

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)

Welcome back to the last term of the school year. This term is a busy one, we sometimes refer this to a sprint to the finish line as we look to complete a great year at school.

HELPING SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE SCHOOL

Today we are sending home a short but important Survey Form with each student to complete with their family so we can get a family view of the school, what we do well and what we could do next. We have deliberately sent a paper copy home with each student so they can work with their family together. It shouldn't take more than a few minutes to complete, but it is very valuable in helping shape our future.

These are due back by **Tuesday 25th October, 2016**. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me brians@tetotara.school.nz

KEEPING UP TO DATE

With this busy time of the year it is important to keep up to date with events in the school and we have many ways to keep up to date, including:

Online school calendar [On line School Calendar](#)

School App [Download the School App](#)

School Web site [Te Totara Web Site](#)

Weekly notices [Weekly Notices](#)

Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/TeTotaraPrimarySchool230374533681330/>

We have a great team at school who keep these all updated in real time.



CONGRATULATIONS

To our wonderful Librarian Michelle Simms, who has been awarded one of two New Zealand Education Institute Scholarships (NZEI) for support staff, a very worthy recipient. The citation for her award...

Michelle Simms, Library Manager at Te Totara Primary School in Hamilton has a Diploma in Library and Information Studies. Her project is entitled How reading for pleasure can benefit students and librarians. She intends recording and disseminating the latest international research on the academic benefits and increased empathy skills of students who read for pleasure and to investigate how this might impact on the working conditions of school librarians.

This award ties in beautifully with our aim of accelerating students learning. Our library plays a big part in helping our children succeed. As part of her award Michelle will be visiting other Libraries internationally early next year and using what she has found to benefit our children.

PHOTOLIFE GROUPS & CLUSTER SPORTS PHOTOS - MONDAY 17TH OCTOBER, 2016

Each year we have school photos; these are deliberately done towards the end of the year so we can have as many of our students involved.

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

There will be no Sports Team photos this year, Coaches/Managers were advised to take their own photos during the season if required. However, Cluster Representative Sports Team photos will be taken.

Group Photos include: (approximate timings only)

9.00am	School Leaders	9.10am	Year 6 Leavers
9.20am	Jump Jam Teams	9.30am	Cluster Swimming Team
9.40am	Cluster Cross Country Team	9.50am	Cluster Winter Sports Team
10.00am	Student Councillors	10.10am	Librarians
10.20am	Library Shelf Monitors	10.30am	Staff Photo
11.10am	Te Totara Times	11.20am	Kapa Haka Group
11.30am	Gymnastics Group	11.40am	Arbor Day Planting Group (TBC)

Please note: There will be NO Whole School Photo this year.

TE TOTARA RED BUCKET HATS AT SCHOOL – COMPULSORY TERM 4 2016

We have now moved into Term 4, where a red Te Totara School bucket hat needs to be worn. During this week we have been reminding students to wear hats, from this coming **Monday 17 October**, students will need to have them when outside during play times.

Bucket hats can be purchased through our uniform supplier - Direct Group (07) 847-6664. Black summer school sandals can also be worn from Term 4.

SCHOOL SWIMMING, CLASS LESSONS FOR TERM 4 2016

Our school swimming programme has been going very well this term and we will be continuing class lessons in Term 4.

In Weeks 1 & 2, Rooms 20 & 21 and the remaining Year 2 class Room 25 from last term will be swimming.

We then will start working with our Year 1 Orion classes followed by our Matawhero classes throughout the remainder of the year. The timetables have been updated and are online on our website now.

SCHOOL NETBALL SKIRTS TO BE RETURNED

A reminder for all netballers to please return their netball skirts as soon as possible to Miss Leitch's reading room in Earth Pod please.

HAVE A GO ATHLETICS DAY FOR YRS 0-2 ONLY

TUESDAY 25TH OCTOBER, 2016

Orion and Kōpū Teams

Start at 9:10am finishing at 12:00pm

Neptune and Matawhero Teams

Start at 12:10pm finishing at 2:45pm

With our Year 0-2 year students we are developing and sharing their skills through a fun activity based event called the "Have a Go" day. They will be rotated around the following activities:

High jump, long jump, sprints, quoits, long jump, egg and spoon, high jump, hurdles, cricket ball throw, parachute game.

- Children may arrive at school in their house colours; they can remain in their house colour clothes for the whole day.
- Check with your classroom teacher if you are unsure which house your child belongs in.
- Sports shoes are optional; children may wish to compete in bare feet.
- Te Totara bucket sunhats are compulsory.
- Plenty of lunch and water are important.

Postponement date is Thursday 27th October, 2016

If "Have a Go" day is postponed, it will be notified on our Facebook page at 7.30am or via our school website at 8.00am.

TE TOTARA SCHOOL HOUSES

- Te Totara School has four houses, all named in line with our STARS theme and space expeditions: "**Apollo, Challenger, Discovery & Mercury**"
- Children are placed in houses when they arrive at school. New Entrants with family members already at school will be placed in the same house.
- We are able to use the houses for different school events and happenings eg. Athletic Sports.
- Houses provide our children with leadership responsibilities and provide good natured competition.
- There are colours for each house (see below)
- There are Lead Teachers looking after each house.
- Students will be meeting in house groups beforehand.

TE TOTARA HOUSE COLOURS

Apollo	Yellow
Challenger	Blue
Discovery	Green
Mercury	Red

KIDS FOR KIDS CHOIR

On Wednesday 26th October the Kids for Kids Choir will be performing at Activate Church. Tickets are available for purchase through Eventfinder. If your child is involved in this Choir please make sure they have returned their forms to the School Office Mooloo Box by Tuesday 18th October, 2016. We are looking forward to a fun, musical evening. Any queries, please see Mrs Newrick (Room 16)



BAKE SALE! SAVE THE KIWI!

Delicious home baking will be for sale outside the school hall before and after school tomorrow, Friday 14 October 2016. Bring your spare change and help the Girl Guides to fundraise for save the kiwi month.

SCHOOL LUNCH SERVICE, REAL GOOD FOOD

Our school lunch service is going very well at school and our children are enjoying great lunches from our school lunch supplier "Lunch Orders" who are based in Hamilton.

Lunch Orders can now also offer more yummy food items on their menu from the Real Good Food website. Log in to the website <http://www.realgood.co.nz> with your lunch orders account or set up a new one.

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.

Check out the new yummy food items on the menu for Term 4!

The chefs in the kitchen are continuing with the idea of taking traditional comfort food and putting a home made and nutritious twist on it.

Adding veggies through stealth and good flavouring, taking unhealthy preparation and preservatives out and coming up with something that good for, and loved by children.



- 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 14th October 2016, in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm. This week Matawhero, Neptune, Ra and Milky Way children will attend assembly.

SCHOOL BANKING WITH FIRST CREDIT UNION

Banking can be deposited in the Credit Union Drop Box at 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 can be collected from the School Office. First Credit Union's Spring 2016 newsletter is now available on our website under newsletters.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by **9.15am on Friday 21 October 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

DATES COMING UP

Fri 14 Oct

Mon 17 Oct

Mon 24 Oct

Tues 25 Oct

Wed 26 Oct

Thurs 27 Oct

Thurs 27 Oct

Fri 28 Oct

Routine N/E Hearing & Vision Checks at school

Photolife Photos (Cluster Sports Teams, Cultural, Y6 Leavers etc.)

Labour Day Public Holiday – School Closed

Junior Athletics "Have A Go" Day

KIDS for KIDS Choir Performance @ Activate Church

Junior Athletics "Have A Go" Day Postponement Date

BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm

School Disco

Tues 15 Nov
Thurs 17 Nov
Tues 22 Nov
Thurs 24 Nov
Tues 29 Nov

Tues 6 Dec
Mon 12 Dec

Senior Athletics
Senior Athletics Postponement Date
Fairfield Cluster Athletics Yrs 4-6
BOT Meeting @ 6.00pm
Fairfield Cluster Athletics
Postponement Date
Year 6 Leavers Supper
End of Year Celebration



Kind regards,
Brian Sheedy
Principal

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.

REFUGEE FAMILIES NEED YOUR HELP

If you have any of the following items that you can donate to refugee families who will be settling in Hamilton early next month, it would be very much appreciated. We are in need of:
Rubbish bin, tin opener, hand towels, blankets, desk, chair, coffee table, TV (with Freeview box/DVD), TV Cabinet, book shelves, CD players, pegs, Ironing board, phone handset, mobile phone, bike, vacuum cleaners, blender, computer/laptop, knives for cooking, boys clothes & shoes (aged 8yrs or older), bike and lawnmower.

Thanking you in advance.

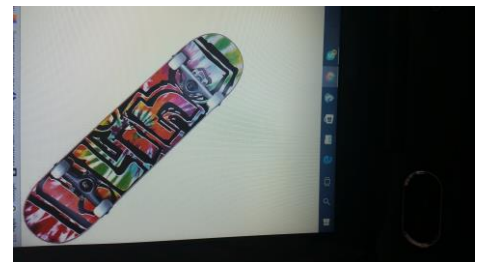
If you are able to help with any of the above items, please contact **Nhung on 022 6084465**

TOUGHLOVE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

You are welcome at any stage to attend a Parent Support Group, the nearest support group is at 53 Wellington Street in the Waimarie Community House on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm. There is also a Monday group in the Baptist Church in Te Awamutu, also at 7.30pm. There is no need to book or phone ahead, but if you wish to talk to anyone, you may call the ToughLove answerphone on 856 5999 and someone will phone you back.

MISSING SKATEBOARD

Our skateboard went missing on 7/10/16 between 10.30am - 11.00am from an Aquila Crescent address. The top is the usual dark colour the wheels are off white/cream with Blind written on each one in black. The underneath is red blue green yellow tie dyed look with the word "Blind" written in black. I have a very upset child who would dearly like it returned. If you have any information, please contact Donna on [027 2100455](tel:0272100455)



NEWS FROM BARNARDOS EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

New Opening Hours **7.30am to 6.0pm**

Barnardos is delighted to announce our new hours. As well as full time care, we offer afternoon and morning sessions along with 20 ECE hours free for over three year olds. Barnardos enjoys a close relationship with Te Totara School. If you would like further information contact 07 852 5759 or email TeTotara.ELC@barnardos.org.nz, or just pop in and see us.

HAMILTON GARDENS FUN

Here at Hamilton Gardens we are getting ready for our Scarecrow Festival on 30th October from 11am – 3pm There will be lots of fun activities for the children including the scarecrow trail; sunflower planting, face painting and lots more

Food and drink will be available for purchase on the day and an area to relax in the shade, available

There are great prizes to be had for the Scarecrow competition and we are looking forward to seeing all your entries – don't forget Scarecrows need to be delivered to the gardens by Friday 28th October at the latest. Entry to the competition and on the day is Free.

JITTERBUGS DANCE LESSONS TERM 4

- 6 spaces left for Term 4, lessons start next week!

• Lessons held on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

- Lessons held at Te Totara Primary School and RJHS
- \$90 for the term which includes a show at the end of the term.
- For girls and boys aged 3 – 12
- Email jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz for more info, visit www.jitterbugsdancelessons.co.nz or checkout the Jitterbugs Facebook page. Jolie Hopping Ph: 021 1179633



SATURDAY MORNING MUSIC CLASSES

The first session for Term 4 of the Hamilton Community Centre of Music is on Saturday 15th October. The centre offers group tuition in a wide range of musical instruments. It caters for ages from 3 to retired, and all ability levels including absolute beginners. Fees are \$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 an ensemble.

A music appreciation/readiness programme called Music Makers is available from age 3. These classes incorporate singing, movement and simple percussion instruments to encourage musical enjoyment and exploration. Term fees from \$35. The centre is located on the University of Waikato campus in Hillcrest.

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

RURAL FIRST AID COURSES

Meet Health & Safety High Risk Occupation regulations AND/OR most importantly be able to help YOUR community in its hour of need! This is a St John and Waikato Federated Farmers partnership. Thank you to the Waikato Federated Farmers Society for subsidizing these courses.

Courses held in Te Awamutu, Te Kuiti, Otorohanga, Raglan, Tokoroa, Morrinsville, Cambridge, Hamilton, Te Aroha, Huntly.

Registration essential to attend: Contact Gaylene Ph: 07 858 0820 or 0800 327 646 or email: gbamford@fedfarm.org.nz

GIVE SOFTBALL A GO

Our "Give Softball a Go" initiative will provide an opportunity to have a fun game with assistance for new teams and coaches and coaching support materials available. Exciting times ahead with Softball now back in the Olympics from 2020.

Registrations now close Midday Wednesday 12th October. Register on line at <http://www.waikato-softball.org/team-registration-form> Keep a track of our news, updates and cancellations via our Facebook Page... Information is also available on our website <http://www.waikato-softball.org/>

This year's **Round the Bridges** is on Sunday 13 November. Enter a school team now and be in the draw to win one of two \$500 Rebel Sport vouchers!

\$6 Super Saver entry for the 2km Kids Challenge is available until 31 August. The event also features 6km and 12km categories for adults.

Visit www.roundthebridges.co.nz for more info.



HAMILTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
www.hcswaikato.school.nz

Open Day

Friday 21 October, 9:30am to 10:45am

9:30am - Welcome and Principal's Address
9:40am - Head Students Address
10:00am - School Tour

A fantastic opportunity to visit our school, meet the Principal and some of our students.

If you would like to attend this event, please contact the school on admin@hcswaikato.school.nz or 854 0010 to register your attendance.

Applications open.



Providing knowledge

St Peter's School/Lincoln University Demonstration Dairy Farm

Owl Farm Public Open Day

Saturday 15 October, 11am – 4pm

From our grass to your glass, how your milk is made!

Owl Farm will be hosting its first annual public open day.

This is an opportunity for you and your family to come along and experience first-hand what dairy farming is all about and where your food comes from.

- Interactive displays from each of our partners demonstrating what they do and how it contributes to our food!
- A community planting event as part of the completion of our constructed treatment wetland.
- The first annual Owl Farm Secondary Schools Agri Challenge with great prizes up for grabs.
- An opportunity to see the cows being milked.

Plus loads more...

Free Admission - All Welcome!

Free sausage sizzle and ice-creams available

This day promises to be fun for the whole family so chuck on your gummies and come along for what will be an awesome day down on the farm.



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For more information visit www.owlfarm.nz