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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 30th JULY, 2015

Week 2

Kia Ora (Maori/NZ), **Hello** (English), **Bula** (Fijian), **Welkom** (South African), **Huān yǐng** (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) **Israel Shalom** (Hebrew)

STAFFING UPDATE

We are currently advertising a number of positions in the school for the 2016 school year. We will have these positions, completed by the end of August, to allow us plenty of time to have things well prepared for the 2016 year. Although applications have not yet closed, we have had strong interest which will certainly help in having great people at Te Totara for our children.

SWIMMING UPDATE

We have had some real challenges with our pool and heating. This has meant a replacement pump being installed, but not having enough strength to cater for our Waikato temperatures.

So at the moment we are putting the pool on hold and will update everyone as soon as we can on next steps with the pool.

NO PARKING ON YELLOW LINES, ON THE GRASS VERGE BETWEEN THE FOOTPATH AND THE ROAD OR ON/OVER ANY FOOTPATHS

We have had a visit from our local Police who advised us that the Hamilton City Council, in conjunction with the NZ Police, are actively visiting schools randomly with regard to illegal parking.

They have asked us to advise our parents through the school newsletter that under NO circumstances is there to be any parking on yellow lines, on the grass verge between the footpath and the road or over/on the footpath. These infringements will be ticketed.

PHOTOLIFE SCHOOL PHOTOS

Tues 4th August – Class, Individual & Sibling

Wed 5th August – Class & Individual & Sibling

Monday 19th Oct – Full School, Groups & Sports

Students will need to look their best, so please ensure the correct school uniform is worn and that it is in a clean condition.

Shortly, your son or daughter will bring home an online slip with their unique **Shoot Key** detailed on it. This Shoot Key will display all the photographs of your child, including an individual photo. It is then an easy process for you to shop on-line and purchase the photographs you want. If you place your order within three weeks of receiving your Shoot Key you will receive free delivery for your photo orders. Photolife has agreed to despatch all the orders back to the school and your child will bring their photographs home.

SIBLING PHOTOS

Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th August, 2015

Sibling Photos involving pre-schoolers/older siblings NOT at our school will be taken between **8.00am-9.00am on a first-come-first-served basis** on **Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th August in the Matariki Hall.**

NOTE: Students with their siblings at school will have their photo taken during their class time if you have pre-ordered this.

If you wish to have a sibling photograph, prepaid Sibling Envelopes can be collected from the School Office to complete and return to school **BEFORE** Photo Day.

This year Te Totara Primary School photographs will be available for you to view and order Online with PhotoLife Studios.

Please note: Sibling photos will be sent directly to the school and cannot be viewed on-line.

LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS ORION 8 STUDENTS ONLY

Learning Plan discussions for Orion 8 students will take place on **Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th August, 2015**. To make an appointment time for your child, please use our online booking system www.schoolinterviews.co.nz – our school code is **ZD9ZV**. You can also access this site via our school website www.tetotara.school.nz. If you are unable to access a computer, please phone Marise in the School Office on (07) 853-0039 ext. 858 to make a convenient time.

Bookings are open now and close on Friday 31st July @ 3.00pm

KIDS CAN MUFTI DAY

We raised **\$919.40** from our recent Mufti Day held at school.

A **BIG** thank you to everyone for your generosity.

VISUAL ART UPDATE

A lot of art has been happening around our school this year. You may have noticed the lovely mural on the wall outside Matariki. Using bold colour and combining simple shapes, Mrs Wills and Milky Way 18 created a 'Native New Zealand' panel for our school. A big thank you to Bernie for hanging and framing this. Keep an eye out for the next one.

Also, one of our very talented parents, Kate McMorran, has designed a lovely mural which is underway. Year 6 Milky Way students are the first group working on the first section – Our Solar System. Following on from here, Year 3 and 4 students are creating a New Zealand Native scene, starting with Ra Team on Tuesdays for Art Attack. The next group will be some students from Earth Team. Our Marama Year 6 students will also be working on this later in the year.

*** If you are able to offer any 'time' to help prepare plywood blocks by sanding or painting, please contact Kate McMorran (parent) or Angela Sweeney angelas@tetotara.school.nz (Visual Arts Coordinator, and teacher in Milky Way 18). ☺ Any time would be much appreciated.*

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by 9.15am on **Friday 31st July, 2015** to the School Office please.

When completing the Order Form, please remember to fill in all the details i.e. *name, room number, item number and the title of the book.*

Scholastic now has a new and easy way order and pay online with the book club loop.

Visit: mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

Sorry, NO late orders will be accepted.

FIRST CREDIT UNION WINTER NEWSLETTER

Check out our school website under newsletters for the latest Winter 2015 Newsletter from First Credit Union.

CHILDREN NOT COLLECTED AFTER SCHOOL

Lately, we have noticed an increasing trend of children being picked up late from school.

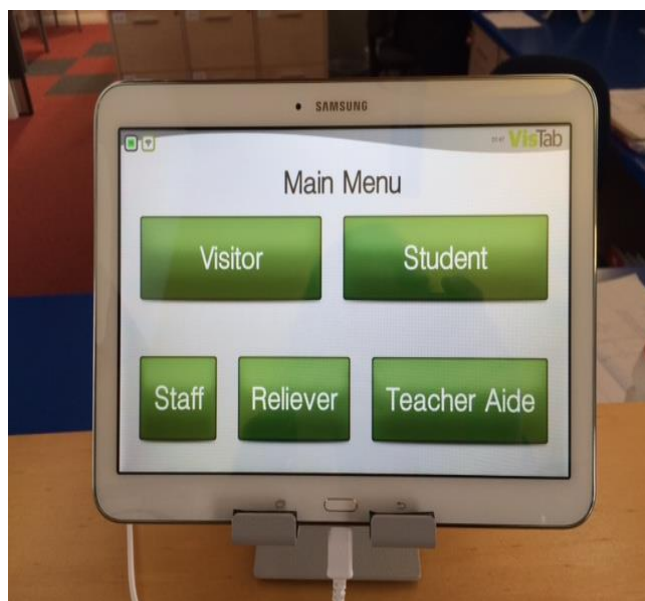
Children need to be collected from school no later than **3.15pm.**

Any remaining children after 3.20pm will be taken to After School Care and families will receive an invoice for this.

School Finishes at 3.00pm

VISTAB

We have a new web based sign-in/sign-out system in the School Office for students, staff and visitors to our school. This new system replaces our "Students red sign/out book, the Visitors Book and Staff & Guest Teacher Sign-in/out book". It will allow our School Office to know instantly which students, staff or visitors are on site at any one time. This will be a fantastic addition to our Fire Drill and Lock Down procedures. It is very "user friendly", so have a go next time you need to sign in/out your child.



FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 31st July, 2015 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**

Our Ra 31 children will be sharing this week.

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

Everyone is welcome.

2016 SCHOOL YEAR TERM DATES

To help families with planning for 2016, here are the school year term dates.

Term	2016	Holidays during term time
Term 1	Tue 2 Feb- Fri 15 April (11 weeks)	<u>Week 2</u> Mon 8 Feb-Waitangi Day (Monday) <u>Weeks 8 & 9</u> <u>Easter</u> Fri 25 March Mon 28 March Tue 29 March
Term 2	Mon 2 May- Fri 8 July (10 weeks)	<u>Week 6</u> Mon 6 June-Labour Day
Term 3	Mon 25 July- Fri 23 Sep (9 weeks)	<u>Week 7</u> School Mid-term break Monday 5 September
Term 4	Mon 10 Oct- Fri 16 Dec (10 weeks)	<u>Week 3</u> Mon 24 Oct- Labour day

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TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

HOCKEY

Leopards	Jacob Hubbard, Cathy Young
Stormers	Samantha Ward
All Stars	Isaac Lee
Lightning	Ashlee Lobb
Strikers	Quade Lutze
Cheetahs	Troy Brister

PLAYER OF THE DAY

NETBALL

Comets	Natasha Raza
Rebels	Elly Mills
Stars	Aria Demchy
Magic	Gwen Hathaway
Ferns	Sophie Clay
Tigers	TBA

DATES COMING UP

Mon 3 Aug	Rm 8 Learning Plan Discussions - School Finishes at 3.00pm
Tues 4 Aug	Rm 8 Learning Plan Discussions - School Finishes at 3.00pm
Wed 5 Aug	Rm 8 Learning Plan Discussions - School Finishes at 3.00pm
Wed 5 Aug	Routine N/E Hearing & Vision
Tues 4 Aug	Photolife Photos - <i>Class, Individual & Sibling</i>
Wed 5 Aug	Photolife Photos - <i>Class, Individual & Sibling</i>
Tues 11 Aug	ICAS – Maths
Wed 26 Aug	Learning Plan Discussions - School Finishes at 2.00pm
Thur 27 Aug	Learning Plan Discussions - School Finishes at 2.00pm
Fri 28 Aug	Cancer Society Daffodil Day
Mon 31 Aug	Mid Term Break
Wed 2 Sep	PTA Meeting 7.30pm

MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK

27 JULY – 2 AUGUST

2015 PASIFIKA LANGUAGE WEEKS

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 PTA

NEXT PTA MEETING

Wednesday 2nd September, 2015

7.30pm in the Staff Lounge.

Everyone is welcome.

PTA EMAIL AND FACEBOOK

ADDRESSES:

tetotara.pta@gmail.com



<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.

NEW BLOOD DONORS NEEDED

ROTOTUNA PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL HALL

23 Strathmore Drive

MONDAY 3rd AUGUST

2.00pm till 7.00pm

Telephone 0800 448 325 to make an appointment or

book online www.nzblood.co.nz.

Please remember to bring your ID.

Criteria

New donors must be 16- 65yrs (But before your 66th birthday)

Weight at least 50kg

Are completely well after having a cough cold or flu (7 days stand down after finishing antibiotics)

Have waited 6 months after having a tattoo or piercing.

Have waited 84 days since your last donation

You cannot donate blood if you have had gastroenteritis, diarrhoea or stomach upset lasting more than 24 hours in the past month.

You cannot donate blood if you spent 6 months cumulatively in the UK, Ireland, Scotland or France from 1980 through to 1996 (due to mad cow disease).

You **SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES** when you donate blood

RED BLOOD CELLS only last 35 days so a continual supply of donors is always needed.

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO A CHILD'S LIFE?

Child Youth and Family are in need of part time and full time caregivers

you may not be able to commit to full time care.....however!

There is a high demand for part time caregivers who would be willing to provide our existing caregiver's with a break

This could be overnight, weekends or school holidays

Training & financial assistance is provided

If you are interested please contact:

Sam Vellucci – Supervisor Care Services Team
Waikato East 07 9571232

sam.vellucci004@cyf.govt.nz

"TO BE OR NOT TO BE? THE PEACHGROVE WAY"

Performance Dates & Times:

Tuesday 4th August 7pm

Wednesday 5th August 7pm

Thursday 6th August Matinee 1pm

Thursday 6th August 7pm

Prices:

Adults \$10.00 Students \$7.00

Tickets can be purchased from Peachgrove Intermediate School office.



THE DISCOVERY FOUNDATION

This foundation exists to give young people the skills, tools and strategies that enable them to get the best out of life and importantly, to deal effectively with life's challenges.

Discovery for Kids – Bridging the Gap programme is a non-residential weekend course designed to support families in having better communication and more fun. Encouraging children to reach their full potential at home and school.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Tel: [09 376 8267](tel:093768267) Toll free: [0800 493 968](tel:0800493968)

Fax: [09 376 8269](tel:093768269)

E-mail: admin@discoveryforteens.org.nz

P O Box 90377, Victoria Street West, Auckland

www.discoveryforteens.org.nz



ROTOTUNA
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Information Evening FAQs and BYOD

Tuesday 18th August
at Endeavour Primary School Hall
7:00 pm

Thursday 20th August
at Rototuna Primary School Hall
7:00 pm

These evenings will give us the opportunity to provide additional information about Rototuna Junior High School and respond to some FAQs, such as:

Why we are being designed as an Innovative Learning Environment School?

How will learning look?

What is our BYOD policy? This will include recommended devices for maximizing learning.

It will be the same presentation both nights.

Enrolments open Tuesday 28 July 2015, to access the enrolment form, please go to;

<https://goo.gl/HnoMdR>

It will also be posted via Facebook, Principal's Blog, by emailing enrol@rjhs.school.nz and through our email database.

Facebook: Search Rototuna Junior and Senior High schools

Principal's blog: Via www.rjhs.school.nz

YOUNG ENGINEERS CLUBS – STARTING TERM 3

Young Engineers is all about learning and having fun! Your child will learn about basic engineering, physics and science while building motorised Lego models. Young Engineers is for Years 2-7 children and is held once per week at different locations. The 75 minute lessons will go so quickly because of the fun everyone has! Young Engineers Clubs are in Ngaruawahia, Nawton, Claudelands, Fairfield, Silverdale and Hautapu. For more information or to enrol, visit www.youngengineers.nz or contact Ariana on [0212424567](tel:0212424567) / ariana@youngengineers.nz.

LEARN TO SKATE

An 8 week course of skating for all ages.

Friday 31 July – 18 September 2015

Register at rink, email or phone rinkmanager@hamiltondevils.co.nz, Ph 021 0650212

Hamilton Inline Hockey Club

Hamilton East