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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 4th JUNE, 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), **Chom Reap Sour** (Cambodia), **Geiá sou** (Greek), **Mbote, Jambo** (Congolese), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese), **Hola** (Spanish), **Annyeonghaseyo** (South Korea)

### SIBLING OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2015 & 2016

The Board of Trustees has some decisions to make around out-of-zone enrolments for 2015 and 2016. We are looking to see if it is possible to accommodate younger siblings and children of staff in the 2015 and 2016 school year. To help determine this, we urgently need to have Enrolment Forms in to the School Office to help with this process. Enrolment Forms are available online from our school website or by visiting the School Office.

Please return completed Enrolment Forms to the School Office by **Friday 12th June 2015**.

We will then look at the number of enrolments, the level of predicted student growth and determine how many spaces for out-of-zone students are available for the 2015 & 2016 school year.

Further details will follow once any decision has been made.

### STUDENTS LEAVING TE TOTARA

If you have **not** already notified the school, and are planning to leave our school at the end of this term, it would be appreciated if you could please let us know **in writing** urgently as we have some decisions to make.

If you have a child coming to Te Totara in the future, we would love to have an Enrolment Form - it would be much appreciated and certainly help with our future planning.

### IPADS AT SCHOOL

An update on our Technology at School...

We have 100 of our School iPads coming off lease and they are about to be replaced with 150 iPad Mini's, giving our children greater accessibility to this technology. This is some undertaking and we will be working through this over the next month. They have to be configured and school apps loaded.

We are hoping to roll out a BYO iPad programme later in the year once we have got the school iPads going well. We are aiming to start with year 5 & 6 and work our way through the school. There are lots of challenges to overcome as we could potentially have well over 800 iPads using our system.

Our e-Learning team have been working hard behind the scenes getting everything organised and won't be launching until we are ready. We want to make sure we get it right.

Meanwhile, if you are considering technology purchases we recommend you consider iPads as this is the technology we will be using in the school.

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

### A CARETAKERS LAMENT RAINY DAYS PICK-UPS

IT'S ONLY RAIN

And though it's a pain

It will come again

It gets quite bad

And it drives people mad

We know how you've felt

But you really won't melt

ITS ONLY RAIN

Don't double park

And don't drive on the path

It's all about SAFETY for kids

So if you're gonna get surly

Try coming early

We would like some respect

Cause it's what we expect

And remember

IT'S ONLY RAIN

### LEARNING PLANS

#### – SHARED CARE ARRANGEMENTS

If your family is in a shared care arrangement, please advise Marise Crow on 07 853-0039 ext. 858 which caregiver will be collecting your child/ren from school on **Friday 12th June, 2015**.

## LEARNING PLANS DUE HOME

– FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2015

A Learning Plan for each student will be sent home with the oldest or only child from each family on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2015. However, if your child started school in March 2015 onwards, or is currently in Kōpū 22 or Earth 35, they will not receive a Learning Plan yet.

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

### PARENT SURVEY/QUESTIONNAIRE COMING SOON

*It's that time again for the Te Totara Board of Trustees to set the Schools Charter for the next three years. Our Charter reflects the Schools aims and objectives as we address the Schools Vision, Cultural Diversity and our Future.*

*To assist us with this review, the Board seeks your guidance and feedback so we can develop an understanding what we aim to achieve and how we are going to achieve this.*

*In the forthcoming weeks, a short Questionnaire will be placed onto the school website (a hard copy will also be sent home with the eldest child in each family), so you can help us to understand your perspective of our Schools Vision, Culture and Future. We encourage our families to complete the Questionnaire online via the school website [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz) However, for families without internet access, extra hard copies of the Questionnaire will be available from the School Office.*

*Please take the time to help us to further develop and evolve the School so as to prepare our children for their future.*

*Thank you.*

*Rod Carpinter*

*Chairman, Board of Trustees*

## ENVIRO TEAM HONESTY BOX

Our school garden is growing well! On Friday after assembly look out for the produce table and honesty box between Orion and Matariki. Take home and enjoy some fresh produce grown by our Enviro students. Just put a gold coin in the box!

### FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 5th June, 2015 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**

**Our Kōpū 24 children will be sharing.**

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

Everyone is welcome.

### CHESS AT TE TOTARA

Following on from Alexander Mayo's success as Champion of Waikato, we are interested in starting a Chess Club. If there is a parent or community member who may be able to help at lunch times could they please contact me at [brians@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:brians@tetotara.school.nz)

We are interested in getting a team of four to compete in the School National Competition in Hamilton in August if possible.

## TE TOTARA SPORTS

### PLAYER OF THE DAY

#### HOCKEY

<b>Leopards</b>	Lanayah Marshall
<b>Stormers</b>	Emma Lobb
<b>All Stars</b>	Jadon Embling
<b>Lightning</b>	Olivia Cullen
<b>Strikers</b>	Apple Curtis
<b>Cheetahs</b>	Brooke Laws, Elias Yaghi
<b>Shooters</b>	Sophie Timmo, Sophie Hancock
<b>Tigers</b>	Aeryn McKay
<b>Thunders</b>	Yuma Fielder

#### NETBALL

<b>Comets</b>	Kayla Steel
<b>Rebels</b>	Calais Kaiki
<b>Stars</b>	Ave Benefield
<b>Magic</b>	Teia Benefield, Stella Cattle
<b>Ferns</b>	Ramah Almazroui

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by 9.15am on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2015** to the school office please.

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

Visit: [mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz)

**Sorry NO late orders will be accepted.**

## DATES COMING UP

Fri 12 June	Learning Plans go home
Tues 16 June	ICAS – Spelling
Wed 17 June	ICAS – Writing
Fri 26 June	Muffi Day supporting KidsCan
Tues 30 June	Whole School Cross Country
Thurs 2 July	Cross Country
	<b>Postponement Date</b>
Fri 3 July	<b>Term 2 Finishes @ 3.00pm</b>
Mon 20 July	<b>Term 3 Begins @ 8.55am</b>
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

You may not know that the Principal spent a year on Atafu Island in the Tokelau Islands when he was seven and spoke the Language fluently. However, he has forgotten a lot of it!

Kind regards,

**Brian Sheedy**  
Principal



## 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.

### SQUIGGLE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Squiggle is an exciting holiday programme that has a variety of fun and educational activities that will keep your children happy during the school holidays.

We'll also learn a bit about first aid with St Johns and head off to Leap and the movies – and that's just to get us started!

We are in 3 fantastic locations that are perfect for school holiday programmes: **Hamilton Central** (Waikato Table Tennis Club/Waikato Diocesan School), **Hamilton East** (Ruakura Research Centre, Tai Wānanga School – Bisley Rd) and **Hamilton North** (Hamilton Junior High School – Heath Street, Te Rapa).

To enrol now – go online to [www.squiggle.org.nz](http://www.squiggle.org.nz) or call Salina on **027 738 6626**. Don't delay as our numbers are limited!

### EASTLINK MULTISPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Eastlink Multisports Holiday Programme are running a programme at Lugton Park, Hamilton East in the second week of the school holidays. It is from the 13-17 July and is \$25 per day. We will be promoting and teaching children the various sports that are part of our hub which are Badminton, Tennis, Squash, Bowls, Inline Skating, Martial Arts and Cricket.

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