

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)

TE TOTARA PTA

Our active PTA met last night and have confirmed some important dates for the year.

The next event is a Social night on **Wednesday 6th April @ 7.00pm**, with all the information here. 

Other key dates which are on the school calendar are:

Wed 4th May @ 7.30pm PTA meeting in Staff Lounge
Fri 10th June School Disco
Wed 15th June @ 7.30pm PTA AGM
Sun 3rd July Te Totara Invitation Netball Tournament

A key date for 2017 is our Gala which is scheduled for Saturday 25th March.



You're invited to come along for a relaxed evening out and meet some fellow Te Totara parents. Drinks will be discounted, and the PTA will provide some nibbles.

Wednesday 6th April, 7pm



Upstairs on the mezzanine floor, Good Neighbour, Rototuna

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Our break for Easter was certainly appreciated by all. Our staff and children have returned in good spirits ready for the last two and a half weeks of the term. The break and timing has raised questions round how school terms are set. We do have a small amount of flexibility with dates, with the school having a mid-term break in Term 3 of each year, where there is lots of illness and no public holidays during winter. These dates are on the School Calendar.

Remaining dates for 2016 & 2017 are:

2016

Term 1	End of Term 1 - Friday 15 April
Term 2	Monday 2 nd May - Friday 8 th July
Term 3	Monday 25 th July - Friday 23 rd September
Term 4	Monday 10 th October - Friday 16 th December

Holidays during school term in 2016

Term 2	Monday 6 th June	Queen's Birthday
Term 3	Monday 29 th August	Mid-Term Break
Term 4	Monday 24 th October	Labour Day

2017

Term 1	Monday 31 st Jan - Thursday 13 th April
Term 2	Monday 1 st May - Friday 7 th July
Term 3	Monday 24 th July - Friday 29 th September
Term 4	Mon 16 th October - Friday 15 th December

Holidays during school term in 2017

Term 1	Monday 6 Feb	Waitangi Day
Term 2	Monday 5 June	Queen's Birthday
Term 3	Monday 4 September	Mid-term break
Term 4	Monday 23 October	Labour Day

WAIKATO SHOW - FRIDAY 8TH – SUNDAY 10TH APRIL, 2016

Our school has been selected as one of two in the Waikato to showcase what we do for learning with technology, using Ultra Fast Broadband. We will be demonstrating how we integrate the use of iPads into everyday learning. There will groups of children displaying our technology in action and how we use it to support our teaching and learning. You might like to come along and see the children at our school stand. The link to the show is... <http://waikatoshow.co.nz/>

ICAS EXAMS

We would like to give your Year 4 -6 child the opportunity to compete in the 2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) run annually by Educational Assessment Australia with the University of NSW. For further details, please see the link below.

http://www.tetotara.school.nz/100/newsletter_sets/2-newsletters-and-notices/years/2016

Website www.eaa.unsw.edu.au

SIBLING OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR THE PERIOD OF: 1ST JULY, 2016 TO 16TH DECEMBER, 2016

The Board of Trustees are looking to accommodate, if possible, New Entrant siblings and children of staff due to start school before between 1st July, 2016 and 16th December, 2016.

To help determine this, we **urgently** need to have all out-of-zone Enrolment Forms in to the School Office by **Friday 27th May** to help with this process. Enrolment Forms are available online from our school website or by visiting the School Office.

Shortly, the Board of Trustees will look at the number of enrolments, the level of predicted student growth and determine how many spaces for out-of-zone students may be available for the period of **1st July – 16th December, 2016**. It is likely that 20 out-of-zone spaces will be available however; the exact number of out-of-zone spaces will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone. Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available on our school website www.tetotara.school.nz

Parents of new entrant children who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately.

More information will follow via the school newsletter. If a ballot is required, it will be held on **Wednesday 1st June, 2016**. Parents will be informed of the outcome by **Tuesday 7th June, 2016** (3 working days later - Monday 6th June is Queens Birthday Holiday).

HEADLICE

Our Public Health Nurse has dropped in to see us and has some excellent tips on treating Headlice. She has recommended a product called "NitEnz" which is a natural shampoo proven to be very effective in eradicating headlice. It can be purchased from the supermarket. She urges that directions **MUST** be followed and a test patch conducted before applying.

We suggest to all our families to check your child/ren's hair on a weekly basis and wash hats regularly.

Please note: Children who are not treated may be asked to go home until treated.

I have included a link below from the Ministry of Education that may be useful.

<http://www.minedu.govt.nz/NZEducation/EducationPolicies/Schools/SchoolOperations/HealthAndSafety/HeadliceAndNitsGuideForSchoolCommunities.aspx>

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are delighted with the large number of students who look really great by wearing their uniform in the correct manner. However, we have noticed a few students who are not complying with our Uniform Expectations and we ask your assistance with this.

ALL students are expected to be wearing their full correct uniform.

Students are to arrive at school and leave from school in their Te Totara Primary School uniform, **including footwear**.

- Uniforms are to be worn clean, neat and tidy.
- Students are encouraged to take pride in their school uniform and to wear it well.
- Hair is to be off the face, tied back if longer than the bottom of the collar, and be the natural hair colour.

- Nail polish and cosmetics are not permitted.
- Second hand uniforms may be available. Please see the notice board in the School Office for details.
- Any hair accessory is to be of a single school uniform colour – red, white, black, green.
- Variations in relation to the Human Rights Act may be negotiated with the Principal.
- All pupils are encouraged to use sunscreen at home before school and expected to wear the regulation school hat while outdoors. No hat – play in the shade.
- All uniform items should be clearly named.

From the beginning of Term 2, 2016 we will be expecting all students to be wearing their winter school uniform.

JEWELLERY

Items of jewellery can be easily lost or damaged at school. They may also cause injury to the wearer or other students. **For safety reasons items of jewellery are NOT to be worn.** The school accepts no responsibility in the case of loss, damage or injury.

However, students may wear:

- a) One small earring stud per ear.
- b) A watch.
- c) A necklace of religious or cultural significance – to be worn underneath clothing.
- d) A Medical Identification Tag as required.

For a full description of our Uniform Expectations for our school uniform, please check the notice board in the School Office or the school website. <http://www.tetotara.school.nz/3/pages/21-school-uniform>

If you have any queries, please contact me at principal@tetotara.school.nz

SCHOOL UNIFORMS, ORDER WITH DIRECT GROUP

Direct Group will be offering ordering online, in store or by telephone. They are located at 115 Ellis Street Frankton Hamilton, Ph 847-6664 or visit their website www.shop.directgroup.co.nz.

Orders can be placed now and in most cases Direct Group have the garments already in their store to purchase. Direct Group is also offering a wonderful embroidery service for individually naming your Children's School Uniform. Items will cost \$5 each to embroider, please include this request on your online order form or ask while you are ordering the Uniform in their store.

For access to Direct Group's website for online ordering please use the following log-in details: Log in = ttp and Password = uniform (all lowercase)

NAMING OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please, please, please can you make sure all items of school uniform are clearly named. It is not good enough to assume that your child will know that something belongs to them "because it has a black dot on the tag". If an item of clothing is found out on the fields it cannot be returned unless it is named. We go out of our way to identify and return lost property, but it is extremely difficult when clothing is not named.

SCHOOL LUNCH SERVICE

Our school lunch supplier is "Lunch Orders" who are based in Hamilton. School lunches will be delivered to our school every day for children's lunches at 12.15pm if ordered by 8.30am daily. How it works:

- Order online anywhere, anytime on any device.
- Healthy food made with love from a team of experienced chefs.
- Affordable solution providing nourishment for your child with ease.
- **Sign-up for a free account now!**
- **PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHANGE YOUR CHILD'S ROOM NUMBER FOR 2016.**



- Visit us online at www.lunchorders.co.nz
- Sign up for a free account and select your school
- Top up your account using a credit card or direct credit
- Place your order and select delivery date
- Sit back and relax while your order is freshly made and delivered to your school

LunchOrders delivers to Te Totara Primary on **MONDAY - FRIDAY** at 12.15PM.



FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held Friday 1st April 2016, in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm. This week Orion, Kōpū, Earth and Marama children will attend assembly. Everyone is welcome.

DATES COMING UP

Thurs 31 March
Mon 4 – Tues 5 April
Wed 6 April
Mon 11 – Wed 13 April
Wed 13 - Fri 15 April
Fri 15 April

BOT Mtg @ 6.30pm in Staff Lounge
Fairfield Dental Therapists Visit
PTA Social Evening @ at the Good Neighbour from 7.00pm
Camp for Milky Way Team
Camp for Marama Team
TERM 1, 2016 FINISHES @ 3.00pm

Mon 2 May
Wed 4 May
Fri 10 June
Wed 15 June
Sun 3 July

TERM 2, 2016 BEGINS @ 8.55am
PTA meeting in Staff Lounge 7.30pm
School Disco
PTA AGM @ 7.30pm
Te Totara Invitation Netball Tournament



EGG-CELLENT EGGS

EGG CUSTARD!

Custard is a good choice if you're having dessert.

- 1 cup milk
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp honey
- 1/4 tsp vanilla essence

Whisk all ingredients together. Stir over a very low heat until the custard coats the back of a spoon. Serve hot or cold with fruit.

Developed by Sport Walkato 2015

Kind regards,
Brian Sheedy
Principal

TE TOTARA PTA

NEXT PTA MEETING:

Wednesday 4th May 2016, 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
<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.

BMX NEW ZEALAND

From the moment that the starting gate slams down and you and up to seven other racers blast at a full sprint toward the first feature, BMX racing will give you that rush of adrenaline you've been looking for. Big jumps can mean big air!
Contact the Hamilton office, hamiltonbmx@xtra.co.nz

EDVENTURE HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES AND CAMP

Enrol online at www.edventure.co.nz or ph. 021 0224 1576

WAIKATO MUSEUM HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Contact us for further details - 1 Grantham St Hamilton 3204 waikatomuseum.co.nz



GALA
Saturday 30th April
10am - 1pm
33 Hector Drive, Rototuna

★ Sandpit hunt ★ Sausage sizzle ★ Raffle
★ Mr Whippy ★ Coffee Van ★ Bake Sale
★ Face painting ★ Lollie dip ★ Ball target
★ Cupcake decorating ★ Hair salon
★ Plant your own winter seeds ★
★ Fishing game ★ And so much more!



NO WATER ALERT LEVEL
WOOHOO!
THERE ARE NO WATER RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE



Precious Bambinos
Sunday April 3 2016
10am - 1pm
Pavilion Rooms
Hamilton Gardens
Hamilton

Maternity, Baby & Kids Market
Free Entry Mainly Cash Sales

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