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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 13th August, 2015

Week 4

**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) **Israel Shalom** (Hebrew)

### OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR THE 2016 SCHOOL YEAR

Late August this year, our Board of Trustees will look at the number of enrolments, the level of predicted student growth and determine how many spaces (*if any*) for the 2016 School Year. This will be completed in September/October, allowing for lots of time for families to know what is happening.

To help determine this, we need to have out-of-zone Enrolment Applications in to the School Office to help with this process. Standard Enrolment Forms for completion are available online from our school website [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz) or by visiting the School Office.

Further information regarding this process will follow and communicated via the newsletter.

### UNWELL CHILDREN WHO NEED TO GO HOME

Our Administration Team and teaching staff act in the very best interests of your child and their well-being is paramount. When children arrive at the School Office, and depending on the situation, most of the children are offered a rest in our Wellness Room and re-assessed before a phone call home; often they return to their classroom.

We understand many of our families have work commitments however, if you are phoned by the school to collect your child from school due to illness, it would be appreciated if you could arrange for their collection as soon as possible.

If your child is sick please keep them at home until they are well. If your child has diarrhoea or vomiting we ask that they do not return to school unless they are well and have had **no further diarrhoea or vomiting for 24 hours prior to returning – these bugs can be highly contagious.**

Thank you for your assistance.

### LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS (ALL CLASSROOMS EXCEPT ROOMS 1 & 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](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) – our

school code is **U995Y**. You can also access this site via our school website [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 Rooms 1 & 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](http://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 ARE OPEN NOW**

Bookings close on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August @ 3pm**

**We will not be able to accept bookings after 3.00pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2015.**

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

### **FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**

**Our Neptune 26 children will be sharing.**

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

## **MID-TERM BREAK MONDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST, 2015**

A reminder school will be **CLOSED** for this mid-term break.

### **TE TOTARA SPORTS**

#### **PLAYER OF THE DAY**

#### **HOCKEY**

<b>Leopards</b>	Tejveer Singh-Randhawa, Gurveer Singh-Randhawa
<b>All Stars</b>	Dylan Baillie, Cameron Hopping
<b>Lightning</b>	Paige Hopping
<b>Strikers</b>	Quin Davie
<b>Cheetahs</b>	Summer Wright
<b>Tigers</b>	Aeryn McKay
<b>Shooters</b>	Sophie Timmo
<b>Thunder</b>	Shnarah Marshall

#### **PLAYER OF THE DAY**

#### **NETBALL**

<b>Comets</b>	Emma Kimpton
<b>Rebels</b>	Calais Kaiki
<b>Stars</b>	Kacie Gordon
<b>Ferns</b>	Aneasha Rangi
<b>Magics</b>	Jessica Laws

### **YEAR 4 NETBALL TOURNAMENT**

**SUNDAY 30 AUGUST FROM 9AM-2.30PM**

To be held at Te Totara Primary School. Come down and support our school's Year 4 netball team in a tournament for some of our local Hamilton schools. Witness some great "Silver Ferns in the making" and see what top sportsmanship looks like. Bring your wallets as well because our school's Jump Jam Team will be selling baking, lollies, drinks, tea/coffee, chocolate bars, etc and running a sausage sizzle to help them raise funds to attend the National Jump Jam Competition in Christchurch (*the only Hamilton team to be chosen to compete at the Nationals!*). See you there!"

### **DATES COMING UP**

<b>Wed 19 Aug</b>	<b>BYO Ipad Meeting for Yr 5/6 parents, 7pm</b>
<b>Fri 21 Aug</b>	<b>Yr 5/6, trip to school production at Fairfield Intermediate</b>
<b>Wed 26 Aug</b>	<b>Learning Plan Discussions</b> <b>- School Finishes at 2.00pm</b>
<b>Thur 27 Aug</b>	<b>Learning Plan Discussions</b> <b>- School Finishes at 2.00pm</b>
<b>Fri 28 Aug</b>	<b>Cancer Society Daffodil Day</b>
<b>Mon 31 Aug</b>	<b>Mid Term Break</b> <b>- School closed</b>
<b>Wed 2 Sep</b>	<b>PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm</b>
<b>Wed 9 Sep</b>	<b>Neptune 27 &amp; 25, Kiwi house trip</b>
<b>Thur 10 Sep</b>	<b>Neptune 28 &amp; 26, Kiwi house trip</b>

### **2015 PASIFIKA LANGUAGE WEEKS**

<b>30 Aug – 5 Sep</b>	<b>Tonga Language Week</b>
<b>27 Sept-3 Oct</b>	<b>Tuvalu Language Week</b>
<b>5 – 11 Oct</b>	<b>Fiji Language Week</b>
<b>12 – 18 Oct</b>	<b>Niue Language Week</b>
<b>25 – 31 Oct</b>	<b>Tokelau Language Week</b>

Kind regards,

**Brian Sheedy**

**Principal**



## TE TOTARA PTA

### NEXT PTA MEETING

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2015

7.30pm in the Staff Lounge

Everyone is welcome

### SAVE THE DATE!

The PTA have organised some social events at Good Neighbour!

This is a great opportunity for you to come along and meet the friendly faces of the PTA, socialise together and have a great time!

Dates are as follows:

#### THURS 27th AUGUST

Year 1 (Orion & Matawhero)

#### THURS 3rd SEPT

Year 2 (Neptune & Kopu)

#### THURS 10th SEPT

Years 3 & 4 (Ra & Earth)

#### TUES 15th SEPT

Years 5 & 6 (Milkyway & Marama)

Keep a look out for flyers with more info coming soon!! We look forward to seeing you there!

### PTA EMAIL AND FACEBOOK

#### ADDRESSES:

[tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto: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.



**ROTOTUNA**  
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

### 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

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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](mailto: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](http://www.rjhs.school.nz)

## TE TOTARA YEAR 6 STUDENTS ORIENTATION DAY AT FAIRFIELD INTERMEDIATE

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to Fairfield Intermediate School. On **Wednesday 17 September** your Year 6 child is invited to attend an Orientation Day at Fairfield Intermediate School from 9.00am to 12.30pm at our school. They will be involved in a number of activities with our students and we extend a special invitation to you to accompany your child on this Orientation Day. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in a number of technology and specialist classes.

Please note that morning tea will be provided so students, unless they have special dietary requirements, will not need to bring their bags.

**Can you please RSVP on Ph: 855-9718 by Friday 11 September if you and your child will be attending the Orientation Day.**

If you haven't already done so, it would be greatly appreciated if you could complete the enrolment forms as soon as possible and, as per the information in the enrolment pack, deliver the enrolment form to Fairfield Intermediate School, PO Box 12 026, Chartwell, Hamilton, or return them to your child's present school. Enrolments close on Friday 23 October, 2015.

Once we have received your child's enrolment forms you will be sent an acceptance letter. You are also invited to make an appointment if you wish to discuss your child's educational needs at our school. This appointment needs to be completed by 23 October, 2015.

We look forward to working with you and your family. Thank you very much for your support.

Yours sincerely

Barry Roberts, Principal

## 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](mailto: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.

 **HAMILTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**  
www.hcswaikato.school.nz

**Open Days**  
Year 7 to 13  
**21 August 2015**  
**16 October 2015**  
**27 November 2015**  
9:30am to 5pm

**All Welcome**

  
  
  
  


4 North City Road  
Rototuna North, Hamilton  
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**PEACHGROVE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
OPEN DAY AND INFORMATION EVENING**

Our Open Day and Information Evening for ALL new families is on *Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**BLUEMAT PILATES, NOW AVAILABLE IN ROTOTUNA**  
Pilates/Ballet infusion, choreographed to music for a maximum challenging, yet fun workout! We are so excited to have launched top quality Yoga and Pilates Barre classes right here in the Flagstaff/Rototuna area. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BOOK IN PLEASE MAKE CONTACT <https://www.facebook.com/bluematpilates>  
[info@bluematpilates.co.nz](mailto:info@bluematpilates.co.nz) 078533021 0211631775

**FOOTGOLF**  
A combination of football and golf!  
10am-2pm Sunday 30 August 2015  
Hukanui Golf Club Hamilton  
Contact Linda Broughton 07 824 3784 or email [hukanuigolf@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hukanuigolf@xtra.co.nz)

**SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE**

Special Education continues to be a major priority for the Ministry of Education. While much has been achieved in recent years in inclusive education, there is more to be done. We understand more people want to contribute so we've decided to hold extra forums –mainly for parents but others are also welcome. 9.30am-11.30am Friday 28 August 2015 at the Ministry of Education office, 19 Home Straight, Te Rapa, Hamilton. Please RSVP [colleen.kiely@education.govt.nz](mailto:colleen.kiely@education.govt.nz) if you would like to attend.

**ANZ FUTURE FERNS**

**Netball Festival Day, Hamilton  
Sunday 23 August 2015**

This is an event especially designed for children in years 10-14 who are interested, and to keep them excited about netball. This opportunity is limited to 200 keen participants. It's easy to register online, better yet it's FREE. Register at <http://www.mynetball.co.nz/zones/waikato-bay-of-plenty/home.html>

**AU-PAIRS**

Are you looking for good childcare and also want to give back? Our au-pairs are looking for wonderful Kiwi families to look after your children and experience the typical Kiwi lifestyle. More info can be found on our website: [www.aupairnewzealand.co.nz](http://www.aupairnewzealand.co.nz). Make sure to swing by our new Facebook page and Like us to keep up-to-date on the latest news: <https://www.facebook.com/aupairnewzealand.co.nz>

**DIRECT GROUP UNIFORMS, KIDS COMMANDO CHALLENGE**

An obstacle course race, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2015  
Don't just think it, do it!  
Enter online [www.hamiltonhalfmarathon.org.nz](http://www.hamiltonhalfmarathon.org.nz)  
Phone 0800 426 425

**DIRECT GROUP UNIFORMS, HAMILTON HALF MARATHON, SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.hamiltonhalfmarathon.org.nz), email [admin@hamiltonhalfmarathon.org.nz](mailto:admin@hamiltonhalfmarathon.org.nz) or phone 0800 426 425