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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2015

Week 10

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)

This is the last newsletter of Term 3, traditionally a tough term for illness and we certainly have experienced this. Over the school holidays we hope that everyone gets a chance to rest, recuperate, spend time with family and enjoy the warmer spring weather.

School Holidays

School closes Friday 25th
September 3.00pm and
opens for Term 4 on
Monday 12th October.

The School Office will be open on Friday
9th October from 9.00am – 12.00 noon for
enrolment enquiries.

SCOOTER TRAINING TRIAL - YEAR 3 & 4 STUDENTS

Te Totara Primary School has agreed to be the first school in Hamilton to take part in a new scooter skills training road safety programme, in conjunction with the Hamilton City Council and Miro Scooters. This is a great opportunity for the children at school to improve their skills and awareness of riding scooters. Hamilton City Council wants to support this while providing training to children on how to ride them safely.

A letter outlining the trial, and the specific days your child will require their scooter, was given to the Earth and Ra children to take home earlier this week. If you have any queries, please contact Anne Fraser, Deputy Principal.

MUFTI DAY - WACKY HAIR FRIDAY 25th SEPTEMBER, 2015

Dress in mufti with WACKY HAIR

tomorrow for a gold coin donation to help our Jump Jam team get to the National Competition in Christchurch! Jump Jam team members will be outside Matariki, by the Library and by Earth/Ra before school to collect your gold coin donations. Thanks for your support!



JUMP JAM RAFFLE

Raffle tickets to raise money for our Jump Jam team to get to the Nationals in Christchurch are now available! Check out our school website and facebook page for details. Great prizes and only \$2 per ticket! Tickets available before and after school from the office area, or from Miss Leitch in Ra 29. Also look out for ticket sales at Rototuna New World and Countdown over the holidays. Ticket sales close at the end of Week 1 Term 4 (unless all sold prior).

EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING AT SCHOOL

From time to time we do have things that go "missing" at school. Please let us know if this happens so we can help "find" things. Even if the item is small it is important that children and families let us know, so that we can follow up. The best contact is the classroom teacher in the first instance.

Having items named sure does help in getting equipment and clothing back to the rightful owner.

BYO IPAD EVENING FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 3 & 4 STUDENTS

We are about to introduce optional Bring Your Own (BYO) iPad for our Year 3 & 4 students. We would like to invite you to an information evening aimed at providing more details about this initiative, the procedures around this, and showing you the kinds of learning that students do on iPads. **This will be on Tuesday 20th October from 7-8pm in the Matariki Hall.**

If you are thinking of purchasing an iPad Noel Leeming, our preferred supplier, will be onsite. **They will also be available on Thursday 22nd October from 8.30-10am and 1.30-4pm in our Resource Room.**

KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE PROGRAMME TERM 4, 2015

During Term 4 throughout the school we will be teaching the “**Keeping Ourselves Safe**” Health Education Programme. We have made a commitment as a learning community, within our Board of Trustees Policies, to teach this programme every two years.

This is a comprehensive personal safety programme that has been developed by the Ministry of Education and the New Zealand Police to meet current best practice in education and child protection. Students will learn and apply a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others.

Our Year 0-2 classes will be teaching the unit titled “*Knowing What to Do Me Mōhio Kia Pēhea*”.

Our Year 5-6 classes will be teaching the unit called “*Getting Help: Te Whiwhi Āwhina*”.

Our Year 3-4 classes will be working with a programme that uses aspects and suitable resources from both programmes.

Keeping Ourselves Safe has been designed to give our children the skills to cope in situations involving abuse. It has three overall aims:

- to develop and strengthen children's skills to keep themselves safe with other people;
- to support and encourage abused children to get help from caring adults;
- to make teachers and parents more aware of the need to keep children safe from abuse by adults or other children.

The programmes will be taught by your child's teacher, with help from our Police Education Officer, Genie Slement, as required.

To be successful, **Keeping Ourselves Safe** needs your help and support. Your child will have some home activities to work on with you. You will also get links through our Term 4 newsletters to two pamphlets:

Are your Kids Safe - A pamphlet for Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

Keeping Kids Safe in Cyberspace - A pamphlet for Parents and Caregivers.

It is important that you participate as much as possible and talk to your child about what they have been learning. This will reinforce the message the school is giving, and help your child to use his or her new skills with confidence.

We have arranged a Parent Information Session with our Police Education Officer, Genie Slement, on **Monday 19th October from 2.15pm – 3.00pm in the Staff Lounge.**

This is an opportunity to find out more about the programme and to have any questions you may have answered.

For further information, check out the New Zealand Police Education website school portal Information Guidelines for Parents. Please don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher if you have any further queries or contact myself, Mr Sheedy or Mrs Brook-Watt, available through the School Office.

Anne Fraser

Deputy Principal & Curriculum Manager

FRIDAY MORNING COFFEE AND BOOKS

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.

2016 TERM DATES FRIDGE MAGNETS – CAN YOUR BUSINESS HELP US?

We are offering an opportunity for a business to sponsor our school with supplying our 2016 term date fridge magnets.

Your business name and contact details would be on the fridge magnets and go home towards the end of Term 4, 2015 to over 530 families at our school.

Fridge magnets are also placed in every new enrolment pack, which goes out to new families in our area. This is great exposure for your business!

Please email Celeste at celestem@tetotara.school.nz if you would like further information.

LOST PROPERTY ON DISPLAY

Any property left at the school at the end of term e.g. clothing, shoes, socks etc. will be on display outside (*weather permitting*) the Earth block on **Friday 25th September 2015**. If the weather is bad, it will be on display inside the Earth Pod.

Please check to see if any items belong to your family as all unclaimed items (*other than school uniform*) will be donated to charity.

We will endeavour to return named school uniform items of clothing to their rightful owner however; any un-named school uniform will be given to the School Office and sold, with the proceeds returned to the school. As you can imagine, with **778** students at our school now, it doesn't take long before the Lost Property is full.

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**.

FUN FERNS NETBALL

Interest letters for Fun Ferns Netball in Term 4 are available to Year 3 & 4 students from Miss Leitch in Ra 29 (if you missed getting one from Mrs Kiely). Please note these are due back to school tomorrow, **Friday 25th September** to the School Office.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 25th September 2015 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**

This week our Ra 29 children will be sharing.

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

Everyone is welcome.

DATES COMING UP

Thurs 24 Sept	BOT Mtg @ 6.30pm
Fri 25 Sept	Muffi Day, Wacky Hair Day
Fri 25 Sept	END OF TERM 3, @ 3.00pm
Mon 12 Oct	TERM 4, 2015 BEGINS
Tues 13 Oct	PTA Mtg @ 7.30pm
Mon 19 Oct	Photolife - Groups & Cluster Rep Sports Photos
Mon 19 Oct	Keeping Ourselves Safe Information Session 2.15-3pm
Tues 20 Oct	BYO iPad Yr 3&4 Information evening
Thurs 29 Oct	BOT Mtg @ 6.30pm
Fri 30 Oct	School Disco
Fri 6/Sat 7 Nov	National Jump Jam Finals – Christchurch
Sat 7 Nov	PTA Car Boot Sale

Kind regards,
Brian Sheedy
Principal

2015 PASIFIKA LANGUAGE WEEKS

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



HAVE YOU ENTERED ROUND THE BRIDGES?
roundthebridges.co.nz

Download your training programme and the 2km Kids Challenge will be a breeze! There is also the 6km and 12km run or walk for adults.

ROUND THE BRIDGES 2015
SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER

EVERYONE'S DOING IT!

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

DOGS AT HOME: DOG WALKING AND IN HOME CARE

When caring for dogs I believe it's important to provide meaningful human interaction and include the enrichment they need to live a happy and fulfilled life. Call or email: Fiona [021 971 550](tel:021971550)
fiotab74@gmail.com

RIVER DOWNS PLAYCENTRE

The River Downs Playcentre AGM will be held on Thursday 24th September from 7pm at River Downs Playcentre, 5 Endeavour Ave, Flagstaff, Hamilton. All welcome. Any enquiries about the AGM please phone 07 854 3606.

Te Totara Primary School

2015 Annual Pirongia Craft Day Only NZ Handmade / Home Grown



Live Entertainment,
Art, Crafts, Plants, Food, Rides,
Pottery, Jewellery, Clothes
and many new stalls

Ample Parking
9 am – 3 pm

Saturday September 26th 2015

Wet or fine
NO DOGS PLEASE!

 Like us on Facebook: Annual Pirongia Craft Day

WOODSTOCK SCHOOL GALA

Saturday 31st October 2015

10am – 2pm

Fairfield Road Hamilton

Family, Friends, Food and Fun!

www.woodstock.school.nz/gala

JITTERBUGS DANCE LESSONS TERM 4

- Limited spaces left for Term 4
- Email jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz for more info

JITTERFIT ADULTS FITNESS SESSIONS TERM 4 ENROLMENTS

- Held on a Monday night at Te Totara Primary School at 7.30pm
- \$85 for 10 weeks of Term 4 (starting week 2)

JITTERFIT HOLIDAY EXERCISE SESSIONS

- Monday 28th Sept
- Wednesday 30th Sept
- Monday 5th Oct
- Tuesday 6th Oct
- Held at Te Totara Primary School
- Email Jolie at jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz to register. Limited spaces so be in quick!

"TENNIS COACHING

'Number 1 Tennis' is offering before and after school tennis coaching at Te Totara School in term 4. The lessons will be 45 minutes long and will be on Wednesday mornings and Thursday mornings and afternoons beginning October 14th. For more information included an enrolment form please contact Andrew Sheedy at: andrewsheedy@hotmail.com [0279063353](tel:0279063353), Facebook - number 1 tennis"

Growing and Learning Together

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



PTA

Te Totara Primary School

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.

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.



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

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NEXT PTA MEETING

Tuesday 13th October 2015

7.30pm in the Staff Lounge

Everyone is welcome

