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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 6th August, 2015

Week 3

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** (Congoese), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese), **Hola** (Spanish), **Annyeonghaseyo** (South Korea) **Israel Shalom** (Hebrew)

SCOOTERING NEAR THE SCHOOL

Scotering is a really neat way to get to and from school. We have had a few instances of near misses on footpaths lately, so now might be a good time to go over road rules for scootering - especially around veering to the left on the footpath and taking care crossing roads.

SWIMMING UPDATE

Our school pool has been in operation for a year, we have recently reviewed the programme to see how it is all going.

We found our children have made significant gains according to NZ Swim Safe, which is the aim of our programme so we are very pleased with the results. We also found our running costs are high and we need to ensure we make the programme sustainable into the future.

Some major points:

- We are finishing the programme for this year now.
- We are moving the programme into a school year cycle from February to mid-May and September to December, allowing us to miss the winter cold.
- We have struggled with heating in winter and this causes lots of disruptions and costs.
- All of our classes will be able to get involved with the new timetable.
- Our youngest children will swim at the end of the year so those Year 1 children who enrol during the year get the opportunity to swim.
- We will move our billing system so that as a class completes their swimming they will receive their accounts around this time.

LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS (ALL CLASSROOMS EXCEPT ROOM 8)

Learning Plan discussions will take place on **Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th August, 2015**. To make an appointment time for your child/ren, please use our online booking system www.schoolinterviews.co.nz – our school

code is **U995Y**. You can also access this site via our school website www.tetotara.school.nz

If you are unable to access the internet, please phone the school **(07) 853-0039 ext. 858** and leave a message with the time slot that you would prefer and Marise will collate these.

We will endeavour to give you the time as close as we can to your preference. If we are unable to assist we will go by first in first served.

Please **do not** make arrangements direct with classroom teachers.

There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress on:

Wednesday 26th August, 2015

2.15pm, 2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm, 5.00pm & 5.15pm

Thursday 27th August, 2015

2.15pm, 2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm (**break between 5.00pm-5.30pm**), 5.30pm, 5.45pm, 6.00pm, 6.15pm & 6.30pm.

Please note: School will finish at 2.00pm on both days for all students (including Room 8). Students will need to be collected at 2.00pm please.

We have arranged **15 minute time slots** for the discussion, there will be changeover bell so that everyone is aware of timings.

To ensure the smooth running of our Learning Plan Discussions, we would be grateful if all our parents/caregivers kept to the timetable.

If you have more than one child, you might like to have a break between each interview.

WHO SHOULD COME?

We encourage the student, and family members who have an interest in learning, to come along and discuss this with the teacher.

WHAT WILL THE FORMAT BE?

The discussion is a general one about how the learner is progressing, areas of strength and also discussing next steps in learning and how this will happen.

HOW DO I BOOK A TIME?

Please book a time through the online website

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz - our school

code is **U995Y** If you have more than one child attending school; please use the "Add Student" key for additional children to be displayed at the same time.

An electronic confirmation note will automatically be sent via e-mail upon completion of your booking, don't forget to include your e-mail address.

Bookings open on Monday 10th August @ 9am

Bookings close on Friday 21st August @ 3pm

We will not be able to accept bookings after 3.00pm on Friday 21st August, 2015.

As the whole school will finish at 2.00pm on Wednesday 26th August & Thursday 27th August; After School Care will begin at 2.00pm, for those children enrolled.

SMITH AND MCKENZIE CHEESECAKE FESTIVAL

The 6th annual Smith & McKenzie Cheesecake Festival is on during the month of August.

Our school has entered again this year, with a delicious flavour, Jaffa!

\$1.00 from every piece sold of our cheesecake creation goes directly back to our school.

The winning school for the most pieces sold takes out a \$500 Book Voucher.

What a wonderful prize!

FIRST CREDIT UNION

Banking can be deposited in the Credit Union Drop Box at the School Office and will be collected every Wednesday morning by First Credit Union. Passbooks will be returned and will go home with students the following day (Thursday).

Application Packs can be collected from the School Office.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Our school uniform supplier is Direct Group Uniforms located at 115 Ellis Street Hamilton. Phone (07) 847-6664.

Orders can be phoned through or placed online at www.shop.directgroup.co.nz

We also have a pre-loved Uniform board in the School Office where parents can buy and sell second hand uniforms.

NOTICES TO CHILDREN DURING SCHOOL HOURS

We are always pleased to help families at school, but we have noticed an increase from parents to get messages to children regarding after school arrangements. We are happy to do this **in an emergency** but lately there has been an increase in the frequency of messages. This can often lead to disrupted learning times as classes have to be interrupted for the message to get through.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 7th August, 2015 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**

Our Marama 13 children will be sharing.

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

Everyone is welcome.

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY HOCKEY

Leopards

Stormers Luigi Araneta

All Stars

Lightning Emma Johnson

Strikers Taneesha Kumar

Cheetahs Isabella Weistra-Rivera

Tigers Mark Agluba, Riley Gerrand

Shooters Sophie Hancock

Thunder Lucy McMorran, Hayley Forshaw

PLAYER OF THE DAY

NETBALL

Comets

Rebels Madison Long

Stars Emilee Mehrtens

Magic Emma Lobb

Ferns Alyssa Kay

Congratulations also to Alyssa for trying out for and being selected in the Year 6 Development Academy run by Netball Hamilton.

DATES COMING UP

Tues 11 Aug

ICAS – Maths

Wed 26 Aug

Learning Plan Discussions

- **School Finishes at 2.00pm**

Thur 27 Aug

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Fri 28 Aug

Cancer Society Daffodil Day

Mon 31 Aug

Mid Term Break

Wed 2 Sep

PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm

2015 PASIFIKA LANGUAGE WEEKS

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| 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



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.

BAKE SALE AT TE TOTARA!

Delicious home baking will be for sale outside the school hall after school tomorrow, Friday 7th August 2015.

Bring your spare change and help the Girl Guides to fundraise to get to Jamboree in Christchurch.

BARNARDOS KIDSTART CHILDCARE

Te Totara Early Learning Centre
We pride ourselves on giving children the very best start in life. 20 ECE hours and WINZ subsidies available. We have spaces available now!
Phone 07 852 5759
33 Hector Drive Hamilton

INFORMATION EVENING FAQs & BYOD

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

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

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



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>

**THE ANNUAL FAIRFIELD INTERMEDIATE AIMS
GARAGE SALE**

Saturday 15 August 2015

We want your unwanted household goods!
Drop off during school hours to the main office,
261 Clarkin Road Hamilton.
If you require pickup of large items please email
klaurent@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz or phone
855 9718 and leave your address and phone
number. 130+ students travelling to Tauranga this
year for AIMS games, a nation-wide sporting
event.

NATIONAL SCOUT SCARF DAY – FRIDAY 7 AUGUST

On Friday 7 August, we are celebrating the 2nd
annual National SCOUT Scarf Day and are
encouraging our members to wear their scarves
(and uniforms) to school or work for the day to
promote the uniqueness and many opportunities
SCOUTS New Zealand can offer youth and adults
alike. If you have any questions, please call 0800
SCOUTS.

**PEACHGROVE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL OPEN DAY
AND INFORMATION EVENING**

Our Open Day and Information Evening for ALL new
families is on *Monday 17th August*.

On this day your child may come to Peachgrove and
experience some of the different classes that we offer.
*Year 6 students and their parents are invited to attend
our afternoon session, between 1.30pm –3.00pm.*
Please come to the school hall ready to begin at
1.30pm.

An **Information Evening** for parents and students will
also be held at Peachgrove that evening, beginning
at 7.00pm in the school hall.

A copy of the school prospectus will be available for
interested students and parents at these sessions.
There will also be some copies available at your child's
school. Enrolments for 2016 are being accepted now.
Visits are welcome at any other time by phoning the
Peachgrove School office on 8557596.

**IT'S NEARLY THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...
TOUCH SEASON!**

Dates have been set for our junior skills sessions and
representative trials for U9s - U17s. We encourage
all children to participate in these skills sessions
whether they have already been involved with
touch or are perhaps new to touch. Online
registrations will be open from Monday 17th August.
Skills sessions:

Sunday 27 September: 3-6pm

Sunday 11 October: 3-6pm

Representative Trials:

Sunday 18 October: 9am onwards

mob: [0274519160](tel:0274519160) Ph: [0718585397](tel:0718585397)

Email: admin@waikatotouch.co.nz

<http://www.waikatotouch.co.nz>

<http://www.facebook.com/waikatotouchassociation.nz>

PRECIOUS BAMBINOS MARKET

Sunday August 9 2015 10am-2pm Central Court
Pavilion Rooms Hamilton Gardens Hungerford
Crescent Hamilton Adults \$1 Kids Free
preciousbambinos@digitalmunky.com Facebook:
Precious-Bambinos-Market

CHARITY NEWSLETTERS

I am interested in seeing what charities are sending
out to their donors and supporters.

If you have any old charity newsletters/letters or
other items they have sent you, that you no longer
want.... please can I have them. (you can blank
out your name with a marker pen if you want).

If you could drop them off in my letter box – the
house next to school (with the caravan!!) That
would be great.

Thanks for your help. Sue Ings

**DIRECT GROUP UNIFORMS, KIDS COMMANDO
CHALLENGE**

An obstacle course race, Sunday 4th October 2015
Don't just think it, do it!
Enter online www.hamiltonhalfmarathon.org.nz
Phone 0800 426 425

**DIRECT GROUP UNIFORMS, HAMILTON HALF
MARATHON, SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER 2015**

Event includes:
Half marathon run and walk
10km run and walk
5km fun run and walk
5km wheelchair event
Kids commando challenge
For further details visit
www.hamiltonhalfmarathon.org.nz, email
admin@hamiltonhalfmarathon.org.nz or phone
0800 426 425