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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 21st MAY, 2015

Week 5

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)



TE TOTARA PTA

AGM, Wine & Cheese and Numeracy Talk

WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE, 2015

7.00pm – 8.30pm

Te Totara School Staff Lounge

Wine & Cheese - mix and mingle over a glass and nibbles.

Numeracy Talk - Paula Wine shows us how our children are taught.

AGM - Year roundup, Elections for Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Communications Officer.

Agenda – Visit the Te Totara School website, Our School, PTA.

www.tetotara.school.nz

RSVP - Please R.S.V.P. by **Friday 29th May 2015** to:

tetotara.pta@gmail.com for catering purposes, Thanks.

Everyone is welcome.

To Principals
& Boards of Trustees



Measles Update

We have recently had two confirmed cases of measles in Hamilton schools.

While there have been a few cases of measles in New Zealand since the beginning of the year, these are the first confirmed cases of measles in the Waikato.

Thus we thought it timely, based on experience from last year, to take this opportunity to remind schools and parents of the signs and symptoms of the disease, but also the process that would need to be put in place in a school if there were infectious cases.

What is measles?

☐ Measles is a highly infectious viral disease that can be serious.

☐ It is spread from person to person through the air by breathing, sneezing or coughing. Just being in the same room as someone with measles can lead to infection if you are not immune.

☐ The first symptoms of measles are a fever, and one or more of a runny nose, cough and sore red eyes. After a few days a red blotchy rash comes on and lasts up to one week. The rash usually starts on the face and spreads to the rest of the body. Measles can be very serious.

Students and teachers with measles are infectious from 5 days before to 5 days after the onset of rash and must stay away from school and follow the advice of the local medical officer of health.

If there is a case of confirmed measles at the school Who can remain at school?

All students would be required to show documented evidence of 2 MMR or measles vaccines either from a copy of a sighted Child Health "Plunket" book or vaccine information provided by a GP to remain at school. They are thought to be immune. It is recommended that teachers should also follow this practice. Anyone born after 1 January 1969 should ensure they are fully immunised against measles. If they are unsure, they can check with their family doctor.

Who has to be off school in quarantine?

☐ Students at the school of a measles case who have not been fully immunised (2 doses of MMR or measles vaccine) or those with no immunity to measles, and who have been in close contact with a measles case during the infectious stages must stay away from school for 14 days from their last contact at the direction of the local medical officer of health.

☐ If your child has only had one documented MMR vaccine then they can have their second MMR vaccine (as long as greater than one month from the first) and immediately return to school.

These are requirements under the Health (Infectious and Notifiable Diseases) Regulations 1966 (Regulation 14). These exclusions also apply to staff and students taking part in interschool sporting and other events.

It is recommended that to help schools in the case of measles case(s), all parents, if not already actioned; provide documented information regarding 2 doses of MMR to the school over the next few weeks.

☐ If possible, when seeking documentation from general practice regarding your child's 2 documented doses of MMR to provide to the school, could you please ask them to state clearly that 2 documented doses of MMR have been given, and not just immunised for age.

☐ For overseas students or where vaccination documentation is from overseas then if possible please get your general practice to sight these to clarify that you have received 2 documented doses of MMR or measles vaccine. Also please ask for them to also state clearly where appropriate that **2 doses of MMR or measles vaccine have been given**. Thanks, this will help the school who are sighting the relevant vaccination documentation.

☐ **It is recommended that all schools revisit and update their immunisation register.** Parents must have provided documented evidence of two MMR or measles vaccines to be fully immunised against measles.

What should you do today?

☐ Ensure your child is up to date with their immunisations.

☐ If your child is not fully immunised and thus is not immune, it is important to be aware of the symptoms of measles. The early symptoms of measles are fever, runny nose, sore red eyes and cough.

If you or your child develops symptoms of measles:

☐ Phone your GP or call Healthline on 0800 611 116 for advice or seek medical attention depending on severity of illness. It is important to call first because measles is highly infectious, and people with measles can infect others in the waiting room.

☐ Stay at home and away from public places (such as sports events, gatherings, parties, school, work, child care, shopping centres, public transport and so on).

Further information

If you require further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Population Health (07 8382569) or visit Waikato DHB website:

<http://www.waikatodhb.health.nz/measles/>

Kind regards



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DENTAL VISITS AT SCHOOL

Dental Therapists from Fairfield Clinic will be visiting Te Totara on **Thursday 4th June, 2015** to apply Fluoride treatments for a small group of children, whose parents have given consent, and were absent during their previous visit. If you have any questions regarding this please contact the Fairfield Clinic on Ph: [0800 825 583](tel:0800825583)

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.

NAMING OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please, please, please can you make sure all items of school uniform are clearly named and check your children's uniform to make sure they have their own uniform and not another child's.

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.

All lost property is located in the yellow box outside the Earth Pod (Purple).

We ask ALL families to please check your child's uniform on a weekly basis to ensure they are wearing their own uniform rather than someone else's.

PERMANENT POSITION AT AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We have an opportunity for the right applicant to join our enthusiastic team at Te Totara Before & After School Care. This is a permanent position working 13.75 hours per week - Monday to Friday 2:30pm to 5:15pm. (You may be required to work extra hours throughout the term if needed.)

We are looking for someone who is energetic, friendly, outgoing and approachable who uses their initiative. You will need to work well in a team and be able to take direction from others.

The job will require you to assist in preparing food for the children, supervise and interact with children's activities, and assist the Supervisor and Co-ordinator in their roles.

All enquiries and CV's can be emailed to afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz or can be left at the School Office; Attention Anna Herbert.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 22nd May, 2015 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**

Our Earth 36 children will be sharing today.

This week Orion, Kōpū, Earth and Marama children will attend assembly.

Everyone is welcome.

TE TOTARA YEAR 5/6 RIPPA RUGBY TEAM

Well done to our Year 5/6 Rippa Rugby team who went to Swarbrick Park last Thursday to represent Te Totara at the Hamilton Rippa Rugby Competition. They came second in their pool with two wins and a loss. Well done team, you represented the school with pride.

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

HOCKEY

Leopards	Gurveer Singh Randhawa
Thunders	Samantha Strong
Stormers	Sammy Dent-Allen & Ashleigh MacIntyre
Cheetahs	Troy Brister
All Stars	Jasmine Fitzwalter
Shooters	Jaylah Marshall
Lightning	Paige Hopping
Strikers	Amodh Hewawasam
Tigers	Charlotte MacKenzie

NETBALL

Comets	Tamzyn Taylor
Magic	Jessica Laws
Ferns	Ashlee Gray
Rebels	Mary Serafeimidou
Stars	Ave Benefield, Gemma McCormack
Tigers	TBA

DATES COMING UP

Mon 1 June	QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
Wed 3 June	ICAS – Science
Wed 3 June	PTA AGM/ Wine & Cheese
Thurs 4 June	Dental Therapists Visit - <i>Fluoride Treatment</i>
Fri 12 June	Learning Plans go home
Tues 16 June	ICAS – Spelling
Wed 17 June	ICAS – Writing
Fri 26 June	Muffi Day supporting KidsCan
Fri 3 July	Term 2 Finishes @ 3.00pm
Mon 20 July	Term 3 Begins @ 8.55pm
Tues 28 July	ICAS – English
Tues 11 Aug	ICAS - Maths

Kind regards,

Brian Sheedy
Principal

Vegetable Dhal


WINTER WARMERS

1tsp oil	1Tbsp cumin	3C stock
1 diced onion	2tsp coriander	3C chopped vegetables eg. peas, carrots
1x 400g can tomatoes	1tsp turmeric	1C split peas
1tsp garlic	1x400g can chickpeas, drained	½C light coconut milk
2tsp ginger		

In a large pot cook onion, garlic and ginger with oil until soft. Add spices and cook for 2 minutes. Add split peas, tomatoes and stock, simmer for 30 minutes. Add chickpeas and chopped veges, cook until soft. Add coconut milk and simmer until mixture thickens. Serve on rice.

Developed by Sport Waikato 2015

Feeds a family of FIVE!



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ENTERTAINMENT BOOK PAYMENTS & RETURNS



We've had a great response so far with lots of books returned and a huge amount of purchases completed. A big thank you to all of you that have got this done nice and quickly.

Please note that payments were due by May 18th which has now passed.

Please give your urgent attention to getting your unwanted books returned - this includes those of you that have purchased the digital version - the book needs to come back, you don't get both :)

Payments can be made by cheque, cash, credit card or online using this link <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/15502m5>

Remember, for every one sold the school gets \$12. Any questions please contact Jackie on 0204 220169 or at gregandjack@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.

TENNIS COACHING

'Number 1 Tennis' is offering tennis coaching after school at Te Totara Primary School. Tennis lessons will be 45 minutes long and are on Tuesday's and start on May 12th. Private lessons are available.

Contact Andrew for a free trial lesson. For more information contact coach Andrew Sheedy at: andrewsheedy@hotmail.com 027 906 3353 Facebook - 'Number 1 Tennis'

FOUND PROPERTY

I am waiting at the School Office for my owners to collect me...



THE WAIKATO GLUTEN FREE FOOD & ALLERGY SHOW

The Waikato Gluten Free Food & Allergy Show is on 23-24 May 2015 at the North Shore Events Centre, Silverfield and Argus Place, Glenfield from 10am-5pm.

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME TO A 'GIRL'S NITE OUT'

Monday the 25/5, 7.15pm at the Salvation Army 99 London St. Lucy AiktenReid, blogger and author of 'Happy Hair' will be talking to us about how to look after ourselves and our environment. There will be supper and prizes. Entry is by donation. For more info contact Carla on [027 2853625](tel:0272853625).

HAMILTON NORTH FOOTBALL

We are still looking for 10th grade (born 2005) players to complete teams this season. We currently have places available in all 3 of our 10th grade teams. If your child would like to play football we can still accommodate you. Please register at www.hamiltonnorthfootball.org.nz and select the "2015 Registrations" tab.

LEARNING4 STORE

link <http://www.educationresources.co.nz/> on your website or liking our face book page.