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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 12th November, 2015
Week 5

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)

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

TE TOTARA STARS JUMP JAM TEAM

Congratulations to our Te Totara Stars Jump Jam team who competed at the National Championships in Christchurch last weekend. The team won the final of the Strictly Jump Jam Competition on Friday evening and are now the **2015 New Zealand Champions for Strictly Jump Jam**.

There were many other highlights for the team during the weekend including:

- **Excellence in Technical Execution Award**
- **Excellence in Overall Presentation Award**
- The team also competed in the Jump Jam Challenge competition on Saturday, and while not gaining a place, they won the **Excellence in Technical Execution Award** and the **Excellence in Costume Design Award**.

This is a wonderful achievement for them and a reflection of the hard work from all involved, including the coach, Miss Leitch, parents and support from the wider school community.

On the flight home they received a special announcement from the flight deck congratulating them on their achievement and lots of interest from fellow passengers. We are very, very proud of them!

Special message from Miss Leitch:

Thanks to everyone who supported the team to get to Christchurch with our fundraising activities. Special thanks to Girl on a Swing, Placemakers Clarence Street, Briggs and Stratton, Peter Baker Transport, Books for Kids, and local Rotoruna businesses including New World, Liquor King, Subway, Best of British, Unichem, Paper Plus, Gymnasium, Sushi, and Cafe Inc. Thanks also to all of you who helped out by buying a cupcake, olive oil or raffle ticket, or by donating a gold coin on muffin day. Special thanks also to Jackson who donated money to our fundraising that he was

going to use for a Scholastic Book Club Order. Without the help of you all, we couldn't have even got to the competition!

ATHLETICS DAY

Wow, what a great Athletics Day we had on Tuesday. A big thank you to those parents who came along to help out, and to those who came along to support children and cheer from the side lines. You helped make this day a special one for the children.

We will be having a special assembly at 9.00am on Friday 13th November 2015, in the Matariki Hall to give out awards to those children who achieved first, second or third place. You are more than welcome to join us.



***** LAST CHANCE *****

YEARBOOK 2015 - \$20.00 EACH

Please don't miss out! **Get your order in by Monday 16th November 2015**, to ensure you get a copy of this fabulous book. Only \$20.00 for memories that will last a lifetime.

Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.

WELCOME BACK EMMA CATHCART

Next week we welcome back Emma Cathcart, who will be returning to Te Totara after her overseas adventures. Many of you may remember her as Miss Dunbar. Emma has agreed to come back earlier than planned, and will be working in Learning Support for the remainder of the year, and resumes a classroom teaching role in 2016.

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.

SCHOOL NETWORK UPGRADE PROJECT

Next week we will be undergoing a major upgrade of our computer systems. This will see faster speeds for our wireless systems and add additional capacity around the campus. This work is 80% funded by the Government.

Work on this project will be from 3.30pm-1.00am for around two weeks. All our systems will continue to run as normal during the upgrade. Vehicles will depart from the gates near the Administration area to minimise any disruptions to our neighbours.

CHICKENPOX

We have a number of students away with chickenpox at present. According to the Ministry of Health Infectious Diseases Guidelines:

- Early signs are a fever and spots with a blister on top of each spot.
- The child is infectious from up to 5 days before appearance of the rash until lesions have crusted (usually about 5 days).
- Time between exposure and sickness is 13-17 days.
- This disease is spread by coughing and sneezing and by direct contact with weeping blisters.
- Exclusion from school is approximately a week from the date of the appearance of the rash.

If you are unsure whether your child should return to school, please see to your family doctor.

A copy of the Infections Diseases Guidelines can be found on the school website under "Infectious Diseases".

SCHOOL STATIONERY ORDERING FOR 2016

We have teamed up with OfficeMax MySchool so that you can buy all your student school stationery needs for 2016 over the internet. If you do not have access to the internet, you can purchase stationery direct through Office Max (cnr Victoria St & Princes St, Hamilton) Ph: (07) 838-8604. Advise them that you are from Te Totara Primary School and the year level your child (ren) will be in 2016. They will have hard copies of stationery lists available at the shop from Monday 7th December onwards.

Many of our families used this online system last year and will be familiar with the ordering process. This website is available from today for ordering at www.myschool.co.nz/tetotara **Instructions on ordering stationery will be placed on our website under "Newsletters".**

Please note: You do not need a Student ID, please leave this field blank. If you have a new entrant starting in Term 1, 2016 your child will be a Year 1.

Please ensure you have placed your order no later than Friday 22nd January, 2016 to ensure delivery before school starts on Tuesday 2nd February, 2016.

BACK TO SCHOOL MADE EASY OfficeMax MySchool

- **Your Choice** - buy online or in-store OR simply download a copy of the class list requirements for your child.
- **Price Match Promise** - find a lower price and we'll match it! Conditions apply. See myschool.co.nz for details.
- **Free Delivery** - for orders over \$57.50. You can choose delivery to home or work. See myschool.co.nz for delivery windows.
- **Earn Rewards for your school**

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"I use OfficeMax MySchool for all our back to school supplies."
- April Ieremia, parent

PHOTOLIFE SCHOOL PHOTOS

The Shoot Keys have arrived and will come home with each child today detailing how to order **Team or Cultural Group** photos online.

If you do not have a computer, please collect an order envelope from the School Office.

"Free Delivery" to the school will apply to orders prior to 8.00am on Monday 7th December, 2015.

Unfortunately, due to forecasted bad weather conditions, we were unable to take the Whole School Photo as planned.

SCHOOL LUNCHES, ORDER ONLINE THE KIWI DOG HAS LANDED

Introducing a Summer Special.

We are calling it **The Kiwi Dog!** Its our take on the classic Hot Dog except we have put the 'Kiwi' in it. With a gourmet Lamb & Beef Sausage made right here in Hamilton at our local Butcher and a fresh baked soft bun. It's better, healthier and tastier. Your children will love it! Order now www.lunchorders.co.nz



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 on Friday 13th November, 2015.

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.

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.

ENVIRO TEAM VEGGIES FOR SALE

Our garden is growing really well. We have lots of delicious veggies to sell. Look out for the honesty box and stall outside Orion after assembly on **Friday 13th November, 2015.**

ATTENTION BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE PARENTS/FAMILIES

If you wish for your child to attend Before and/or After School Care in 2016, please fill out and return the **2016 ASC Enrolment Form** by the end of **WEEK 8** (Friday 4th December).

You can drop the Enrolment Form off to the School Office, attention Anna Herbert, or email Anna at afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz

Enrolment Forms can be found in the Matariki Hall while the BSC & ASC programme is running, the School Office or the School website www.tetotara.school.nz which also has the ASC updated Policies & Procedures that all BSC & ASC parents need to read.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 13th November, 2015** in the Matariki Hall at 2pm.

Our Orion 8 and Orion 9 children will share at assembly.

This week Orion, Kōpū, Earth and Marama children attended assembly.

Everyone is welcome.

SPORTS

TE TOTARA PLAYERS OF THE DAY

HOCKEY

Keas Francesca Cullen
Pukekos Emma Lobb

NETBALL

Diamonds Rebecca Plank
Lightning Asia Hughes
Thunderbirds Mya Chee

TOUCH RUGBY

Stars Mia Humphrey

CRICKET

Terrors Anten Maeuea, Benjamin Jessep
Thunders Kyla Creighton

DATES COMING UP

Tues 17 Nov	Junior Tabloid Day run by Student Leaders
Wed 18 Nov	Wheels Day, Neptune team
Thurs 19 Nov	Jnr Tabloid Day Postponement Date
Mon 23 Nov	Whānau Hui 6.00pm
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
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

PITA BREADS

Try these with wholemeal flour

LUNCHBOX RECIPES

2 tsp yeast
1 Tbsp sugar

3 C flour
½ tsp salt

Dissolve sugar in ½ C warm water, sprinkle yeast on top; leave for 10 mins. Add flour, salt and more water to form a dough. Knead for 10mins until smooth. Leave in covered, oiled bowl until doubled in size (1.5hr). Divide into 16 balls, roll out 5mm thick. Bake at 210°C for approx. 5 mins.

Adapted from thefreshloaf.com

Developed by Sport Waikato 2015



TE TOTARA PTA



NEXT PTA MEETING:

Wednesday 25th November, 2015

7.30pm in the Staff Lounge

Everyone is welcome

This will be a short meeting covering some essential business, and then a dessert buffet to celebrate all we have achieved this year.

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

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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.

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.

TOTARA SPRINGS, SURVIVOR SUMMER CAMP

18-22 January 2016

Register online at www.totarasprings.org.nz

Phone Lisa, (07) 888 4700 ext 217

WAIKATO HOCKEY ACADEMY 2015-16

Register online at waikatohockey.org.nz

FIRST CREDIT UNION... RIDE WITH SANTA!

We are very proud to again be sponsoring the Hamilton Santa Parade (Sunday 6th Dec) and Carols by Candlelight (Saturday 19th Dec). As part of our sponsorship we are going to give one of our school banking kids the chance to "Ride with Santa" on his float - All they have to do is make a deposit into their Jimmy Jumper account before Friday 27th November and they are in the draw!



ASTHMA WAIKATO CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT AND AUCTION

Friday 27 November 2015 at 11 am.

Ngarawahia Golf Course

Contact Kelly McDiarmid phone 021 837 486

Or info@asthmawaikato.co.nz

ST MARY'S CHURCH FAIR GORDONTON

Saturday 5 December 2015, 9am – 2pm

Email riddell@xtra.co.nz or phone 07 824 3850

A NEW LIFE
for your used household items!

Support refugee families being resettled in Hamilton in December 2015 by helping to turn their houses into homes!

- . Kitchenware
- . Kettle, toaster, blender
- . Pots and pans
- . Cutlery
- . Bed linen
- . Duvets
- . Coffee tables
- . Vacuum Cleaners
- . Lawnmowers
- . Bikes
- . Clock
- . Blankets

We can collect! - Contact us: Nhung
022 608 4465

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