

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 10th December 2015

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), Geia sou (Greek), Mbote, Jambo (Congolese), Konnichiwa (Japanese), Hola (Spanish), Annyeonghaseyo (South Korea) Israel Shalom (Hebrew)

HAPPY HOLIDAYS !
THIS IS OUR LAST NEWSLETTER FOR OUR SCHOOL TERM.
Any further updates will be communicated to you via our school website, Facebook page or school app.

END OF YEAR COMING DATES

Date	Event
Fri 11 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12.30pm Classes for 2016 goes live on the Parental Portal. Teachers for 2016 are included in this 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. From 4pm parents can come and view art work on display in each pod before our celebration starts.
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.

STAFFING

We have finalised our staffing for 2016 and are delighted with the wonderful team we have to support our children. To find out more about our team, please visit http://www.tetotara.school.nz/5/profile_areas/1-staff

SCHOOL MAP 2016



2016 ORGANISATION

Below is our teaching organisation for 2016:

Year 1		Year 1	
Matawhero Team	Room	Orion Team	Room
To start during 2016	1	Julianne Wink	7
To start during 2016	2	Angela Zillwood (Leader)	8
Bridie Carr-Neil (Leader)	3	Jemma Shannon	9
Chris Chase	4	Caron Ace	10
		Casey Frew	11
Year 2		Year 2	
Neptune Team		Kopu Team	
Komal Kumar	25	Andrea Johns	22
Jennifer Dalton (Leader)	27	Cyra Wells	23
Brenda Wollen	28	Suzie Goile (Acting Leader)	24
Year 3 & 4		Year 3 & 4	
Ra Team		Earth Team	
Cath Glyde	29	Rebecca Griffin	34
Krissy Tantrum (Leader)	30	Suzanne Robertson (Leader)	35
Sharon Hatherill	31	Emma Cathcart	36
Sarah Rasmussen	32	Logan Ganley	37
Kristy Hanks	33	Natalie Gillies	38
Year 5 & 6		Year 5 & 6	
Milky Way Team		Marama Team	
Angela Sweeney	18	Ryan Jordan	12
Mark Macleod	19	Becky Somerville (Leader)	13
Jo Stewart (Leader)	20	Jemma Campbell	14
Inge Alferink	21	Naomi Courtney-Tennent	15

STUDENT CLASSES FOR 2016

LIVE ON PARENT PORTAL ON FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER, 2015 @ 12.30PM

To find out what room your child is in next year:

Log onto your @school Parent Portal <http://www.atschool.co.nz/>

Enter your user ID and Password (these were sent home with the Learning Plan or by separate letter)

- Go to My Child
- Click on General Records
- Click on Other Details

CHILDREN VISIT THEIR NEW TEACHERS

Children will be visiting their new teachers on **Wednesday 16th December from 1.30pm-2.00pm**. This will be an opportunity to meet their new teacher, have a brief outline of what is coming up next year and be relaxed over the holidays.

**SCHOOL STARTS FOR 2016 ON:
TUESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY @ 8.55am**

SECURITY OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

A note to everyone for your assistance over the School Holidays with regard to security at Te Totara School. We would really appreciate you keeping an eye out for any suspicious behaviour around the school. Several of our neighbouring schools have been the victims of burglary and graffiti lately, and we would like to do our very best to ensure that this does not happen to our school.

It is just a matter of keeping our eyes peeled for any suspicious behaviour and phoning the police (**dial 111**) if you do.

NGARUAWAHIA CHRISTIAN CAMP 2016

The MILKY WAY and MARAMA Teams are going to the Ngaruawahia Christian Camp next year.

Milky Way Team - Mon 11th to Wed 13th April

Marama Team - Wed 13th to Fri 15st April

A notice will be going home with your child in the first week back in Term 1, 2016 with more information about this as well as a request for Camp parents. We are currently working out costs, at this stage we will be asking parents to pay approximately \$200.00 however, this will be finalised early in term 1, 2016. We thank you for your ongoing support.

“MOOLOO” EXPRESS DROP-BOX

To help smooth the flow of traffic through the School Office we have an **Express Drop-box** in the School Office. This box can be used for many things including the return of payments (cash or cheque only) /notices i.e.

- Scholastic Book Orders
- Sports notices/payment
- Camp notices/payment
- Milk in Schools Notices
- School Donation
- Athletics
- After School Care

It's easy.... just place your notice and/or payment in an envelope or plastic bag clearly marked with your child's name and room number and drop it in the box. The box will be cleared daily.



VOLUNTARY SCHOOL DONATION FOR 2015

If you wish to pay your voluntary School Donation for 2015 we are happy to accept payment by cash, cheque or EFT-POS at the School Office. You may also pay by internet banking, our ASB account number is 12-3171-0270973-00. Please ensure you put your family name and what the payment is for in the reference columns.

Payment can be made at the beginning of the year or throughout the year; the funding will be used for resources for the children.

A GST receipt can be issued upon request. A % of your donation may be claimed as a tax rebate using a "Rebate Claim Form" – please refer to Inland Revenue for further details.

Note: The Board of Trustees have set our **2016** Voluntary School Donation as follows:

First and eldest child		Second and subsequent children	
Term 1 (whole year)	\$120.00	Term 1 (whole year)	\$60.00
Term 2 onwards	\$90.00	Term 2 onwards	\$45.00
Term 3 onwards	\$60.00	Term 3 onwards	\$30.00
Term 4 onwards	\$30.00	Term 4 onwards	\$15.00

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

Invoices were emailed to families last 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

SWIMMING POOL

Our programme is going really well, it is so good to see our children gaining very valuable skills. We will continue our swimming programme in Term 1, 2016 beginning with our Year 3 & 4 classes. The first 3 classes to swim will be Rooms 34, 36 and 37. **They will begin swimming on Friday 5th February 2016 and will swim through Weeks 2&3 (8th – 19th February, 2016).** They are beginning on Friday 5th February to make up for missing a swimming day through Waitangi Day (week 2). The swimming timetables will be available on our website at the beginning of 2016.

UNAUTHORISED USERS OF OUR POOL

We have had a few challenges with unauthorised swimmers using the pool out of school hours. If you do notice anyone in the pool who is not authorised then please, please, please contact us. It is really important that this happens as unauthorised swimmers put themselves at risk, due to dosing regime and lack of supervision. It also putting our swim programme at risk, something that is not fair for our children.

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. 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.

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.**

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.
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- April Ieremia, parent

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



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**

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY, LAST ONE FOR 2015

This week's assembly will be our final assembly for 2015, held **Friday 11th December, 2015** in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.

This assembly our children from Orion, Kōpū, Earth and Marama will be attending. Awards will be given out for each class, 1 for academic and 1 for STARS.

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 4pm, parents can come and view art work on display in each pod before the End of Year Celebration begins. Students have been working hard to create all sorts of interesting displays so come and have a look and enjoy our art. Pods will also be set up on Tuesday 15th December for people to view. Thank you to everyone for your huge effort this year. Enjoy. :)
Angela Sweeney (Visual Arts leader).

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 should have been returned to the library last week. Could you please have a good look for any library books around the house, no students should have any books at home.

We have 131 overdue books and 97 missing books. Replacing the missing books would cost at least \$2,500 and we would much prefer to spend that money on new books.

SUMMER READING PROGRAMME

Once again Te Totara's library is part of Hamilton City Libraries' Summer Reading Programme. This means that if you join the programme you can sign up, report in to our librarians, and receive incentives straight from our library. This year the programme is called "Code Chasers", it is free and is for children aged 5-12 years. It is a great way to encourage children to keep reading through the holidays. Please ask one of our librarians, Michelle or Esther, if you would like to know more.

If you would like to sign up you can do that at our library from 8am-9am on Friday 11 December and Thursday 16 December. Places are limited so be in quick.

LIBRARY OPEN DATES

The library will be open every Tuesday of the summer holidays from 1-4pm. We would love to see you.

SPORTS

TE TOTARA PLAYERS OF THE DAY

TOUCH RUGBY

Stars Paige Blissett

Congratulations to our Stars Year 1 & 2 team who were placed 1st in their grade at Flagstaff Park.

CRICKET

Terrors Rhys Trask, Chai Hughes, Matthew Gunn

Thunders Jayden & Alston Lee

Kind regards,

Brian Sheedy

Principal



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

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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.

THANK YOU FROM THE RED CROSS

The Red Cross would like to say a big "Thank You" to the Te Totara families who donated household items and food cans to the 13 refugee families from Colombia and Somalia arriving 10th December, we collected 157 cans. Thanks to your generosity, we are able to turn the refugee's house into a home. At times like this it makes us proud to be New Zealanders. The Red Cross wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and a fantastic New Year.

JITTERBUGS DANCE LESSONS TERM 1 2016

- Now taking enrolments for Term 1 2016
- Lessons held on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Te Totara Primary School
- \$78 for the term (starting week 3)
- For girls aged 3 – 11 and boys from 5 – 11
- Email Jolie at jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz for more info or check out the Jitterbugs Dance Lessons Facebook page

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE NOW

Rototuna New World and Southwell School are proud to offer a Scholarship for a student to attend Southwell School for Year 7 and Year 8. The successful applicant will receive a significant contribution towards their tuition at Southwell School from Rototuna New World. If you are interested please email registrar@southwell.school.nz and request the application forms. The applications close on the 15th December 2015 and the scholarship is for the 2016/2017 academic years. www.southwell.school.nz

YMCA HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

The Hamilton YMCA has some fun and exciting trips and activities planned for these holidays so come and check us out on our web site or give us a call on 8382529.

www.ymcahamilton.org.nz



TAEKIDOKAI MARTIAL ARTS AT TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Taekidokai Martial Arts operates out of the Te Totara School Hall on Tuesday evenings from 6.30 to 7.30pm. Class suitable for all ages from 5 to Adults of all ages.

- Last evening for 2015 is 15th December
- First class for 2016 is 2nd February.

All welcome. First class free. For more information contact Marie Thom on 027 497 0499 or enquiries@tkma.co.nz



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



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.

NEW TO HAMILTON - WATERWORLD AQUATIC HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Caters for ages 5 – 12. Fun action packed programme. Starting 5 January, running daily from 8.15 – 5.15
For more info, call us on [07 958 5863](tel:079585863)

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.

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

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