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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 30th APRIL, 2015

Week 2

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)

CONGRATULATIONS

Paula Wine, our Assistant Principal, has been appointed as the Deputy Principal of the new Rototuna Junior High School opening in 2016. This is a tremendous affirmation for her work here as the foundation Assistant Principal of our school. Her appointment also supports our children transitioning to the new High School next year and beyond.

She can justifiably be very proud of her efforts and skill during her time here and she goes with our very best wishes and thanks. We look forward to working with her in her new role, which will be about 150 metres away from our school! Well done Paula!

We will be working through the transition arrangements for Paula and ensuring her current roles in the school are well catered for. Once details are confirmed, we will let everyone know of the new arrangements around the position of Assistant Principal at Te Totara Primary School.

ABSENCES

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

- Phoning the school on (07) 853-0039 (press 1 to leave an absentee message)
- Texting the School Office on 027 207-4466 with name, details and reason for absence.
- School App

Please note: Due to the volume of absentee text messages we receive on a daily basis, we will no longer acknowledge receipt of your text message. All unexplained absences are followed-up by our Administration staff.

We would appreciate any absentee messages before 9.00am.

SAFETY TO/FROM SCHOOL AND AROUND DOGS

We have had a visit from a concerned member of our community who lives on Chesham Street, her property backs onto the walkway to our school. She has a large dog (Rottweiler) who roams her enclosed section and is concerned at the amount of teasing the dog is receiving from some of our students who use this walkway.

We encourage our families to speak to your children and warn them of the dangers of teasing or playing with unsupervised dogs. The owner has asked for children to ignore this dog and to continue walking, biking or scootering to school.

Please note:

If you see a dog roaming the streets without an owner, please call **Animal Control Ph: 07 838-6632 (save this number to your mobile phone)**. To help Animal Control act accordingly (within the boundaries of the law), then they must be informed immediately.

Any dog roaming without an owner has the potential to cause serious harm. If you have a camera or mobile phone handy, it would be helpful to **take a photo of the dog** in question.

SCHOOL BANKING WITH FIRST CREDIT UNION

Banking can be deposited in the Credit Union Drop Box at the School Office 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).

An Application Pack can be collected from the School Office.

Check out the First Credit Union Autumn newsletter which can be found under our newsletter tab.

SCHOOL SPARE CLOTHES

Just a little reminder... if you have borrowed any of the schools spare uniform or undergarments, can you please return them clean to the School Office a.s.a.p. Currently, we have no stock of black shorts to lend to any other students.

If you are happy to donate any of the above items (clean), please drop them into the School Office. School clothing has a **X** on the tag.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 1 May, 2015 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**

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

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders due by 9.15am on Friday 1st May 2015 to the school office please.

A new easy way to order and pay now, order and pay online with book club loop.

Visit: mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

Sorry NO late orders will be accepted.

DATES COMING UP

Thurs 30 April	Dental Therapists Visit - Fluoride Treatment
Thurs 30 April	Whanau Meeting
Tues 5 May	Bikewise Programme – Yrs 3-6
Wed 6 May	Bikewise Programme – Yrs 3-6
Tues 19 May	ICAS – Digital Technologies
Mon 1 June	QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
Wed 3 June	ICAS – Science
Fri 12 June	Learning Plans go home
Tues 16 June	ICAS – Spelling
Fri 26 June	Muffi Day supporting KidsCan
Fri 3 July	Term 2 Finishes @ 3.00pm
Mon 20 July	Term 3 Begins @ 8.55pm
Wed 17 June	ICAS – Writing
Tues 28 July	ICAS – English
Tues 11 Aug	ICAS - Maths

Kind regards

Brian Sheedy
Principal



TE TOTARA PTA

NEXT PTA MEETING – TBA

To be held in the Staff Lounge. All welcome, we would love to see some new faces.



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE HERE!!!!!!!

The brand new 2015 Entertainment books have arrived and will be sent home with every student this Friday, May 1st.

If you have already purchased a digital membership and/or do not wish to purchase a book please just return the book to the school office into the bin/box provided.

If you wish to purchase the book just follow the payment instructions.

A huge thank you in advance to everyone who does purchase a book, you are a wonderful support of our school with \$12 from every purchase going back to the school.

Any queries regarding Entertainment books, please contact Jackie @ gregandjack@gmail.com or on 0204220169.

PTA EMAIL AND FACEBOOK

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<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.

CHARTWELL-ROTOTUNA DENTAL CENTRES

Winter sport special for children \$87.50 custom made mouth guards and adults only \$120.00, Phone: 07 853 0050

YOUNG ENGINEERS CLUBS

Enrolments for Term 2 are now open. It's not too late to enrol – please go to www.youngengineers.nz to enrol online and find out more info about the programme.

Young Engineers is a great programme that helps children learn about engineering, physics and science principles and builds their confidence and knowledge while they have fun building motorised Lego models!!

ST PAULS COLLEGIATE OPEN DAY

St Paul's Collegiate School is a Hamilton-based private secondary school that offers both day and boarding to Year 9-13 boys and Year 11-13 girls.

We've opened up our classrooms so you can meet our teachers and see the environment that pushes our students to achieve their very best.

Come along to our OPEN DAY, on Friday 15 May, at 1.15pm.

SUPPORT THE SAVING OF THE MUNICIPAL POOLS

Sink or Swim strongly encourages you to support the saving of the Municipal Pools, by having your say on the Hamilton City Council's 10 Year Plan.

This is a friendly reminder to you that submissions on the Hamilton City Council's 10 Year Plan have begun on 13 April and close 15 May at 4pm.

For further details please see:

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www.facebook.com/SinkOrSwimHamilton

web pages:

<http://sinkorswimhamilton.wikispaces.com/>

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