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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 5th November, 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)

MOVEMBER

All our male staff members have joined together to raise awareness for mens health by participating in Movember. This is where, for one month, moustaches are grown. We gave you the wrong link last week to donate, the correct link is:

<http://moteam.co/te-totara-slugs>

Below is a photo of the males taken in late October before Mo growing has begun. If brave enough we will post an after photo...



ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL SUPPORTING ACHIEVEMENT

One of our aims is to have wonderful attendance to support learning at school for our children. We have an aim of 94% during the year, which we are currently attaining and is pleasing. We do monitor trends and patterns on a weekly basis and will often liaise with families where there is a concern.

We have noticed that absences due to taking holidays during term time is 1.2% of our absences, while this figure may not seem a lot, it does equate to 20% of all absences.

We do understand there are times family circumstances come first, but it may be worth

considering the effect of recreational holidays during school time.

If you have any queries around this, please don't hesitate to contact me.

YEARS 3-6 ATHLETICS DAY

**** PARENT HELP URGENTLY NEEDED ****

Our Years 3-6 Athletics Day is on **Tuesday 10th November, 2015**. We will need Parent Help on the day to help the events run smoothly. **Please email naomic@tetotara.school.nz asap advising which of the times listed below if you are available to help.**

Session 1: 9.00am - 10:30am
Session 2: 11.00am - 2:30pm
Session 3: 1:25pm - 2:30pm

The postponement day is **Thursday 12th November**. **If you are able to offer parent help, can you please also indicate whether or not you are able to make it on the postponement day.**
Many thanks for your support!

YEARS 3-6 ATHLETICS DAY APPROXIMATE TIMETABLE

Time	Boys Long Jump Field	Girls Long Jump by Marama	Short Sprint (50m) Front of Field	Cricket Ball Throw Boys Middle of Field	Cricket Ball Throw Girls Outside Neptune	Long Sprint (80m for Y3, 100m for Y4,5,6)
9:10 – 10:00	Year 4	Year 4	Year 3	Year 5	Year 5	Year 6
10:00-10:25 & 11:10–11:35	Year 6	Year 6	Year 4	Year 3	Year 3	Year 5
11:40 – 12:30	Year 5	Year 5	Year 6	Year 4	Year 4	Year 3
12:30	800m optional race Year 4-6.					
LUNCH						
1:35 – 2:25	Year 3	Year 3	Year 5	Year 6	Year 6	Year 4
2:30 – 2:55	House Relays if time permits.					

JUMP JAM TEAM TO CHRISTCHURCH

Tomorrow our Jump Jam Team fly to Christchurch for the National Jump Jam Competition. They have been amazing with their commitment and fundraising to make it happen. We wish them all the best for their adventure, they return on Saturday.

Whatever the outcome, they can be very proud of their commitment and efforts!

EDUCATION ACT REVIEW

The Education Act is undergoing a review and the Government is consulting on this with the Public. The link to the consultation is below and submissions close on 14th December. There are potentially some big changes, so you may be interested in contributing...

<https://consultation.education.govt.nz/>

STAFFING

We farewell Amie Kiely this week as she moves to Rototouna Junior High School as the Special Education Needs Co-ordinator. She goes with our warmest of thanks and appreciation for the wonderful work she has done supporting and helping with learning for children with special needs.

WHANAU HUI

Kia ora koutou. There will be a whānau hui on Monday 23rd November in the school staffroom. All families are welcome. We will be having a shared kai and kōrero about what things are working well and what things could be improved at Te Totara. The school kapa haka rōpū will kick off the evening at 6pm in Matariki. Please bring a plate of food to share.

KAPA HAKA RŌPŪ DATES

When: Monday 23rd November (Week 7)

Time: 6pm start

Where: Matariki Whanau Hui.

When: Friday 27th November (Week 7)

Time: 2pm start

Where: Matariki School assembly performance

When: Wednesday 2nd December (Week 8)

Time: 4pm start.

Where: Fairfield College. Fairfield Cultural Festival.

When: Monday 14th December (Week 10)

Time: 6pm start.

Where: Te Totara back field. End of Year Celebration.

Please come and support your tamariki as they represent Te Totara Kapa Haka.

YEARBOOK 2015 - \$20.00 EACH

Our wonderful school Yearbook is currently being put together and Order Forms will be sent home today. **At only \$20.00 per book**, it is a great record of the years' learning and events and includes over 100 full colour pages. Children love pouring over the pages and do so for many years. **Orders Close on Monday 16th November, 2015. Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.**

YEAR 6 LEAVER'S SUPPER EVENING

Tuesday 8th December 2015

6.30pm-8.00pm in the Matariki Hall

This will be a night to remember, our Year 6's are leaving us. Invitations will be sent home shortly. Please bring a plate of finger food to share for supper and BYO drink. Due to limited space, no siblings please.

We are really looking forward to this special evening.

LEARNING PLAN PARENT COMMENT

Learning Plans are currently offline for teachers to begin their writing process.

On the Learning Plan is a box titled "Parent Comment". This box gives parents and caregivers the opportunity to comment in a positive manner on the Learning Plan and reflect some goals for your child's learning.

A flyer about this is available from the School Office; it gives you an example of the types of comments which are suitable for this box.

HOW WILL MY PARENT COMMENT BE PUT INTO THE PLAN?

- 1) **Type your comment as a separate word**
- 2) **document and attach it to your e-mail.** It must be less than 500 characters in total (including punctuation and spaces).
- 3) In the subject line of your email type - Parent Comment Attn: Michelle Druett
- 4) Send it to michelled@tetotara.school.nz

The last day to submit comments will be Friday 13th November, 2015.

VOLUNTEERS "THANK YOU" MORNING TEA WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2015 @ 9.00AM

A warm invitation is extended to helpers of our school for a special morning tea in the Staff Lounge @ 9.00am to say "Thanks". If you were involved in helping out in any way at school (*i.e. coaching, book binding, sports help, classroom help, transport etc*) or in any other way, we would love to see you.

Please advise the School Office if you would like to come to the morning tea by Monday 30th November, 2015. Thanks!

NOEL LEEMING SPECIAL PARENT AND STAFF OFFER

Get COST + 7.5%

Offer available Monday 2nd November – Sunday 8 November 2015.

See our school website under newsletters for the flyer.

Hurry in store and make the most of this offer, CHRISTMAS Comes early at Noel Leemings!

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

Our school log in is, Log in – TTP

Password - Uniform

We also have a Pre-loved Uniform noticeboard in the School Office whereby parents can buy and sell second hand uniforms and pre-loved uniforms... check it out.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 6th November, 2015** in the Matariki Hall at 2pm.

Our Neptune 25 children will share at assembly. This week Matawhero, Neptune, Ra and Milky Way children will attend assembly. Everyone is welcome.

SPORTS

TE TOTARA PLAYERS OF THE DAY

HOCKEY

Keas Maniah Hardy

Pukekos Mazone Skinner, Jazlyn Gillies, Ethan Bell

NETBALL

Diamonds Emma Garforth

Lightning Alex Frater

Thunderbirds Lyra Chopra, Gemma McCormack

TOUCH RUGBY

Stars Miche' Cloete, Austin Bennett

DATES COMING UP

Fri 6/Sat 7 Nov	National Jump Jam Finals – Christchurch
Sat 7 Nov	PTA Car Boot Sale
Tues 10 Nov	Senior Athletics (Yrs 3-6)
Wed 11 Nov	Wheels Day, Ra team
Wed 11 Nov	Photolife Whole School Photo
Thurs 12 Nov	Snr Athletics Postponement Date
Tues 17 Nov	Junior Tabloid Day run by Student Leaders
Wed 18 Nov	Wheels Day, Neptune team
Thurs 18 Nov	Jnr Tabloid Day Postponement Date
Mon 23 Nov	Whānau Hui
Tues 24 Nov	Cluster Athletics (Y4-6)
Wed 25 Nov	PTA meeting 7.30pm
Thurs 26 Nov	Wheels Day, Kōpū team
Fri 27 Nov	Kapa Haka Rōpū 2pm & 4pm
Fri 27 Nov	Learning Plans go home
Wed 2 Dec	Kapa Haka Rōpū 4pm
Wed 2 Dec	Volunteers "Thank you" Morning Tea @ 9.00am
Thurs 3 Dec	Wheels Day, Orion team
Tues 8 Dec	Y6 Leavers Supper 6.30pm
Thurs 10 Dec	Wheels Day, Matawhero team
Mon 14 Dec	End of Year Celebration
Tues 15 Dec	EOY Celebration Postponement
Thurs 17 Dec	End of Term @ 3.00pm

Kind regards,

Brian Sheedy

Principal

LUNCHBOX RECIPES

SANDWICH SHAPES

For a fun lunchbox try cutting sandwiches into different shapes using a cookie cutter. For extra crunch you can toast the sandwiches first! Some of our favourite fillings are:

- tuna salad and cheese
- ham, pineapple and cheese
- tomato, lettuce and carrot

Makes sandwiches GLOW with colour!



Developed by Sport Waikato 2015

SCHOOL DISCO 2015

Thanks so much to our Disco Committee and everyone else who helped make the 2015 Disco such a success.

Photos of your children will be available on the PTA Facebook page once we receive these from the photographers. These will not be sold this year, but instead be available without a watermark for you to share among friends/family.



**SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER, 2015,
8.00am – 10.30am**

**Te Totara Primary School Car Park,
31 Hector Drive.**

**(cars parked by 7.30am and leave
at 10.30am)**

**Pre sales \$10.00 or \$15.00 on the
day, if you have any queries, please
email tetotara.pta@gmail.com**

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 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

**Wednesday 25th November 2015
7.30pm in the Staff Lounge
Everyone is welcome**



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.

SKATE PARTY

Birthday party or Group Outings, skates for hire.
Call or email Ph 021 0650 212

rinkmanager@hamiltondevils.co.nz

Eastlink Sports Centre
30 Old Farm Road Hamilton

HORSHAM DOWNS PRIMARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Dave Upfold Comedy Hypnosis Show!!- **Saturday 14th November at the Horsham Downs Hall.** You'll be in fits of laughter as volunteers are hypnotised on stage. Get in quick so you don't miss out! Tickets are \$25 and include supper. There will be a cash bar throughout the evening.

Doors will be opening at 6:30pm, show starting at 7:30pm and will last for two hours. We will also be holding auctions on the night.

One recent review stated : "Dipton Memorial Hall was abuzz with the ...Hilarious Hypnotist and Auction Fundraising Night held by the Dipton Home & School. Dave Upfold the hilarious hypnotist entertained the crowd along with those who volunteered to take the stage and produce two hours full of fun and laughter!"

Get your tickets by paying into the Parents Association bank account 03 1557 0120450 00 and emailing your details to:

hdspa@horshamdowns.school.nz or at the Horsham Downs School Office.

TE AWAMUTU ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

SELWYN PARK, 1 GORST AVENUE, TE AWAMUTU
SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2015 9:00AM – 3:00PM

RJHS SPORTS INFORMATION EVENING

We are holding a Sports Information Evening for students and parents interested in getting involved in sports at Rototuna Junior High School in 2016.

Where: 17 Maui Street

When: Thursday 12th November 2015
6:30PM-7.30PM or 7.30PM-8:30PM

We will also be collecting names for Cricket sign-ups on the night to have teams ready for Term 1, 2016. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates and information.