good verbal and written communication skills
- Empathy for children and their development

All enquiries and CV's can be emailed to afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz

NO FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK DUE TO OUR SCHOOL GALA WHITE ELEPHANT/GARAGE SALE ITEMS BEING SET UP IN THE HALL.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders due by 9.15am on **Friday 20th March 2015** to the school office please. **Sorry NO late orders will be accepted.**

Scholastic now offers online ordering and payment. You can choose for your order to go to your child's class or to the office if you are buying books as gifts. For more details click [here](#).

WHANAU MEETING

Thursday 26th March 12.35pm

Any parents or caregivers interested in contributing to our Whanau rōpū, please come to the next meeting. We meet regularly to plan and support initiatives around kaupapa Māori. Anyone from the school community is welcome. We are also looking for men within the school community to whaikōrero during our marae visits next term. Please contact Ryan in Marama 12 if you or someone you know is interested. Kia ora!

SPORTS

TE TOTARA PLAYERS OF THE DAY

CRICKET

Minis	Wyatt Wink, Gurveer Singh
Tigers	Joshua Mathfield, Lachlan Crossan
Thunders	Jayden Lee, Teia Benefield
TOUCH	
Pacers	Kiel Kleuskens, Emily Pickering, Kallum Mardon
Chiefs	Hayley Garforth, Kanye Chee

DATES COMING UP

Fri 20 March	Scholastic Book Orders Close @ 9.15am
Sat 21 March	SCHOOL GALA
Wed 25 March	Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm – 5.30pm School Finishes at 2.00pm
Thurs 26 March	Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm – 7.15pm School Finishes at 2.00pm
Thurs 26 March	Whanau Meeting @ 12.35pm
Thurs 26 March	BOT Mtg @ 7.30pm
Thu 2 April	PTA Meeting at 7.30pm
Thu 2 April	Term 1 Finishes @ 3.00pm
Wed 29 April	Dental Therapists Visit - Fluoride Treatment
Thurs 30 April	Dental Therapists Visit - Fluoride Treatment

Kind regards

Brian Sheedy
Principal



TE TOTARA PTA

NEXT PTA MEETING –

Thursday 2nd April 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

<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.

HAMILTON NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

We are seeking players in the following Football/Soccer grades, Open Grade (DOB 2002 – 2003), 11th Grade (DOB 2004) 10th Grade (DOB 2005) 9th Grade (DOB 2006) and 8th Grade (DOB 2007) if you are interested in playing football this year please contact Nicole secretary@hamiltonnorthfootball.org.nz or 0800 4 SOCCER. Places are limited

HAMILTON NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

We have our Grassroots (4-6 years) intro to football day on Thursday 26th of March at Ashurst Park 4.30pm – 5.30pm. Come along to our free session and see if football is the winter sport for your little person. Please email grassroots@hamiltonnorthfootball.org.nz for more info and to register interest.

YMCA HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

YMCA Holiday Programmes have some fun and exciting trips and activities at 7 different venues. Check as out on our website or phone us on 8382529. www.ymcahamilton.org.nz

GYMSPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Gymnastics, Trampoline, Cheerleading, Theme Days, Obstacle Courses, Tabloid Sports, Gymnastics Crafts, Gymnastics Theatre, FUN!!!

Please visit our website for further information and enrolment forms.

www.hamcitygymsports.co.nz (07) 849 4546 office@hamcitygymsports.co.nz

ROTARY CLUB BOOK FAIR

Centennial Lounge, Te Rapa Racecourse, Ken Browne Drive, Te Rapa, Hamilton

16 April 2015 to 19 April 2015

OPENING TIMES Thursday 16th - 9am to 5pm

Friday 17th - 9 am to 5 pm

Saturday 18th - 9 am to 4 pm

Sunday 19th - 9 am to 3 pm



Calling all **4, 5 and 6** year olds
Fancy a game of **football**?
You are invited to the
Hamilton North Football Club's
'Have a Go' Evening
When—**26th March**
4.30pm to 5.30pm
Where—**Ashurst Park, Pukete**
Come and have some fun,
If you have any questions or like to enrol in our
Grassroots programme, please email—
grassroots@hamiltonnorthfootball.org.nz
Full Grassroots programme starts Thursday 30th April
www.hamiltonnorthfootball.org.nz