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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2015

Week 9

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)

STAFFING UPDATE

Congratulations to **Bridie Carr-Neil**, who has been appointed as a **Team Leader** in the Year 1 area next year. Bridie currently teaches in the Orion Team and been heavily involved with our transition to school programme and research. This has led to our Discovery Programmes in our school, so she is very well placed to continue the work in this area to support our newest STARS coming to school.

We welcome back **Casey Frew**, who has been on leave this year. Casey is back from her travels and was due to start next year however, she has turned up just in time to open our next new entrant class in Room 16, lucky us!

TEACHER ILLNESS - AVAILABILITY OF GUEST TEACHERS (RELIEVERS)

At this time of the year we do get lots of illness not only for children but also teachers, their families and also our Guest Teachers as well. In addition, we have had to meet the requirements of the Vulnerable Children's Act, which came in force on 1st July. This has meant we have had to update our procedures to ensure we comply, causing additional challenges and availability of teachers.

We do realise this does impact on the school and children. We do try our very best to get Guest Teachers (Relievers) but lately have found this to be a real challenge.

We can contact over 15 teachers but are unable to secure someone to cover. Our Assistant Principal, Jennie Brook-Watt, looks after this aspect of school life and she works tirelessly contacting Guest Teachers in the

evening and in the morning to arrange cover. Our teachers are great at contacting her as soon as possible, but sometimes illness can creep up on you pretty quickly.

We do have a contingency plan in place, if we can we move teachers from other duties to help.

Our last option is to share a class among other teachers, with pre-arranged splits in place. This is less than ideal but the only way we can cope at this time.

We do appreciate your support around this but please be assured we are doing the very best we can.

Below is the link to the Vulnerable children's Act Information for Schools:

<http://www.education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/specific-initiatives/childrensactionplanandvulnerablechildrenact/>

If you do have any further queries then please don't hesitate to contact me at principal@tetotara.school.nz

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**. This will help with future planning. You are welcome to e-mail me at principal@tetotara.school.nz and c.c. receptionist@tetotara.school.nz

CHANGE OF DETAILS/ADDRESS

Just a little reminder that if you have changed any of your details i.e. phone, address, e-mail etc; to please advise the School Office so we can update your records accordingly.

We encourage our families to check your contact details are correct through the parent portal at www.atschool.co.nz using the User ID and Passwords that were provided with your child/ren previous Learning Plan. If you have recently joined our school, you will be issued with User ID and Passwords with Learning Plans which are due home on **Friday 27th November, 2015**.

If you do not have access to a computer, you are welcome to check your details with the School Office on (07) 853-0039

OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2016

The Board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their sons and/or daughters at Te Totara Primary School for next year. It is likely there will be two out-of-zone enrolment periods for 2016.

The First enrolment period will be from **1st January 2016 – 30th June 2016**

The Second enrolment period will be from **1st July 2016 – 16th December 2016**

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available on our school website www.tetotara.school.nz

The Board has determined that fifty (**50**) places are likely to be available to out-of-zone students for the first enrolment period of **1st January 2016 – 30th June 2016** for the following 2016 year levels:

30 places for Year 1 students

5 places for Year 2 students

5 places for Year 3 students

5 places for Year 4 students

5 places for Year 5 students

The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

Applications from out-of-zone students will be processed in the following order of priority:

- a) First priority must be given to any applicant who is accepted for enrolment in a special programme run by the school and approved by the Secretary of Education.
* *Hamilton North Special School Satellite Programme*
- b) Second priority must be given to any applicant who is the sibling of a current student of the school
- c) Third priority must be given to any student who is the sibling of a former student of the school
- d) Fourth priority must be given to any applicant who is a child of a former student of the school
- e) Fifth priority must be given to any applicant who is either a child of an employee of the Board of the school, or a child of a member of the Board of the school
- f) Sixth priority must be given to all other applicants

Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year. Students who live in the home zone are entitled to enrol at the school.

If the number of out-of-zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot, supervised by a Justice of the Peace or a Police Officer in accordance under Section 11G(1) of the Education Act 1989.

The deadline for receipt of applications for out-of-zone places is **3.00pm on Monday 12th October 2015** and should be addressed to:

Te Totara Primary School
PO Box 28134
Hamilton 3256

If a ballot is required, it will be held on **Thursday 15th October 2015**. Parents will be informed of the outcome by **Tuesday 20th October, 2015**.

MUFTI DAY - WACKY HAIR FRIDAY 25th SEPTEMBER, 2015

Dress in mufti with **WACKY HAIR** on the last day of this term for a gold coin donation to support our Jump Jam team competing in the National Championships in Christchurch next term! Jump Jam team members will be outside the Matariki Hall and by the Library before school next Friday to collect your gold coin donations as you arrive at school, so keep your eyes out for them!



FRIDAY MORNING COFFEE, BOOKS AND PIRATES AT TE TOTARA!

A coffee cart from Cinnamon Cafe will be outside the school library on Friday mornings for the rest of this term and into Term 4. Come along from 8.00am to get your coffee fix and then pop into the library to get books out for the weekend. The library lends up to six books to parents, and you are welcome to borrow books for your preschoolers. **This Friday, the library is celebrating "International Talk like a Pirate Day," so if you come in make sure you say 'Ahoy!'**

TE TOTARA BUCKET SUN HATS COMPULSORY – TERM 4 2015

From the beginning of Term 4, 2015 **ALL** children will need to wear their Te Totara Primary School Red Bucket Hat when outside. These can be purchased through our uniform supplier - Direct Group (07) 847-6664. Summer school sandals can also be worn from Term 4.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Listed on the school website is an Infectious Diseases chart from the Ministry of Health that advises the exclusion times at school should your child have an illness.

www.tetotara.school.nz

FAIRFIELD CLUSTER WINTER SPORTS TOURNAMENT

Well done to all the children who went to Southwell School on Tuesday this week to participate in the Fairfield Schools Winter Sports Tournament. We took a total of 10 sports teams to this event and each team played hard, played fair and represented Te Totara with pride. A big thank you to the Coaches, Managers, parents and supporters who came down on the day.... without your continued support and help running teams for these wonderful events, it would be difficult for our school.

As you can see we had some fantastic results on the day.

Year 5

Football

1st Te Totara
Thistles
2nd St
Joseph's Reds
3rd Rototuna
Yellow

Year 6

Football

1st Te Totara
Gorse
2nd Rototuna
Purple
3rd St Joseph's
Wasps

Hockey

1st Rototuna
Gold
2nd Te Totara
All Stars
3rd Southwell
Comets

Rippa Rugby

1st Hukanui
Gold
2nd Rototuna
White
3rd Southwell
Blue

Year 5 Netball

1st Hukanui
Black
2nd Te Totara
Magic
3rd Rototuna
Thunder

Year 6 Netball

1st Fairfield
Ferns
2nd Rototuna
Rebels
3rd Southwell
6A



FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 18th September 2015 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**

This week our Music Group will be sharing.

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

Everyone is welcome.

TE TOTARA JUMP JAM TEAM FUNDRAISING

OLIVE OIL ORDERS

If you put in an olive oil order, these will be being distributed to classes this Friday for students to take home.

Thanks everyone for your great support!

REQUEST FOR TENNIS BALLS PLEASE

If you have any tennis balls you can donate to our school it would be greatly appreciated. If they could be taken to either Megan Leitch (Ra 29) or Naomi Courtney-Tennent (Marama 15) that would be fantastic. We are desperate!!

DATES COMING UP

Thurs 24 Sept

Fri 25 Sept

Fri 25 Sept

BOT Mtg @ 6.30pm

Muffi Day, Wacky Hair Day

END OF TERM 3, @ 3.00pm

Mon 12 Oct

Tues 13 Oct

Mon 19 Oct

TERM 4, 2015 BEGINS

PTA Mtg @ 7.30pm

Photolife - Groups & Cluster

Rep Sports Photos

BOT Mtg @ 6.30pm

School Disco

PTA Car Boot Sale

Thurs 29 Oct

Fri 30 Oct

Sat 7 Nov

Kind regards,

Brian Sheedy

Principal

2015 PASIFIKA LANGUAGE WEEKS

27 Sept-3 Oct

5 – 11 Oct

12 – 18 Oct

25 – 31 Oct

Tuvalu Language Week

Fiji Language Week

Niue Language Week

Tokelau Language Week

PARTY IDEAS

POPCORN SWAP

Instead of having potato chips that are high in fat, try swapping them for plain or homemade popcorn



Developed by Sport Waikato 2015

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.

KELLY SPORTS - HOLIDAY PROGRAMME SEPTEMBER OCTOBER 2015

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

OSCAR/WINZ Approved

Te Totara School, Southwell School, HGHS
7.40am – 6.00pm

Bankwood School 8am – 6pm

Also Leamington School, Cambridge

For more information or to BOOK ONLINE

go to www.kellysports.co.nz

Email: waikato@kellysports.co.nz Tel: 07 839 901

HOUSE CLEANER AVAILABLE

House Cleaner \$20 per hour

Contact Fay: [0274 089 996](tel:0274089996)

LEARN TO SKATE

Tuesday 13th October - 1st December
(8 week course)

Beginners: 5.30 - 6.30pm
Level 2: 6.30 - 7.30pm

Cost \$60 for 8 weeks (\$40 for 3rd or more members of the same family)

Skate hire included
All ages welcome

To register contact Sandra
rinkmanager@hamiltondevils.co.nz
021 0650212

Hamilton Inline Hockey Club
Eastlink Sports Centre
30 Old Farm Road
Hamilton East



HAMILTON YMCA HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The Hamilton YMCA is running another outstanding Holiday programme during the upcoming holidays. Running from 7:30am to 5:30pm daily. These holidays we will also be introducing our NEW extreme adventure programme for children aged 10- 15 This will run for three days during the holidays, and includes a Snapper safari in the Coromandel, Horse trekking, and a day at Camp Adair. It will be heaps of fun and spaces are limited so come and check it out quick!

07 838 2529 / 0275936626 / fax 07 838 3388

monique.farrant@ymcauckland.org.nz

YOUNG ENGINEERS CLUB STARTING AT WATERWORLD – THURSDAYS, TERM 4

Enrol in Young Engineers at Waterworld in Term 4 and have the choice of taking your child for a swim –at no extra cost!

Enrol now – www.youngengineers.nz

Holiday Program

It's fun and educational!!

2015 Spring Holiday Program

Please pack a lunch and a snack.



- Sept 28th:** Mining & Crafting: 9am - 5pm @ Tamahere Community Centre
- Sept 29th:** Get Frozen: 9am - 5pm @ Tamahere Community Centre
- Oct 1st:** Remote Control Mania: 9am - 5pm @ Tamahere Community Centre
- Oct 2nd:** Model Designer: 9am - 5pm @ Tamahere Community Centre

- Oct 6th:** Mining & Crafting: 9am - 5pm @ Southwell School
- Oct 7th:** Remote Control Mania: 9am - 5pm @ Southwell School
- Oct 8th:** EV3 Robotics: 9am - 5pm @ Southwell School
- Oct 9th:** Model Designer: 9am - 5pm @ Tamahere Community Centre

Program Price:
\$75 per day for EV3 Robotics Program
\$50 per day for remaining programs
Spaces are limited!
 Maximum number of kids for EV3 Robotics program is 6. Rest of the program has maximum 20 kids. Enroll now so you don't miss out!

For a full description of each workshop and to register online, please visit our website at bricks4kidz.co.nz/Hamilton-waikato or email wlin@bricks4kidz.com phone 0212301764

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PRECIOUS BAMBINOS MARKET
 Maternity, baby and Kids Boutique Market
 20 September 2015
 10am-2pm
 Pavilion Gardens, Hamilton Gardens
 Email preciousbambinos@digitalmunky.com

CHARTWELL CHURCH'S FAMOUS

FAIR

Saturday 17th
 October 9am-12pm

Something for everyone - new and recycled
If you have anything to donate please call the Church office on 8557434

Cnr Comries Rd & Belmont Ave, Chartwell

Dio
 Day Out Gardens & Art

Sunday 8th November 2015 9am -4pm

A great day out for people who appreciate stunning gardens and inspiring artwork. Featuring 15 private gardens everything from grand country gardens to small suburban spaces in and around Hamilton and guided tours of the beautiful grounds of Waikato Diocesan School for Girls. Feature Artists in some gardens with art for sale.

Early Bird Tickets 1st September to 30th September \$30.00

1st October \$35.00

Tickets available from the School Shop (Martin St Hamilton) from September 1st OR if out of town email diodayout@gmail.com

Contact diodayout@gmail.com

Ph 0221590960

FREE SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME.
 In conjunction with "Team Energize", Edventure is running a "Free Energize Sports Day" Holiday Programme. Spaces are limited; enrol online at www.edventure.co.nz Also check out our other holiday programmes available, "Edventure Outdoors" and "Edventure Everyday"

TE TOTARA PTA PULLOUT PAGE – stick it on your fridge!



CAR BOOT SALE **SATURDAY 7TH** **NOVEMBER, 2015**

**"One man's junk is
another man's treasure"**

8am - 10:30am

Te Totara Car Park

Cars in by 7:30am

Pre-Sales \$10 per carpark space, or \$15 on the day,
first-in-first-served

Tickets on Sale Monday 19th October, 2015

Any queries email: tetotara.pta@gmail.com

SCHOOL DISCO

Friday 30th October

2 sessions

Kids - you choose the theme!!

Write your name, room number and theme idea on
a piece of paper, and put it in
the green PTA box at the School
Office.

Entries close:

Friday 18th September 9am

Organising Committee

4-5 people required for a couple
of Pre-Disco meetings. Come along and meet
some new people, and join in on the fun
Your kids will love seeing you involved!!

Email: Jolie.Hopping@vodafone.co.nz by
Friday 18th September.



THE CHRISTMAS HEIRLOOM COMPANY

Fun, Social Night Out!

Includes nibbles & drinks

Demonstration includes tree decorating,
lights, wreaths, centrepieces,
decorating garlands, bows, Christmas
tips & advice. 10% discount on the night
should you choose to make a purchase.

**Dates: Wednesday 21st October, Tuesday 27th
October, Tuesday 3rd November** 7pm until
approx 9:15pm

Gather your friends, family & neighbours

Limited spaces available - first in first served!!

\$15 per ticket

There are limited spaces available for each night so
first in first served.... Get a group of friends together
and enjoy a night out. **Tickets go on sale
from Monday 21st September. Also early bird
tickets are on sale from Monday to Friday... \$10
each \$15 thereafter.**

Tickets available from the office or the PTA



facebook page.... Book your preferred date.
Payment can be made by cash into the green PTA
box or deposit into the PTA bank account.
Any queries please contact Jasmine Ph 027 352
4990.

PTA BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

Te Totara Primary School PTA

Account: ASB **12 3171 0277833-00**

Please ensure your name is used as a reference.

PTA CALENDAR

Tue 13th Oct: PTA Meeting 7:30pm

Wed 21st Oct: Christmas Heirloom Company
Social Evening

Tue 27th Oct: Christmas Heirloom Company
Social Evening

Fri 30th Oct: School Disco

Tue 3rd Nov: Christmas Heirloom Company
Social Evening

Sat 7th Nov: Car Boot Sale

Nov Wed 25th: PTA Meeting 7:30pm

*Due to low PTA numbers, the School Gala will not be
held again until March 2017.*

*Instead, we will have a "Family Fun Day" on Saturday
19th of March, 2016*

PTA EMAIL AND FACEBOOK ADDRESSES:

tetotara.pta@gmail.com

[http://www.facebook.com/pages/Te-
Totara-Primary-School-PTA/30090011661692](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Te-Totara-Primary-School-PTA/30090011661692)

NEXT PTA MEETING

Tuesday 13th October 2015

7.30pm in the Staff Lounge

Everyone is welcome



ENTERTAINMENT BOOK CHEQUE

Thanks to all the wonderful supporters that used the
Te Totara link for purchasing their Entertainment
Books this year, **we have raised an amazing
\$3292.00!!! Every cent of this goes straight back to
our amazing children.**

Pictured are Rachel MacDonald, Account
Manager Entertainment Books & Jackie Smith, PTA
Secretary.

