

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2016

*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), Mbofe, Jambo (Congolese), Konnichiwa (Japanese), Hola (Spanish), Annyeonghaseyo (South Korea) Israel Shalom (Hebrew)*

### MUFTI DAY FUNDRAISER FOR BELLA

On Friday last week our school hosted a Mufti Day fundraiser to support Bella as she battles on with her chemotherapy treatment for Leukaemia.

We are so pleased to announce that we raised **\$1, 649.80** for her Give-a-Little fundraising page. A huge thank you to our community who were so generous with donations, Bella and her family are truly grateful to everyone who supported Mufti Day at Te Totara.

Here is a link to her page so you can read about her progress:

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/brave-bellas-big-dream>.



### LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS

Learning Plan discussions will take place on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March & Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2016**.

To make an appointment time for your child/ren, please use our online booking system

[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) – our school code is **2k3ax**. You can also access this site via our school website [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz)

If you are unable to access the internet, please phone the school **(07) 853-0039 ext. 858** and leave a message with the time slot that you would prefer and Marise will collate these.

We will endeavour to give you the time as close as we can to your preference. If we are unable to assist we will go by first in first served.

Please **do not** make arrangements direct with classroom teachers.

There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress on:

#### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2016

2.15pm, 2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm, 5.00pm, 5.15pm & 5.30pm

#### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2016

2.15pm, 2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm (**break between 5.00pm-5.30pm**), 5.30pm, 5.45pm, 6.00pm, 6.15pm & 6.30pm.

**Please note: School will finish at 2.00pm on both days for all students. Students will need to be collected from school at 2.00pm please.**

We have arranged **15 minute time slots** for the discussion, there will be changeover bell so that everyone is aware of timings. If you have more than one child, you might like to have a break between each interview.

**To ensure the smooth running of our Learning Plan Discussions, we would be grateful if all our parents/caregivers kept to the timetable.**

## WHO SHOULD COME?

We encourage the student, and family members who have an interest in learning, to come along and discuss this with the teacher.

## WHAT WILL THE FORMAT BE?

The discussion is a general one about how the learner is progressing, areas of strength and also discussing next steps in learning and how this can happen.

## HOW DO I BOOK A TIME?

Please book a time through the online website [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) - our school code is **2k3ax**. If you have more than one child attending school; please use the “Add Student” key for additional children to be displayed at the same time. An electronic confirmation note will automatically be sent via e-mail upon completion of your booking, don't forget to include your e-mail address.

**Bookings open on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March @ 9.00am**

**Bookings close on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March @ 3.00pm**

***We will not be able to accept bookings after 3.00pm on Friday 18 March, 2016.***

**As the whole school will finish at 2.00pm on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March & Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, **ASC (for those children enrolled)** will begin at 2.00pm on both days.**

## 2016 BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

This year there is a Board of Trustees election coming up and we wanted to give everyone plenty of opportunity to think about standing for the Board. This link provides a brief guide as to what it entails. <http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/>

We also have a pamphlet available at the School Office called “**A Parents' Guide to the Role of the Board of Trustees**”, you are most welcome to take a copy.

A really practical way to find out about how a Board operates is to come along to a Board meeting or two, these are held at least 10 times a year. Our next Board of Trustees meeting is on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March @6.30 pm**. These are now being held in the Staff Lounge in the Matariki (Hall) building. The meetings are open to the public. If you would like any further information please don't hesitate to contact me via e-mail at [principal@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:principal@tetotara.school.nz)



## BYO IPAD EVENING FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 3

**WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 6.30PM-7.30PM IN THE MATARIKI HALL**

We are about to introduce optional Bring Your Own (BYO) iPad for our Year 3 Students. We do know a number of parents are ready to go on this option, so thanks for your patience. Also any parents of Year 4 -6 students are welcome to attend. We would like to invite you to an information evening aimed at providing more details about this initiative, the procedures around this, and showing you the kinds of learning that students do on iPads. **This will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March from 6.30pm-7.30pm in the Matariki Hall.**

If you are thinking of purchasing an iPad Noel Leeming, our preferred supplier, will be onsite.



## UPDATE ON MOONLIGHT DRIVE-GOOD NEWS

Following a meeting with Te Totara Primary School, Rototuna Junior High School, Hamilton Christian School, NZ Police and Hamilton City Council on February 16<sup>th</sup> the Council has been investigating crossing options for Moonlight Drive.

We're happy to say an agreement has been reached that a Kea Crossing point will be operated by a Te Totara Primary School Patrol Team on Moonlight Drive. This will give children walking up Moonlight Drive and along Borman Rd a safe crossing point.

Following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between Hamilton City Council and the Te Totara Primary Board of Trustees, the Council will need to undertake minor construction works at the crossing location. This also allows time for the formation and training of a school Patrol Team and supervising teachers. We anticipate the crossing will be up and running by the end of March, 2016.

Sections of Moonlight Drive around the crossing will become no parking zones to provide safe visibility for the Patrol Teams to operate.

### What is a Kea Crossing?

Kea Crossings provide children with a safe place to cross the road. They're installed around schools so school patrols can control traffic and safely guide children across the street.

A Kea Crossing only operates when a school patrol and two fluorescent orange crossing point flag signs (one on each side of the road) are present.

The school patrol will be operating before and after school and possibly at lunch time. When the school patrol displays their STOP signs, **traffic must stop**. This helps keep children safe when they are going to and from school.

When there's no school patrol and no crossing signs, the crossing point is just like any other section of road.

From: <http://nzta.govt.nz/safety/safety-for-children/kia-crossings/>

### PUNJABI DANCE GROUP

We are very pleased to be able to offer our students the opportunity to join an after school Punjabi Dance Group this year. We have an experienced instructor who will be working with the students.

**Instructor:** Roop Randhawa  
**Cost:** None  
**Day:** Wednesdays, starting **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2016**  
**Venue:** **Orion Pod**, Te Totara Primary School  
**Time:** 3.15pm – 3.45pm

If your child is interested in being involved in this group could you please fill out the letter of interest which can be found on the Te Totara School newsletter link and return this to the School Office. You can find out more about the group by visiting: <http://www.tetotara.school.nz/234/pages/102-waikato-punjabi-cultural-club>

Chris Chase (Matawhero 4)  
 Community - Diversity Committee

## **AFTER SCHOOL CARE RELIEVERS POSITION AVAILABLE**

We are currently looking for relievers to join our team at Te Totara Primary School Before and After School Care. We provide a safe, secure, friendly environment for the care of children aged 5years – 11 years through a structured, well-balanced programme.

You'll need to be energetic, friendly, outgoing and approachable with a high level of initiative, work well in a team and be able to take direction from others. You will also need to assist in preparing food for the children if needed, observe and monitor children's play activities.

All enquiries and CV's can be emailed to [afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz) or it can be left at the School Office marked to the attention of: Anna Herbert

## **THE HAMILTON X RACE**

This was held on Saturday afternoon at the Hamilton Lake with a lot of Te Totara students competing. Well done to all our students, including these place getters:

**X Race Junior Boys Champion** – Harry Schaab

**3<sup>rd</sup> in age group** – Ella Schaab

**1<sup>st</sup> in age group** – Paige Hopping

**2<sup>nd</sup> in age group** – Kayleigh Neville

Photos are posted on the X Race Facebook.

## **WINTER SPORT INTEREST LETTERS**

On Wednesday, we had our Winter Sports muster. At this muster we gave out interest letters for Hockey, Netball and Basketball (Mini Ball). If your child wants to play one of these sports in Term 2 & 3 but did not get a notice, these are available in from the School Office.

## **CYCLONE WINSTON**

Our thoughts are with those families affected by Cyclone Winston. We wish families all the best as they begin to rebuild their homes and communities.

If you would like to donate towards this cause, please visit <https://www.unicef.org.nz/greatest-need>

## **SWIM SCHOOL APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY 1 WEEK BLOCK COURSE – LIMITED SPACES!**

**New Zealand has one of the highest drowning rates in the developed world and unfortunately 2016 has seen many drownings in New Zealand already.**

We are looking at running a 1 week block course of swimming lessons in the first week of the school holidays from 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2016. Lessons will be 25 minutes each day for the week and there will be small class numbers of children which is a great way to boost your child's confidence in the water.

Fees for the week are \$75.00. These lessons will be held from 9.30am-12.30pm. Parents are reminded please to stay on site for your child's Swim School lesson as per our Swim School terms and conditions. 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](mailto:celestem@tetotara.school.nz)**

## **SCHOOL SWIMMING TIMETABLE**

Here is our swimming timetable for weeks 4-7, your children are really enjoying their in class swimming lessons.

<http://www.tetotara.school.nz/210/pages/65-swimming-pool>

Our swimming timetable for weeks 8-10 will be for rooms 22, 24 and 33.

With Learning plan discussions and our Easter holidays, these lessons will be held over 3 weeks.

## **SPORTS**

### **TE TOTARA PLAYERS OF THE DAY**

#### **VOLLEYBALL**

**Fliers** Mannix Hinton-Soulsby

**Spikers** Aly Mahmoud

## FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 4th March, 2016** in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.  
This week Orion, Kōpū, Earth and Marama children attended assembly.  
This week our Marama 14 children will be sharing at assembly.  
Everyone is welcome.

## DATES COMING UP

Wed 9 March	BYO iPad Evening
Tues 22 March	Learning Plan Discussions School Finishes at 2.00pm
Wed 23 March	Learning Plan Discussions School Finishes at 2.00pm
Fri 25 March	Easter Friday - School Closed
Mon 28 March	Easter Monday - School Closed
Tues 29 March	Easter Tuesday - School Closed
Thurs 31 March	BOT Mtg @ 6.30pm in Staff Lounge
Mon 4-Tues 5 April	Fairfield Dental Therapists Visit
Mon 11 – Wed 13 April	Camp for Milky Way
Wed 13 - Fri 15 April	Camp for Marama
Fri 15 April	TERM 1, 2016 FINISHES @ 3.00pm

Kind regards,

**Brian Sheedy**  
Principal

### EGG-CELLENT EGGS

## BULLS EYE EGG

- 1 slice wholemeal bread
- 1 egg
- Margarine

Using a round cutter or an upturned glass, make a hole in the middle of the bread. Thinly spread margarine on both sides of the bread. Heat frypan to low heat. Cook bread on one side until browned. Flip bread over, gently break the egg into hole. Cook on low heat until egg is set. Delicious!



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## TE TOTARA PTA

### NEXT PTA MEETING:

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7.30pm in the Staff Lounge,  
Everyone is welcome.



### 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](mailto: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.

## FRANKTON JUNIOR RUGBY WANTS YOU!

Our Weigh-in is being held March 5th 2016 at 8.30am – 11.30am at our clubrooms on Rifle Range Road. So come join our family rugby club.

New players need to bring a copy of birth certificate or passport. Any inquiries ph 0210590036 or email [smitymagirl@hotmail.com](mailto:smitymagirl@hotmail.com)

## DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE?

Child, Youth and Family are currently looking for people in this area who can offer safe, caring, stable homes for young people in need of short term care, time out over weekends and/or holidays, or a home for life.



Our team will support you to understand and manage the challenges of fostering a young person, and we will be there with you to celebrate the successes.

You may be surprised; you could be just the right person to offer your care to a young person who needs you!

If you are interested in finding out more, or know someone who may be interested, or if you think you might be able to help in some other way then we would love to hear from you!

Please call Johnson Taoho, Care Services Manager, on 07 957-4740 or email [johnson.taoho001@cyf.govt.nz](mailto:johnson.taoho001@cyf.govt.nz)