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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 3rd December, 2015

Week 8

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 appreciate it is starting to be a busy time with the end of year fast approaching. In order to help you plan, we have listed upcoming events below.

Date	Event
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 place.6.30pm-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 Portal. Full details on 2016 organisation in next weeks newsletter.2.00pm 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 approx. If postponed decision by 3.00pm on Facebook, school app and website. Full details in next week's newsletter.
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.

NEWSLETTER LAYOUT CHANGE

You may have noticed that our Newsletter format has changed to a single column. This is due to most viewings of the newsletter being viewed on mobile devices, so single column works best for this. We will also do some more tweaking to get it looking even better in the future.

STUDENTS LEAVING TE TOTARA

If you have not already notified the school and are planning to leave our school at the end of 2015 (other than Year 6 students), it would be appreciated if you could please urgently advise us **by emailing** Marise Crow at receptionist@tetotara.school.nz. This will greatly assist us as we are preparing class lists for 2016.

If you have a child coming to Te Totara in the future, we would love to have an Enrolment Form - it would be much appreciated and certainly help with our future planning.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS PHOTO

The Shoot Keys have arrived and went home with each child last week detailing how to order a **YEAR 6 LEAVERS** photo 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.**

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

Invoices are being emailed to families this week. We would appreciate it if outstanding invoices are paid 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.

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., plus the name of your child.

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

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 were inside the Learning Plan folder. However, if your child started in Term 3 (from Monday 20th July 2015 onwards) your Log-in and Password details were provided in a separate envelope.

SCHOOL STATIONERY ORDERING FOR 2016

Many of our families used this online system last year and will be familiar with the ordering process. This website is available for ordering at www.myschool.co.nz/tetotara

Instructions on ordering stationery will be placed on our website under "Newsletters".

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.

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.

EZCOVER - COVERS FOR KIDS SCHOOL BOOKS PTA FUNDRAISER

Are you tired of spending hours covering your child's books in contact? What if you could just slide their books into perfectly sized covers? Well now you can!!

Click on the link below to check out all the gorgeous design & size options and order them alongside your 2016 stationery.

Make sure you choose Te Totara Primary from the drop down list and use promotional code **EZ15** and we will receive 15c per cover sold. Keep those books protected and raise a little money for the children at the same time!

Queries to Jackie at gregandjack@gmail.com or 0204220169



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 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/>

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.

January 2016, 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 2016 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, 2016 After School 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 RŌPŪ DATES

When: Monday 14th December (Week 10)

Time: 6.00pm start.

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

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

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 4th December, 2015** in the Matariki Hall at 2pm.

This week our Matawhero 3 children will be sharing and our end of year school awards will be given out.

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

Everyone is welcome.

NOEL LEEMING STUDENT DEALS

Check out Noel Leeming's special deal to purchase iPad's from Thursday 26 November – Thursday 24 December 2015, See our school website under newsletters for the flyer.

ART EXHIBITION AT TE TOTARA

Monday 14th December - from 4:00pm parents can come and view art work on display in each pod before the End of Year Celebration begins.

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.

ALL LIBRARY BOOKS DUE BACK

All library books need to be returned to the library this week. Could you please have a good look for library books around the house, each year we lose a significant amount of books that cost us a lot of money to replace.

SPORTS

TE TOTARA PLAYERS OF THE DAY

NETBALL

Lightning Chloe Von Weichardt, Anrika Beumer, Isobel Pavlovich

Most Improved for the Season Alex Frater

Diamonds Emma Kiely

Most Improved for the Season Shae Mael

Thunderbirds Lucia Sasso

Most Improved for the Season Gemma McCormack

TOUCH RUGBY

Stars Ollie Bence

CRICKET

Midgets Samuel Rattray, Rosa Embling, Eita Maeuea

Terrors Alex Wilton, Matthew Jessep

Kind regards,

Brian Sheedy

Principal

LUNCHBOX RECIPES

APRICOT WEET-BIX BALLS

Add some nuts to mix it up!

200g dried apricots
1/4 C coconut
2 Weet-Bix

1-2 Tbsp water
extra coconut

Place apricots, coconut and Weet-Bix into a food processor and process until smooth. Add water gradually and continue to process until well combined. Using wet hands, form mixture into balls. Makes 18. Roll in coconut. Leave in fridge to set.
Adapted from weetbix.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 WHERE AOTEAROA

financial

wellbeing

for life

Exclusive offer for Te Totara parents and staff

Settle a home loan with NZHL - Hamilton Metro before 31st March 2016 and you'll receive a FREE 16GB iPad mini and cover valued at \$487*

Contact Blair Miller:
Mobile: 021 275 4000
Phone: 07 859 3589
Email: blair.miller@nzhomeloans.co.nz

NZHL
NEW ZEALAND HOME LOANS

*terms & conditions and normal lending criteria apply. Prize subject to availability, cannot be exchanged for cash.

CLUB ENERGIZE

Triathlon Training

for 7-12 year olds

A great opportunity for children to learn the basics of triathlon in preparation for school triathlons and the Weetbix Triathlon

Registrations open now

Time: 9.30am - 12pm
Cost: \$20 for 3 days
19, 20, 21 January
University of Waikato grounds, Silverdale Rd, Gate 3a
26, 27, 28 January
Te Rapa School, 61 Ashurst Ave, Pukete, Hamilton

Registrations open to the first 50 children. To register contact Energizer:
Erin Cooper | 021 624 962 | erinc@sportwaikato.org.nz

sportwaikato
let's start now

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 5116

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.

 **NZ TRANSPORT
AGENCY**
WAKA KOTAHI



CHRISTMAS RIDES!
ALL RIDES OPEN
LIVE MUSIC
CHRISTMAS FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!
5-11 PM
SATURDAY NIGHTS
19TH & 26TH
DECEMBER

LIVE ACTS
19 THE MERMAIDS
26 JACKIE CLARKE
& ILLUSIONIST ANDRE VEGAS

CHRISTMAS RIDES & SUMMER VIBES SUPERPASS PRICES:
• ADULTS \$37 ONLINE (\$40 AT GATE)
• CHILDREN \$32 ONLINE (\$35 AT GATE)
• KIDZ KINGDOM OUTDOOR ONLY
• OPEN UNTIL 9PM \$23
• SPECTATOR PASSES ONLY AVAILABLE WITH KIDZ KINGDOM TICKET \$14
SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE GREAT DEALS

COMING IN JANUARY
SUMMER VIBES
5-11 PM
SATURDAY NIGHTS
2, 9, 16, 23 & 30TH
JANUARY

2 BEAU MONGA
9 PRESTIGE DANCE CREW
16 PRESTIGE DANCE CREW
23 BEAU MONGA
30 PRESTIGE DANCE CREW
& ILLUSIONIST ANDRE VEGAS

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KIWI SWIM SAFE

With summer nearly here and Christmas holidays just weeks away help us to share some basic water safety messages with Kiwi children.

With so many families planning to spend time in, on or around water in the holidays, let's promote water safety before the summer season gets into full swing.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Gettingpreparedforsummer>

The winner of this three week competition will receive \$100 towards swimming lessons at a Quality Swim School or a SNZ affiliated swim club.

Check out of Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SNZevents/>.

We look forward to sharing the weekly winners and ultimate prize winner with you.



**Gymsports
Holiday Programme**

Mon 21st-Fri 24th December
Tues 5th-Fri 8th Jan; Mon 11th-Fri 15th Jan;
Mon 18th-Fri 22 Jan; Mon 25th- Wed 27th Jan
9am-3pm \$30 per day 5-12 years
Babysitting Available 7.45am to 9am and 3pm to 5.15pm \$5 per hour

**Theme days, Obstacle Courses, Tabloid Sports,
Trampoline, Gymnastics Theatre, Gymnastics Crafts**

Timetable and enrolment forms available at www.hamcitygymsports.co.nz
office@hamcitygymsports.co.nz (07) 849 4546

Suitable for all shapes, sizes, ages and abilities.
Come join our qualified coaches in our purpose built facility



WSA CHILDREN'S ART SUMMER SCHOOL

Art with Maryann and Paulette
5 to 13 years; 25 to 29 January; 9am to 12pm
Have fun and extend your art skills in our children's Art Summer School.
We cater for 5 to 13 year olds in family groups with allocated tutors for different age groups.
See www.wsa.org.nz for details
WSA Art School, Upstairs ArtsPost, 120 Victoria Street, Hamilton
\$30 per session or \$125 Monday to Friday
To enrol email Sybille at artschool@wsa.org.nz

SPEECH AND DRAMA CLASSES AT TE TOTARA SCHOOL

Fun classes where students learn to communicate effectively with other people, express themselves with clarity and confidence, use eye contact, practise active listening skills, develop an appropriately projected voice, develop a vocabulary rich enough to express thoughts and ideas with clarity and imagination, plus lots more!! Above all, promotion of self esteem and self confidence is paramount.
Classes start February - spaces are limited so be in quick to secure your place for next year.
For further information and enrolments, please contact Gaylene Lonergan - ph: 8556122 before 20 December.