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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 28th MAY, 2015

Week 6

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Can any parent offer specific skills which may benefit the PTA committee eg. leadership, communications, accounting/finance etc

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

[www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz)

**RSVP** - Please R.S.V.P. by tomorrow, **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2015** to:

[tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com) for catering purposes, Thanks.

**Everyone is welcome.**

## SCHOOL CLOSED

MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE

QUEENS BIRTHDAY

Our school will be closed for our National holiday on Monday 1st June, 2015.

### PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

As part of our vision of "Growing and Learning Together" each of our teams are holding information sessions for parents. This is to see particular aspects of the school programme, this is around Reading, Writing and Maths.

At the sessions there will be a brief introduction of what you will see, then an opportunity to see the class programme in action followed by a debrief.

This is a wonderful way to see the school programme in action and give families an opportunity to support our children and their learning.

This week the Marama Team (Y 5&6) held a session on writing, which was really well supported. We had very positive feedback that it really helped with the understanding of the writing programme.

Teams are sending out invitations and if you can make it then it will be great to see you.

## ORDERING OF SCHOOL LUNCHES

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. **You will receive an email confirming your child's order once you have placed the order.**
- **Please make sure you use the correct school and classroom details for your child to have their order delivered to our school, otherwise they may not get a lunch order delivered.**

## STUDENT SAFETY

Our good friends at Rototuna School have let us know of an incident today of concern, where one of their senior students was approached in a threatening manner on the way to school.

The advice we have is that is a good idea to bike/walk scooter to school with a friend or two and yell loudly if accosted, quickly move on, go to an adult you trust is as the student did today, immediately report the matter.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

## CHILDREN CROSSING AT MOONLIGHT DRIVE

We have had concerns from members of our community regarding our school children crossing at the bottom of Moonlight Drive/Borman Road in an unsafe way.

For our children's safety, children must walk along Borman Road and cross where there are students from the Hamilton Christian School on Road Patrol duty.

## PLEASE NOTE: ROAD CROSSINGS ON BORMAN RD TOMORROW

Hamilton Christian School has a Teacher Only Day tomorrow which means that there will not be any students to run the road crossings.

## CAR PARKING - SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN

Thanks so much to almost everyone who takes care around the school, on behalf of our children, my thanks.

Some tip to make sure we have a safe school:

- Parking in Disabled car parks is not permitted at any time unless you have a current "Disabled Parking" permit on display in your vehicle. We have a number of families who legitimately require these car parks.
- We are noticing a few parents parking their cars on the cobblestones/footpath when

picking up and dropping off children to and from school rather than on the driveway, particularly in front of the Administration Block.

Unfortunately, this is creating a problem with the cobblestones lifting, and the kerb cracking, so we would really appreciate your support.

Ways you can help....

- *When the weather is fine, please encourage your child/ren to scooter, bike or walk to school.*
- *Arrive at 3.12pm - less traffic, parking is easier, less stress all round.*
- *Smile and accept that a few minutes wait is better than a lifetime of misery because one of our children has been injured or something worse has happened.*

## WARM CLOTHING AT SCHOOL

At this time of the year we are noticing an increasing need for warmer clothing. Although not compulsory, we advise wearing **white under garments** i.e. singlet, long sleeve polypropylene under the white polo shirt. All our students should now be wearing black socks or tights and black shoes.

We have noticed a few students are appearing with different coloured jackets/sweatshirts. Children are asked to **wear the red Te Totara Micro Fleece top as prescribed only.**

## LEARNING PLANS DUE HOME – FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2015

A Learning Plan for each student will be sent home on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 with the oldest or only child from each family. However, if your child/ren started school in March 2015 onwards you will not receive a Learning Plan yet. Your child's teacher will be talking to you about your child's progress since starting with us. If your child is currently in Kōpū 22 or Earth 35, Learning Plans will be sent home at the end of this term.

The Learning Plans will also be available online after **3.00pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2015.** Included in the information pack being sent home with the Learning Plan will be instructions on how to log-on to the site.

## National Standards in Reading, Writing and Maths – how well is my child doing?

Ministry of Education National Standards pamphlets in the below languages are available to view on our school website

[www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz) under the tabs "Our Learning" then "National Standards":

- \* English
- \* Tongan
- \* French
- \* Chinese
- \* Korean
- \* Samoan
- \* Afrikaans
- \* Hindi
- \* Arabic

### FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 29th May, 2015 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**

**Our Neptune 27 children will be sharing today.**

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

## TE TOTARA SPORTS

### PLAYER OF THE DAY

#### HOCKEY

- Leopards** Tejveer Singh-Randhawa
- Stormers** Samantha Ward
- All Stars** Cameron Hopping
- Lightning** Ruby Spring
- Strikers** Kaidin Strong

#### NETBALL

- Comets** Armani Carter
- Rebels** Elly Mills
- Stars** Zoe Babbage, Saanvi Prasad

## 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  
- *Fluoride Treatment*
- 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 @ 8.55am**
- Tues 28 July** ICAS – English
- Tues 11 Aug** ICAS - Maths

### 2015 PASIFICA LANGUAGE WEEKS

- 24 – 30 May Samoa Language Week
- 3 – 9 Aug Cook Islands Language Week
- 30 Aug – 5 Sep Tonga Language Week
- 27 Sept-3 Oct Tuvalu Language Week
- 5 – 11 Oct Fiji Language Week
- 12 – 18 Oct Niue Language Week
- 25 – 31 Oct Tokelau Language Week

Kind regards

**Brian Sheedy**  
**Principal**

Te Totara Primary School



## TE TOTARA PTA

### ENTERTAINMENT BOOK REMINDERS



Reminder notices have gone out this week. Payments/books were meant to be in by May 18th - this date has now well and truly passed. If you paid early this week and still received a reminder, please wait, as second reminders will be issued if payments/books are still outstanding.

**\* Do you still have your book at home unpaid for? Please pay urgently.**

**\* Have you purchased the digital version and still have your book at home? You don't get both so please return your book asap.**

This link is where you can pay online or alternatively please pop cash or cheque into the entertainment box at school reception.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/15502m5>

For any questions, please contact Jackie on 0204220169 or [gregandjack@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## SEE BARNIE, OUR CARETAKER FOR ANY LOST SCOOTERS



## FOUND PROPERTY

I am waiting at the School Office for my owners to collect me... Should these items remain unclaimed at the end of this term, they will be donated to the Salvation Army.



## NUMBER WORKS'NWORDS

Help your child reach their potential with NumberWorks'nWords. Developed in New Zealand we now have 30 years of experience providing specialist Maths and English tuition for students from New Entrants to Year 11. By tailoring lessons for each student, setting and monitoring goals, using specialist tutors, and making it fun, they quickly grow in confidence and achieve amazing results. Phone 07 8538323 to book a free lesson at the new centre in Rototuna or visit [www.numberworkswords.co.nz](http://www.numberworkswords.co.nz) for more information.

## LOST AND FOUND

Has anyone had a Wet & Dry vacuum stolen over the last few months. If so could you please make contact with Sergeant David Mead, Community Team - [David.Mead@police.govt.nz](mailto:David.Mead@police.govt.nz)

## TRUST WAIKATO HAMILTON CITY NETBALL CENTRES

### HOLIDAY PROGRAMME for Yr 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

to be held at the Minogue Park Netball Courts  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July & Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015  
(9.00am until 1.30pm Daily)  
1 day: \$35.00; 2 days: \$65.00;  
(Concession rates of 10% available for two or more children from the same family)  
Programme

Day 1: Netball Skills sessions  
Day 2: Mini-tournament (prizes to be won)  
Players to bring: snacks, lunch, and drink bottle  
Please wear suitable clothing (including hat/cap) and shoes

Registration and Payments must be made Online  
Register at: [www.netballhamilton.org.nz](http://www.netballhamilton.org.nz)  
Payments made to: Hamilton City Netball Centre  
03 0318 0664616 00

Please use your child's name as a reference  
Closing date for registration and payment  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015  
Please note no late registrations and payments will be accepted.

For any further information please email: [admin@netballhamilton.org.nz](mailto:admin@netballhamilton.org.nz)



## TE HORONUKU

A family friendly ski club right on the snow at Mt Ruapehu, from just \$36 a night for members inc meals. Accepting member applications now. See [www.tehoronuku.org.nz](http://www.tehoronuku.org.nz) or email [info@tehoronuku.org.nz](mailto:info@tehoronuku.org.nz) to organise a weekend stay.



## TRIVIA NIGHT AT ROTOTUNA SCHOOL

The annual Rototuna Primary School Trivia Night is fast approaching, and will take place on Friday 19th June, starting at 7pm (trivia starts 7.30pm).

Our theme this year is "Bond 007" - a great chance to dress up and have some fun!

We are pleased to have **Blakes Hire Company** as our major sponsor, for the third year running ([www.blakes.co.nz](http://www.blakes.co.nz)).

Tickets are \$20 per person, including supper. These are now available for purchase from the school office, or email us to reserve your table (seating 10).

A cash/efpos bar will operate on the night

Along with trivia questions, there are \$10 or \$20 mystery balloons for purchase, plus fun games and an auction. Plus prizes for best dressed team and winning team.

Tickets on sale at The School Office.

## VICTORIA MEDICAL CLINIC

Victoria urgent care clinic is an ACC accredited clinic that now also has a general practice on site.

We are pleased to be able to offer all students and staff who have an accident while at school, or playing a sporting code of their choice for their school, free ACC and radiology services (courtesy of River Radiology)

Opening hours are 8am – 8pm seven days a week, no appointment is necessary.

Please phone the clinic on Ph 834 0333.