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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER, 2015

Week 7

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)

END OF YEAR COMING FAST

We do appreciate it is starting to be a busy time with the end of year fast approaching. To help everyone know all the arrangements we have listed upcoming events below in order to help with planning...

Date	Event
Fri 27 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Learning Plans go home today. Available online at 3pm as well.2.00pm Assembly starring Kōpū 23 & Kapa Haka Rōpū
Mon 30 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Swimming starts -Year 5 students in Milky Way 19 & 21, also Room 1 & 2. Teachers will let students know exact timings12.30pm Student Librarian – Pizza lunch
Tue 1 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9.15am School Tour – Ph 853 0039 to book a place
Wed 2 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9.00am Volunteers Morning Tea to say “thanks” to all who have helped. If you have helped out at school, we would love to see you, contact the School Office on Ph 853-0039 to RSVPKapa Haka Rōpū 4.00pm perform at Fairfield Cultural Festival
Thu 3 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wheels Day - Orion Team
Fri 4 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">2.00pm assembly for Matawhero, Neptune, Ra & Milky Way. Awards given out for each class, 1 for academic and 1 for STARS for 2015. Matawhero 3 share their learning
Mon 7 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">10.35am Library Shelf Monitors morning tea to say “thanks”
Tue 8 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9.15am School Tour – Ph 853 0039 to book a place6.30pm-8.30pm Year 6 Leavers Supper, details have been sent home to Year 6 students on arrangements
Wed 9 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Normal School day!
Thu 10 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wheels Day - Matawhero Team
Fri 11 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">12.30pm Classes for 2016 goes live on the Parental Portal2.00pm assembly for Orion, Kōpū, Earth & Marama. Awards given out for each class, 1 for academic and 1 for STARS for 2015.
Mon 14 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">End of year Celebration 5.45pm-6.00pm start, finish 7.30pm. If postponed decision by 3.00pm on Facebook, school app and website.
Tue 15 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reserve End of year Celebration 5.45pm-6.00pm start, finish 7.30pm. If postponed decision by 3.00pm on Facebook, school app and website.
Wed 16 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1.30pm Students visit their new class for 2016
Thu 17 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3.00pm School closes for 2015

LEARNING PLANS HOME TOMORROW

A Learning Plan for each student will be sent home on **Friday 27th November 2015** with the oldest or only child from each family. However, if your child started in Term 3 (from Monday 20th July 2015 onwards) this year you will not receive a Learning Plan yet. Your child's teacher will be talking to you about your child's progress since starting with us. The Learning Plans will also be available online after **3.00pm on Friday 27th November, 2015**. Included in the information pack being sent home with the Learning Plan will be instructions on how to log-on to the site.

National Standards in Reading, Writing and Maths – how well is my child doing?

Ministry of Education National Standards pamphlets in the below languages are available to view on our school website www.tetotara.school.nz under the tabs "Our Learning" then "National Standards":

- * English * Samoan
- * Tongan * Afrikaans
- * French * Hindi
- * Chinese * Arabic
- * Korean

A REMINDER....

Please keep your Log-in and Password details for the Parent Portal handy as you will need these to access your child/ren's new class details for 2016. These will be inside the Learning Plan folder

LEARNING PLANS HOME TOMORROW

If your family are in a shared care arrangement, please advise Marise Crow by 9.30am on 07 853-0039 ext. 858 (if you haven't already) who will be collecting the child/ren from school on **Friday 27th November, 2015**.

VOLUNTEERS "THANK YOU" MORNING TEA WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER @ 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!

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

Invoices will be e-mailed to families by the end of the week; we would appreciate any outstanding invoices to be cleared by the end of term. You are welcome to pay through the School Office either by EFT-POS (sorry, no credit card), cash, cheque or internet banking. Our ASB internet banking details are:

Te Totara Primary School
12-3171-0270973-00

Please indicate what the payment is for i.e. hockey fees, swimming etc...

Any queries regarding your invoice, please e-mail Wendy Bulloch, our Executive Officer on executiveofficer@tetotara.school.nz

SAFETY TO/FROM SCHOOL

It is vital that our students stay safe. Therefore, we remind our students that; If cycling, make sure cyclists:

- Wear helmets.
- Are visible; with working lights and reflectors, and that they wear visibility gear if possible.
- Stick to cycle lanes and ride single file. Do not cross in front of traffic.
- Ride according to the weather and conditions.

If walking:

- Do not cross roads in front of traffic – you can't be seen.
- Use pedestrian crossings when available.

All students:

- Obey all traffic laws and rules.
- At traffic lights, wait for signals.

Thank you for helping us to keep students safe and healthy.

2016 TERM DATES FRIDGE MAGNETS

Thank you to Rototuna W.O.F. Auto Centre for supporting our school and supplying us with some wonderful 2016 fridge magnets with our term dates on. These will go home with the oldest child in the family today. For all mechanical repairs, WOF & Wheel alignments, give them a call on 07 855-0605

SCHOOL STATIONERY ORDERING FOR 2016

We have teamed up with OfficeMax MySchool so that you can buy all your 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 classified as 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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Fax 0800 367 724
Stores nationwide

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

ATTENTION BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PARENTS

If you wish 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, 2015)**.

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 which also has the ASC updated Policies & Procedures that all BSC & ASC parents need to read.

WEET-BIX KIDS TRYATHLON

This year, we had the biggest school group in Hamilton competing at the Weet-Bix Kids Tryathlon. It would be great if we could achieve this again next year!! **The event is on Sunday 14th February 2016 and is held at Waikato University.** This is for children aged between 7 & 15 years.

When registering your child online, make sure you choose for your child to be a part of the Te Totara School group. This needs to be completed before the cut off date of **Monday 25 January, 2016**. Don't forget to start swimming, biking and running!!

Website: <http://try.weetbix.co.nz/>

SCHOOL SORES (IMPETIGO)

We have several cases of school sores at school at present..... Just a reminder to keep an eye out for blisters on exposed parts of the body, such as hands, legs and face. The blisters burst and turn into a sore with a yellow crust that gets bigger each day. The sores are itchy and spread easily to other parts of the skin. Impetigo is easily spread to other children and adults by direct contact with the discharge from infected skin. They are **highly contagious** and children are infectious until sores are healed. To avoid the risk of infection, please ensure all open sores are kept well covered. If you have any concerns, please visit your Doctor as antibiotics are required to treat Impetigo. For more information regarding visit:

[MOH Infectious Health Chart](#)



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by **9.15am** tomorrow, Friday **27th November 2015** to the school office please. **Sorry NO late orders will be accepted. REMEMBER....** When completing the order form please fill in all the details i.e. name, room number, item number and title of the book.

A new easy way to order and pay now, is to order and pay online with the book club loop.

Visit: mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

Please mark your order GIFT if you would like to collect the order from the office.

SWIMMING PROGRAMME THE POOL IS LOOKING WONDERFUL!

We will be putting our swimming pool back in use during Week 8 & 9 of this term.

Our pool has been in a "sleep mode" since the end of Term 2 when the cold weather meant we needed to conclude our programme.

The pool is looking fabulous, it has a new heat pump which was installed during a maintenance period, and it is currently heating ready for our students who we have scheduled in this 2 week time slot.

The "lucky students" who will be swimming from Monday 30th November to Friday 11th December are:

Year 5 students from Milky Way 19 & 21 (this is a catch-up programme for them) as they missed out when the temperature dropped before they completed their programme.

We are also scheduling 2 of our new entrant classes through our pool programme with a qualified Waterworld Instructor. These classes are Rooms 1 & 2.

Further information has been sent home with the students of Rooms 1 & 2 regarding this programme which is part of our school curriculum.

SWIM SCHOOL LESSONS AT TE TOTARA

We are looking at running Swimming Lessons in the January 2016 School Holidays and a 6 week block course starting in Term 1.

School Holiday Lessons

This will be a 1-week block course for your child/ren. Pre-school children's lessons will also be available if there is enough interest.

Block courses will be held over 3 weeks: 11-15 January, 18-22 January and 25-29 January if there is enough interest. Your child/ren's lesson would be held at the same time each day for the week for 25 minutes.

Term 1 Lessons

This will be a 7-week block course for your child/ren. Pre-school children's lessons will also be available if there is enough interest.

Lessons will be on Tuesday's and Wednesday's each week after school.

We are looking to start these lessons on Tuesday 9 February 2016, with the last lessons being held Wednesday 23 March 2016.

Parents are reminded please to stay on site for your child's swim school lesson as per our swim school terms and conditions.

If your child/ren attend our ASC, arrangements can be made for your child to attend these lessons.

A copy of our terms and conditions is available on our school website or from our School Office.

Please e-mail Celeste if you would be interested in making a booking with your child's name and swimming level
celestem@tetotara.school.nz

KAPA HAKA RÖPÜ DATES

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.

OUR SCHOOL CLUSTER ATHLETICS

A big congratulations to all our students who represented Te Totara School at the Cluster Athletics day on Tuesday this week. It was a stunning day and we had some excellent results, we are just waiting on official results from Southwell School. Our students represented Te Totara School with pride. Thank you to the parents who came down to support, it really adds to the atmosphere of the day.

Photos are

- High Jump - Logan McKay
- Long Jump - Sarah King
- Sprints - Sophie Hancock



FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 27th November, 2015** in the Matariki Hall at 2pm.

This week our Kōpū 23 and Kapa Haka children will be sharing.

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

Everyone is welcome.

LOST PROPERTY ON DISPLAY

Our Lost property bin is FULL!

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 811 students at our school now, it doesn't take long before the Lost Property bin is full.



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

We have the following items for sale at the school office, **ALL \$5.00 PER ITEM.**

Size 4, shorts, long pants, skorts, polo tops, polar fleece.

Size 6, polar fleeces.

Size 8, shorts, skorts, $\frac{3}{4}$ pants, polar fleeces.

Size 10, shorts, polo tops, polar fleeces.

Size 12, polar fleece.

Size 14, polar fleece.

Summer Hats, size 54cm and 58cm

Cash or eftpos accepted. Thanks!

Grab a Bargain!

JUMP JAM APOLOGY

An apology for some incorrect information in an earlier newsletter. In an 'article' thanking companies who helped the Jump Jam Team get to the National Champs in Christchurch, I mistakenly named "Girl on a Swing" as one of those companies. The correct name of that company is **"The Girl on the Swing"**. My sincere apologies to Anj and all involved with 'The Girl on the Swing.'

Miss Leitch

NETBALL SKIRTS

All netball skirts are due back to Miss Leitch in Ra 29 ASAP please.

SPORTS

TE TOTARA PLAYERS OF THE DAY

HOCKEY

Keas Lovejot Nahal

Pukekos TBA

NETBALL

Diamonds Shae Mael, Amy Reddish

Lightning Alex Frater

Thunderbirds Ave Benefield

TOUCH RUGBY

Stars Kane Faulkner, Quinn Faulkner

CRICKET

Midgets TBA

Terrors TBA

Thunders TBA

VOLLEYBALL

Strikers Kelly Icke, Natasha Raza

Kind regards,

Brian Sheedy

Principal

LUNCHBOX RECIPES

PIZZA PINWHEELS

Switch to dried fruit for a sweet alternative

2 C self-raising flour
90g margarine
2/3 C milk

3 Tbsp tomato paste
1 C grated cheese
150g chopped ham

Sift flour into bowl. Use fingers to rub margarine into flour until it's like fine breadcrumbs. Add milk. Mix until dough begins to hold. Knead dough on floured bench until smooth (approx. 5mins). Add more flour if dough is sticky.

Roll out dough, 1cm thick. Top with tomato paste, ham and cheese. Roll up dough and slice into 12 pieces. Bake at 200°C for 20-25mins.

Adapted from kidspot.co.nz

Developed by Sport Waikato 2015

TE TOTARA PTA



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>

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.

URGENTLY NEEDED..... (SEE BELOW)

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

NEW ZEALAND RED CROSS
RIPEKA WHERO AOTEAROA

CHARTWELL SCOUT GROUP CAR BOOT SALE

Fundraising for Summer Camp

A great opportunity to grab a bargain or declutter before Christmas!

When: Sunday 06th December 8am - 1 pm

Where: Chartwell Scout Group hall, Belmont Ave, off Comries Road

\$10 to book a spot

Contact Nini 021 132 5166

KELLY SPORTS SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Our programme is full of exciting activities and trips that will guarantee children, aged 5-13 years, have a great time!
OSCAR/WINZ Approved
Programme dates at each venue vary between December 11th to 24th and January 5th to 29th
See our website for more details.
Te Totara School, Southwell School,
Hamilton Girls High School
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 9017

THE NZ BLOOD SERVICE NEEDS NEW DONORS

Your support means everything to those patients in hospital that need blood and blood products on a daily basis.

ROTOTUNA PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

23 Strathmore Drive

Monday 7th December > 2.00pm till 7.00pm

Contact 0800 448 325 to make an appointment or book online www.nzblood.co.nz

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR ID

WAIKATO EXPRESSWAY HAMILTON SECTION

PUBLIC INFORMATION DAY HAMILTON NORTH & HORSHAM DOWNS

The NZ Transport Agency invites you to attend an information day to discuss the connection of Resolution Drive and Horsham Downs to the Hamilton Section of the Waikato Expressway, and subsequent changes to the wider road network.

When: Tuesday 8 December 2015

**Where: Horsham Downs Community Hall
Martin Lane**

Time: 2pm - 7pm, call in any time

Representatives from the Transport Agency, Waikato District Council and Hamilton City Council will be available to explain the connections and answer your questions.



MURRAY OAKS CRAFT & FUN DAY

Murray Oaks Reserve, State Highway 26
(Morrinsville – Te Aroha Road)

Saturday 28th November 2015 - 9am – 2pm

At the **MOVIES**

Classics Museum

SUNDAY **29TH** NOVEMBER 2015

3rd Birthday

11 RAILSIDE PL 4 HAMILTON PM

THE DRIVE-IN MOVIE SEASON STARTS WITH

CRY BABY

Wipe those tears away when you watch Johnny Depp on the outdoor movie BIG screen!

AFTERNOON FUN 4-6PM
MOVIE STARTS 7PM

Includes

- ★ FREE Museum entry
- ★ Big screen movie
- ★ KIDS CARNIVAL GAMES
- ★ Discounted Sailor Jerry drinks
- ★ Free Photo Booth snaps
- ★ Discounted Pinup Calendars & Glory Days magazines

ENTRY \$5 ENTRY

Car Display Photobooth Live Music

Carnival Games ★★★ Best Dressed

GLORY DAYS *Jukebox* DINER *Classics* MUSEUM