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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 11th JUNE, 2015

Week 8

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), **Geia sou** (Greek), **Mbote, Jambo** (Congolese), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese), **Hola** (Spanish), **Annyeonghaseyo** (South Korea)

PARENT SURVEY/QUESTIONNAIRE TODAY

It's that time again for the Te Totara Board of Trustees to set the School Charter for the next three years. Our Charter reflects the School's aims and objectives as we address the School's 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 of what we aim to achieve and how we are going to achieve this.

Today a hard copy is also being sent home with the eldest child in each family, so you can help us to understand your perspective of our School's Vision, Culture and Future. Also an online version is on our website, the link is.....

www.tetotara.school.nz The last day to complete the survey is **Friday 19th June, 2015**, 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

LEARNING PLANS HOME TOMORROW

Tomorrow we will be sending home, with the oldest or only child from each family, a Learning Plan for each student. 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. Kōpū 22 and Earth 35 Learning Plans will go out on Friday 3 July.

The Learning Plans will also be available online after **3.00pm on Friday 12th June, 2015**. Included in the Learning Plan folder, will be instructions on how to log-on to the site, as well as an Information Booklet explaining the **National Standards** contained in your Learning Plan.

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LEARNING PLANS SHARED CARE ARRANGEMENTS

If your family is in a shared care arrangement, please advise Marise Crow on 07 853-0039 ext. 858 by **9.00am tomorrow**, advising which caregiver will be collecting your child/ren from school tomorrow, **Friday 12th June, 2015**.

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 into 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 tomorrow, **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.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to Jennie Brook-Watt, who has taken on the position of Acting Assistant Principal this week for the remainder of the 2015 school year.

Our previous Assistant Principal, Paula Wine, left us to join the foundation staff as Deputy Principal of Rototuna Junior High School and she has written this lovely farewell below.

The Board of Trustees are preparing to advertise the position and examining the attributes needed to support the school now and into the future.

FAREWELL FROM MRS WINE

It is with mixed emotions that I write this final message...this week I have said goodbye to my Te Totara Family as I move on to my next role as Deputy Principal of Rototuna Junior High School. When I started here at Te Totara Primary I had the privilege of working with the Establishment Senior Leadership Team to set up this wonderful school. The past eight years has been an amazing journey. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all the students, staff and families here at Te Totara. We are part of a special community indeed. Best wishes to you all and I look forward to seeing many of your children in the future. Keep being STARS, Aroha Mrs. Wine

SWIMMING PROGRAMME

Week 9-10, Year 5 students from Rooms 13, 15, 20, 18, 12 & 14 will be swimming.

Year 5's from Rooms 19 & 21 will be swimming Weeks 1-2 Term 3.

We will be using Week 11 in Term 2 to do catch up swimming for classes who have had their timetable interrupted and have missed some sessions.

The Teachers will let you know if your class is one of these.

CLOTHING

At this time of year children may often take their polar fleece top off during the day. This can lead to clothes mysteriously disappearing. We do encourage the naming of clothes. At times children may accidentally bring home clothing that is not their own.

If clothing arrives home that may not belong to your child then we really appreciate this being sent back to the owner, they would appreciate this.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 12th June, 2015 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**

Our Ra 33 Children Will be sharing this week.

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

WHOLE SCHOOL MARAE TRIP

Kia ora koutou,

Over three days in Week 10 (Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th June) the whole school will be visiting KiriKiri Marae (Dey Street Hamilton East)

As we have been learning about many aspects of Maori culture this is a fantastic opportunity to take part in a formal Marae visit and learn more about the Hamilton Marae. We are hoping to have morning tea in the

wharekai, visit the whareniui to see the carvings and also have a go at weaving flax.

We will be sending three groups of children a day and they will be travelling by bus. Times and arrangements will be confirmed by Week 9. Parents are welcome to come along but would need to travel by their own transport.

Nga mihi

Ryan Jordan (Marama 12)

ART HELPERS REQUIRED IN WEEK 9

If you are able to spare some time...(even half an hour) to help sand and undercoat some plywood which will be used to create a mural with Year 6 students we would love your help. See Angela Sweeney in Milky Way 18 if you are able to help out during Week 9, or email: angelas@tetotara.school.nz

Thank you.

FIRST CREDIT UNION SCHOOL BANKING WIN!

A bike for you and a \$500 Rebel Sport voucher for our school.

First Credit union is celebrating its 60th Birthday!

Deposit into your Jimmy Jumper account at least once during the months of June and July and you will go into the draw to WIN one of 2 bikes! AND if you win a bike your school will WIN one of 2 Rebel Sports vouchers valued at \$500.

If you would like to open a school banking account, an Application Pack can be collected from the School Office.

CHESS CLUB

We are in the process of forming a Chess Club for our children in our school. We would greatly appreciate any donations of chess sets. If you have any unused chess sets, please drop off at the school office.

Thank You

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

HOCKEY

Leopards Hayley MacIntyre

Stormers Brooke Manderson

All Stars Isaac Lee

Lightning Lisa Bosman

Strikers Myanna Bell

Cheetahs Dylan Cassells

Shooters TBA

Tigers Nicole Agluba, Charlotte MacKenzie

Thunders TBA

NETBALL

Comets	Tayla Cassells
Rebels	Francesca Cullen
Stars	Samantha Jones
Magic	TBA
Ferns	Jessica Laws

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by 9.15am tomorrow, **Friday 12th 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

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 Postponement Date
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
Fri 28 Aug	Cancer Society Daffodil Day

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

WINTER WARMERS

Beef & Vegetable Stir Fry

1tsp oil
500g lean beef –schnitzel or thin strips of rump steak
6 cups of colourful vegetables – baby
Teriyaki sauce: ¼C soy sauce, 1tsp garlic and 1Tbsp honey

corn, spinach, capsicum, mushroom, courgette, green beans, silverbeet, onions

Slice meat into thin strips, marinate in the teriyaki sauce for 20 minutes. Heat the oil in the fry pan and add the meat, reserving the leftover sauce.

Allow the meat to brown then add diced vegetables. Pour over the leftover sauce, cook for 5 minutes. Serve on rice.

Developed by Sport Waikato 2015

Feeds a family of FIVE!

TE TOTARA PTA NEXT PTA MEETING



More exciting visitors!

Wednesday 29th July - 7.00pm in the staffroom

Our fantastic **Student Council** are coming to present their ideas about what they think the PTA could spend their money on this year. They have worked very hard on their presentation, it would be great to have another big turn out to hear their ideas. NB. Meeting is starting slightly earlier than normal to accommodate children that need to get home to bed at a reasonable hour!

PTA AGM RESULTS

We had an amazing turn out for our AGM last week, we filled the staffroom! A big thank you to everyone for coming, especially Paula Wine for her Mathematics presentation which I know everyone found very informative. Watch this space for more upcoming visitors/presenters.

We have had some changes on our committee and want to take this opportunity to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all outgoing executive position holders.

Bryan Wrigg outgoing Chairman
Lisa Clay outgoing Secretary
Katie Hemmingsen outgoing Treasurer

These people have worked tirelessly behind the scenes ensuring that events and fundraising opportunities run seamlessly. Whilst it takes more than just the committee to make things happen, without their guidance & commitment, the PTA wouldn't be as successful as it is. We hope these hard workers still come to our meetings as their input is invaluable.

Congratulations to our new executive committee:

Nicky Sayers – Chairperson

Nicky has 2 children at Te Totara - Alyssa, yr 5 & Ryan, yr 2. Nicky works shift work in the Emergency Department at Waikato Hospital, and teaching/assessing post Grad Nurses for the University of Auckland. She's been a part of the PTA for the past 18 months and taking on the Chairperson role wasn't exactly part of her plan, but hey, who doesn't need a challenge?!

Anna Smart - Deputy Chairperson

Anna has three children at Te Totara, Sophie yr 4, Jojo yr 3 and Emily yr 1. She is a lecturer in the Communications Department at Wintec and a volunteer at the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Andrea Larsen – Treasurer

Andrea has two children at Te Totara, Cameron yr 6 & Ryan, yr 3. She is a Chartered Accountant where she is a Team Leader in the Reporting Services team at Fonterra. She has been involved in the PTA over the last year and was on the Gala Raffle sub

committee. She is looking forward to her involvement with the PTA.

Jasmine Cobby - Communications Officer

Jasmine was born and bred in Dunedin & been living in Hamilton for 5 years. She lives with her husband & 3 children Emily (6) yr 2 at Te Totara & Lukas (3) and Madelynne (19 mths), who attend Cumberland Early Education. She also has her Nana living with her. Jasmine is ECE trained but gave that up 2 years ago to be a stay at home mum. She spends her days running around after her family, and enjoying a bit of crafting whenever she can.

Jasmine is looking forward to being on the PTA, getting to know everyone and how the school works, so we can make it the best place for our children.

Jackie Smith – Secretary

Busy part time Administrator & Mum to Jacob yr 3 & Joshua yr 6. This is Jackie's 3rd year of involvement with the PTA, 2nd year on the committee, moving from Communications Officer to Secretary. Big shoes to fill after Lisa's legendary 3.5 years!!

CROSS COUNTRY SAUSAGE SIZZLE - TUESDAY 30TH JUNE

Order forms will be sent home with the oldest child in each family next week.

Can you spare an hour or more during the day?

I urgently need helpers to help with cooking sausages and organising them for the classrooms, the more helpers the better then we can all see our kids run.

Please contact me, Lisa Clay

at shaunandlisa@vodafone.co.nz or 021 1333 997 by Tuesday next week (16th June).

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS - SECOND REMINDERS

Second reminder notices have gone out this week - if you received one, please don't ignore it! According to my records we still have outstanding payments, or books that haven't been returned.

PLEASE GIVE THIS YOUR URGENT ATTENTION, so I can cross you off my naughty list ;)

Any questions please email Jackie

at gregandjack@gmail.com or phone 0204 220169

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.

LOST BIRD

Rainbow Lorakeet Bird, Red, yellow and green in colour, has a huge vocabulary.

Please phone 854 9860 or 0212335648 if found.

LOST SCOOTER

The scooter is black and silver in colour. It can be increased and reduced in length. The name Mercy is written on the footplate of the scooter.

Contact Agnes Ph 02102304545 or 078539458.

THE NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED CHILDREN

Celebrating 40 years of serving our community of Gifted and Talented youth.

On 3-5 July 2015 we are hosting a magnificent 3 day event at Waikato University.

We welcome all members of the Gifted and Talented community and all professionals who have an interest in gifted education.

The New Zealand Association of Gifted Children Conference is the number #1 / must attend - event of the year, for anyone/everyone in the gifted community. For further information contact via email admin@giftedchildren.org.nz

LOVE TO SING?

The Waikato Rivertones chorus is holding an Open Night at Marian School, Clyde Street, Hamilton East on Monday, June 22nd at 7pm. Come along for a taste of four-part harmony singing with an award-winning women's group. New members welcome. Enjoy six weeks of FREE singing lessons. Contact Sarah Thomas, ph 027 408 9228. Check out www.waikatorivertones.com or find us on Facebook.

KELLY SPORTS – JULY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Our programme is full of exciting activities and trips that will guarantee children, aged 5-13 years, have a great time!

OSCAR/WINZ Approved

Te Totara School, Southwell School

Hamilton Girls High School & Bankwood School.

Also Leamington School, Cambridge

8am – 6pm

ALSO – RUGBY CLINIC & NETBALL CLINIC

Held at Hamilton Girls High School

For more information or to BOOK ONLINE

go to www.kellysports.co.nz

Email: waikato@kellysports.co.nz Tel: 07 839 9017

THE GIANT PENGUIN SPECIALIST TALK

Saturday 13 June 2015 2pm-2.45pm Free event.

Learn about giant penguins and how the famous Kawhia giant could one day shed light on ancient Aotearoa and penguin evolution.

Waikato Museum 1 Grantham Street Hamilton phone 838 6606

HAGAR WINTER MARKET

Saturday 11 July 2015 9am-1pm

Northgate Community Church

97c Borman Rd Hamilton

Please contact Leanne for more information Ph 022 037 0116 or eternitylb@gmail.com