

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)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

Our newly elected Board had their first meeting in June and were able to move quickly into their new roles, which are:

BOT Chair	Rod Carpenter
Health & Safety	Kevin King
Personnel	Terry Singh & Rod Carpenter
Finance	Mark McMorran
Policies & Procedures	Erika Pearson & Anne Fraser
Priority Learners	Brian Sheedy, Principal

The Board are also meeting this evening and will update our community on any significant happenings as time goes on.

Board of Trustee Meetings

Dates have set for the remainder of the 2016. All meetings are held in the Administration building in the meeting room. Start time is 6.30pm for each meeting.

Thursday 25th August

Thursday 29th September

Thursday 27th October

Thursday 24th November

Board of Trustee Training

To support the Board in their roles, they have undertaken training in their Governance role and are booked into a Governance Training Session on 12th August, run by the School Trustees Association.

PTA MEETING NOW WEDNESDAY 10TH AUGUST 7.30PM

We have changed the PTA meeting date to **Wednesday 10th August 7.30pm due to the Year 1-2 Production**. Apologies for any inconvenience, but we look forward to seeing lots of people come along to join our active team.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION - NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

There will be a new Primary School being built on the corner of Borman Road and Hare Puke Drive, due to open at the beginning of 2019. There is a Public Meeting to be held at Rototuna Junior High School Theatre on Wednesday 17th August 7.00pm which the public is invited to attend. Representatives of the Ministry of Education will be present.

TELL ME YOUR STORY EVENING

WEDNESDAY 3RD & THURSDAY 4TH AUGUST, 2016

Due to the number of children involved in the concert **Tell Me Your Story**, and the limited audience seating available in Matariki Hall, we ask that only **two adults per child attend the evening performance**.

There will be a Dress Rehearsal for the two concert performances in the Matariki Hall on Wednesday 3rd August, during school time, and we invite any grandparents, relatives and friends to attend that performance in order to reduce numbers in the evening performances.

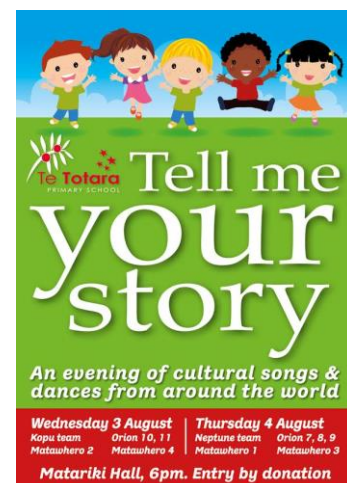
Dress Rehearsal times on Wednesday 3rd August are:

Kōpū classes, Orion 10&11, Matawhero 2&4 Rehearsal time 9:20am-10:20am

Neptune classes, Orion 7, 8&9, Matawhero 1&3 Rehearsal time will be 11:20am-12:20pm.

We thank you for your support with this.

Entry on both evenings will be by gold coin donation please at the Matariki Hall doors.



PUNJABI DANCE GROUP

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

Instructor: Roop Randhawa

Cost: \$10.00 donation

Day: Wednesdays (started Wednesday 27th July)

Venue: Matawhero Pod (Red Building) at Te Totara Primary School

Time: 3:15pm – 3:45pm

If your child is interested in being involved in this group or would like to continue to be involved could you please fill out the Letter of Interest which can be found on the Te Totara School Newsletter link www.tetotara.school.nz and return this to the School Office.

Chris Chase, Community Diversity Committee

PHOTOLIFE SCHOOL PHOTOS

Tues 9th August – Class, Individual & Sibling

Wed 10th August – Class & Individual & Sibling

Monday 17th Oct – Full School, Groups & Sports

Students will need to look their best, so please ensure the correct school uniform is worn and that it is in a clean and tidy condition.

Soon after Photo Day your son or daughter will bring home an online slip with their unique **Shoot Key** detailed on it. When you log-in your personalised Shoot Key # will display all the photographs of your child, including an individual photo. It is then an easy process for you to shop on-line and purchase the photographs you want. If you place your order within three weeks of receiving your Shoot Key you will receive free delivery for your photo orders. PhotoLife has agreed to despatch all the orders back to the school and your child will bring their photographs home.

For families who do not wish to use the online system, envelopes will be available from the School Office soon after Photo Day.

SIBLING PHOTOS

Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th August, 2016

Sibling Photos involving **pre-schoolers/older siblings NOT at our school** will be taken between **8.00am-9.00am on a first-come-first-served basis in the Matariki Hall.**

NOTE: Students with their siblings at school will have their photo taken during class time if you have pre-ordered this.

If you wish to have a sibling photograph, prepaid Sibling Envelopes can be collected from the School Office to complete and return to school **BEFORE** Photo Day. These must be pre-paid.

This year Te Totara Primary School photographs will be available for you to view and order Online with PhotoLife Studios.

Please note: Sibling photos will be sent directly to the school and cannot be viewed on-line.

TE TOTARA SCHOOL OLYMPICS DAY

On Thursday in Week 3, **Thursday 11th August**, all Te Totara children will be participating in an Olympic Activity Day. Next week, children will find out what country they will be representing and they will meet with other children in their country who will come from all year levels of the school.

On the day, children are encouraged to wear clothes that are in theme with the country team they have been given.

The day is all about celebrating the Olympics, having fun and working together with others. Activities will be varied, including sports, art and team building.

We are looking forward to a great day.

THE GREAT SMITH & MCKENZIE CHEESECAKE FESTIVAL 2016

The 7th Annual Smith & McKenzie Cheesecake Festival is on during the month of **August**. Our school has entered again this year with 2 delicious flavours; Raspberry, Lime and White Chocolate OR Dark Chocolate, Butterscotch and Pecan. One of these delicious flavours will be selected by their Chef as Te Totara Primary School's entry into the competition.

\$1.00 from every piece sold of our cheesecake creation goes directly back to our school. The winning school for the most pieces sold (*per ratio of students*) takes out a **\$500 Book Voucher**. Every student will receive a voucher for a free kids meal when dining with an adult.

What a wonderful prize!



BOOK CHARACTER DAY

Our Book Week is on **Monday 15th to Friday 19th August**. On Friday 19th August we will be having a Book Character day, where students are able to dress as their favourite character from a book. Get your thinking caps on now, to dress up as your favourite book character!

BOOK FRIDGE

A reminder that we have a Book Fridge outside the library; if your child has finished reading a chapter book from home they can bring it in and swap it for another one from the Book Fridge. They need to ask a librarian at lunch time to open the fridge for them.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by **9.15am on Friday 5th August 2016**, 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

FIRST CREDIT UNION

Banking can be deposited in the Credit Union Drop Box in the School Office and will be collected every Wednesday morning by First Credit Union. Passbooks will be returned and will go home with students the following day (Thursday). An Application Pack to join First Credit Union can be collected from the School Office.

Check out First Credit Union's Winter 2016 Newsletter which can be found on our school website under the newsletter tab.

DIRECT GROUP UNIFORMS

Our uniform supplier has advised the white long sleeved polo shirt will be discontinued once stock levels have been sold out. Direct Group can offer a plain white long sleeved top to wear under the short sleeved white polo shirt should you wish to purchase one from them. This is optional.

Contact Direct Group, Phone (07) 847 6664 or www.shop.directgroup.co.nz

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held Friday 29th July 2016, in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.

This week Orion, Kōpū, Earth and Marama children will attend assembly.

This week our Earth 35 Children will be sharing.

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

If you are a Coach or Manager, please email the POD to celestem@tetotara.school.nz

HOCKEY

Leopards	Mia Symes
Thunders	Olivia Cullen, Gurveer Singh Randhawa, Maya Damian
Tigers	Samantha Strong, Katie Li
Shooters	Myanna Bell

NETBALL

Defenders	Miche Cloete
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DATES COMING UP

Tues 2 Aug	ICAS, English
Wed 3 Aug	Tell Me Your Story Evening Performance @ 6.00pm
Thurs 4 Aug	Tell Me Your Story Evening Performance @ 6.00pm
Thurs 4 Aug	Earth Wheels Day
Fri 5 Aug	Scholastic book orders close
Mon 8 Aug	Photolife Class, Sibling & Individual Photos
Tues 9 Aug	Photolife Class, Sibling & Individual Photos
Wed 10 Aug	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
Thurs 11 Aug	Ra Wheels Day
Fri 12 Aug	Routine N/E Hearing & Vision Testing
Mon 15 Aug	Book Week at School – 15 th to 19 th August
Tues 16 Aug	ICAS, Mathematics
Fri 19 Aug	Dress up as your favourite Book Character Day

Wed 24 Aug
Thurs 25 Aug
Fri 26 Aug
Tues 20 Sep
Tues 20 Sep
Wed 21 Sep
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Learning Plan Discussions – School Finishes at 2.00pm
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Cancer Society Daffodil Day
Earth & Marama 1.00pm School Production
Ra & Milky Way 7.00pm School Production
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Kind regards,
Brian Sheedy
Principal

TE TOTARA PTA

The new PTA team has really hit the ground running! Congratulations and thanks to all the students, families, staff and friends who supported our **'Can and a Coin Day'** on the last day of Term 2. We were thrilled to be able to support Salvation Army Foodbank by donating hundreds of food items for families in need (see pic below). Huge thanks to Trent McDonald from Ebbett Foton for the use of the Tunland Ute to collect and transport all the donations.



Also, keep an eye out on the school website and PTA Facebook page in the next few days for our **VIDEO CHALLENGE** to another local school, to see if they can match – or better – our "Can and a Coin" donations. It's going to be great!

Coming up for Terms 3 & 4 we have a lot of exciting events on the planning board, including another **DISCO, MUFTI DAY** and a few **ICE-BLOCK** days! Who says we can't have fun at school? Stay tuned for details. August sees the return of the Tron-famous **Smith & McKenzie Cheesecake Festival!** Who knows what flavour the Te Totara entry will be? Yum yum yum is what we're guessing! Throughout the month of August, simply visit Smith & McKenzie, purchase a slice or two of cheesecake and vote for your favourite. Can Te Totara win big this year?

As always, we would love to see as many parents and caregivers attend our friendly PTA meetings, where we can discuss ways to improve our school community and benefit our children. Whether you can help for just a couple of hours – or more – we would love to see you for a drink and a chat. You don't have to commit to coming to all the meetings but you will be informed about what is going on & what we need help with. If it happens that you have the skills, time, contacts or resources you can simply let us know by email how you are able to help. No pressure!

Our next PTA meeting is **WEDNESDAY 10th AUGUST, 7.30pm in the staff room**. The Agenda is posted on the school website, please take a few moments to check it out (the PTA tab under the 'Our School' tab). Please make sure you 'like' our PTA Facebook page, to be kept up to date with all the upcoming events we'll be running: www.facebook.com/TTPTA

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

Te Totara Primary School PTA Account: ASB 12 3171 0277833-00
Please ensure your name is used as a reference.

EMAIL: tetotara.pta@gmail.com

Thanks for reading, have a wonderful week!
- Your friendly PTA team: Scott, Anna, Nalina, Jasmine & Vicki

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

We're nearly there!! A big thank you to everyone that has either paid for their membership or returned the unwanted book. We have raised almost \$3000 towards our Tennis Court Covers!!

There are however still a number outstanding that need your urgent attention.

PLEASE, if you still have a book at home, either return it or make your way to the link below to make payment. entbook.co.nz/15502m5 Someone from the Entertainment book office will be making phone calls next week to chase you for books or payments. Any questions please contact Jackie on 0204220169 or gregandjack@gmail.com

Te Totara Primary School

Growing and Learning Together

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.

WAIKATO INTERNATIONAL CELLO FESTIVAL 2016

Six of the world's finest cellists along with New Zealand's leading students will amaze audiences in a week of concerts for the inaugural Waikato International Cello Festival 2016, 21-28 August, at the Gallagher Academy of Performing Arts. For young musicians and those interested in music, this is a magnificent opportunity to hear a variety of works from performers of the highest quality alongside local musicians. Tickets are no higher than \$30 for adults and \$20 for children. For more information on the festival, visit www.waikato.ac.nz/go/cellofest or contact the Festival Manager Nick Braae, braae.nick@gmail.com.

SATURDAY MORNING MUSIC CLASSES

The first session for Term 3 of the Hamilton Community Centre of Music is on Saturday 30th July. The centre is a charitable trust that's located on the University of Waikato campus in Hillcrest. It offers tuition in a wide range of musical instruments, for all ages (from 3 to retired) and ability levels. Because the classes are in group format, the fees can be lower than for private lessons (\$65/term for most instruments for children under 16). Classes run between 8am and 12:30pm on Saturday mornings during primary school terms. The enrolment fee for an instrument class includes participation in any one of the following: an ensemble (string, guitar, flute or keyboard), our concert band, or the HCCM Sinfonia Orchestra.

We are now offering a Tabla class: \$95 for eight one-hour classes for ages 10+. Also available for children ages 3 through 12 is Music Makers. Based on the Orff-Kodaly principles of music education, these classes incorporate singing, movement and simple percussion instruments to encourage musical enjoyment and exploration. Term fees from \$35.

Contact us via our website <http://www.hccm.ac.nz/> or on 07 838 4611

YOUNG AT ART LIMITED

Young at Art quality children's after school art classes are commencing on Thursdays in Hamilton this coming term for children aged 5yrs+ and 9yrs+. Our FREE TRIAL session is open for booking on Thursday 4th August, 4-5pm at Waikato Fishing Sports club, Grantham Street, Hamilton. For more information or to reserve a place please check out: www.youngatart.co.nz, phone. 0297 712 923 or email: anna@youngatart.co.nz. Bookings Essential as places are limited.

THE METEOR

The One Victoria Trust invite you to The METEOR for an Arts and Pop Culture Quiz Night!

Come along for a fun night of philanthropy, with a bit of good-natured competition and your chance to help SAVE THE METEOR! Hosted by nationally renowned film critic Dr Richard Swainson and his bombshell wife Janine Swainson, the quiz covers a range of topics from musical theatre, TV and Shakespeare, to the infamous murder round! With a live band, voice actors and other entertainment, it promises to be a fun filled night out

Date: Saturday 13th August 2016 Time: Doors open 6.30. Quiz starts 7.30

Tickets: Table team of 8, \$700. Individual entry \$100 a head and we'll find you a team

Spot prizes, live entertainment, free drink and nibbles provided.

All quiz proceeds go to the Givealittle fund: <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/savethemeteor#>

Book Now by emailing info@themetor.co.nz or phone [0275294470](tel:0275294470)

TOY SALE (TOYS, BOOKS, PUZZLES, GAMES) AND SOME HOME MADE BAKING

Saturday 20th August from 2 - 4PM at Hamilton Christian School, North City Road Hamilton.



JITTERBUGS DANCE LESSONS TERM 3 2016

- **Just 4 spaces left for Term 3!!!**
- **Monday** 4.05 Jitterbugs Junior session (girls aged 3 – 5 ½)
- **Tuesday** 3.15 Jitterjam session (unisex class ages 5 ½ - 12)
- **Wednesday** 3.10 Jitterbugs Intermediate (girls aged 7 – 12)
- Lessons held at Te Totara Primary School and RJHS
- \$85 for the term which includes a show at the end of the term.
- Email jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz for more info or checkout the Jitterbugs Facebook page



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga

Notice of consultation about the proposal to establish a new primary school in Sylvester, Hamilton in 2019 and the appointment of an Establishment Board of Trustees for the school:

A public meeting will be held at Rototuna Junior High School at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 17 August 2016.

Enquiries to:

- **Ashleigh Johnston: 858 7149**
- **Gavin Sowry: 858 7153**
- **Graeme Kitto: 856 2767**



Connect Inspire Soar

Rototuna High Schools

Junior High Information Evening

27 July 7 pm

The purpose of this evening is to provide information to prospective families about our school, our curriculum, and learning at RJHS. This evening is aimed at current Year 6 and Year 8 students who are within our enrolment zone.

The same information will be presented on both evenings.

RJHS OPEN DAY

3 August 9:15am 1:30pm 5:30pm

The purpose of the open day will be to outline enrolment information and to allow prospective families to see learning in action at RJHS.

Senior High Information Evenings

27 July 6:30 pm & 17 August 7 pm

The purpose of the first meeting will be pre-enrolment information and the second meeting will cover updated information about the structure of our curriculum.

There will be no out of zone enrolments for 2017.

