

**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), **Geía sou** (Greek), **Mbote, Jambo** (Congoese), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese), **Hola** (Spanish), **Annyeonghaseyo** (South Korea) **Israel Shalom** (Hebrew)

## SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2016  
FOR LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

### STAFFING NEWS

Angela Zillwood, Team Leader of the Orion Team, will be moving with her family to Tauranga next year. Angela has won the position of Team Leader at Golden Sands School in Tauranga and will be finishing her time with us at the end of the year. We wish her all the best and thank her for her wonderful service.

We have just advertised her position and we will update our community on the appointment when complete in around three weeks.

### SCHOOL SURVEY

We are receiving a good response on these surveys and urge you to get them back as soon as possible, a paper copy was sent home last week with every student. If you haven't got a form then please contact the School Office, they will be able to help. 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](mailto:brians@tetotara.school.nz)

### MOBILE DEVICES AT SCHOOL

Lately, we have noticed an increase in the number of students coming to school with devices that can be used as phones, such as wrist wearing devices that can track using GPS, can send SOS messages and can listen to conversations. If students bring these devices or phones to school we ask that they be given to the teacher, or the School Office, and can be collected at the end of the school day. If you have any queries around this then please contact me [brians@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:brians@tetotara.school.nz)

### "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.

**The "Have a Go" Postponement date is Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 e.g. 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.

## HOUSE COLOURS

Apollo	Yellow
Challenger	Blue
Discovery	Green
Mercury	Red

## TE TOTARA JUMP JAM TEAMS

With our three Jump Jam Teams competing in the Regional Finals Competition in Tauranga on Saturday 5th November, each team will be having a dress rehearsal in front of an audience at lunchtimes during Week 4 for public viewing in the **Matariki Hall at 12.45pm** on the following days:

Tuesday 1st November	Year 1-4 Team
Wednesday 2nd November	Boys Only Team
Friday 4th November	Year 4-6 Team

## WANTED.... COSTUME HELP FOR JUMP JAM COMPETITION TEAMS

We are looking for plain, button-up, collared shirts (*long or short sleeved*) and a black "leather-look" jacket for some of our boys to wear for the Jump Jam Competition.

If you have any of these items that we could borrow for the competition, could you email either Miss Leitch [meganl@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:meganl@tetotara.school.nz) or Miss Rasmussen [sarahr@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:sarahr@tetotara.school.nz) as soon as possible please?

## YEARBOOK 2016 - \$20.00 EACH

Our wonderful school Yearbook is currently being put together and Order Forms will be sent home TODAY. **At only \$20.00 per book**, it is a great record of the years' learning and events and includes over 100 full colour pages. Children love pouring over the pages and do so for many years. **Orders Close on Friday 18th November, 2016. Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.**

## PLANNING FOR 2017

We are beginning to plan for 2017 and are looking at next year's classes for our students. The process for organising classes includes:

- Looking at the school structure, the staff and how we can best cater for our students.
- Teachers reflecting on their students' strengths and needs.
- We consider students' needs and ask them for five names of their friends.
- Parents have an opportunity to contribute by e-mailing me any factors to consider. Due to possible staff changes, it is best to consider the type of teaching style, curriculum needs or learning environment that you may be thinking of for your child, rather than asking for a specific teacher.

If you would like to do this, please e-mail Anne Fraser, Deputy Principal, by **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2016** at [annef@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:annef@tetotara.school.nz)

## YEAR 6 LEAVERS – DESTINATION SCHOOL

Many of our Year 6 families have already enrolled at an Intermediate or High School for 2017 and have received confirmation of acceptance.

It would be appreciated if you could advise the School Office of your decision on Ph: 853-0039. As you can imagine, these schools have a huge amount of applications to process and are keen to receive applications in advance.

If you haven't made a decision as yet, please also let the School Office know.

## 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.

**\*\* IMPORTANT \*\* IMPORTANT \*\* IMPORTANT \*\***

### CHANGE OF HOUSEHOLD DETAILS/ADDRESS

Just a little reminder that if your family circumstances have changed, or any of your contact details i.e. phone, address, e-mail etc. to please advise the School Office so we can update your records accordingly.

### KIDS FOR KIDS CHOIR

On Wednesday 26th October, 2016 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 already returned their forms to the School. We are looking forward to a fun, musical evening. Any queries, please see Mrs Newrick (Room 16)



### FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 21st October 2016, in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.** Kōpū 22 will be sharing this week and children from Orion, Kōpū, Earth & Marama Teams will attend assembly.

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by **9.15am on Friday 21st October, 2016 (tomorrow)**, 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](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz)

## TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

If you are a Coach or Manager, please email the POD to [celestem@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:celestem@tetotara.school.nz)

### SUMMER HOCKEY

Pukekos

Chelsea Parry & Kyla Torr-Williams

## DATES COMING UP

Fri 21 Oct

Mon 24 Oct

Tues 25 Oct

Wed 26 Oct

Thurs 27 Oct

Thurs 27 Oct

Fri 28 Oct

PTA Lunchtime Lemonade Iceblocks - \$1.50 each

**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 "Glitz & Glamour"

Years 0-2 from 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Years 3-6 from 6.45pm – 8.00pm

Tues 15 Nov

Thurs 17 Nov

Tues 22 Nov

Thurs 24 Nov

Tues 29 Nov

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

Tues 6 Dec

Mon 12 Dec



Kind regards,

Brian Sheedy

Principal

## TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: [tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com)

Hi everyone, well the term is already well underway – there are so many great things happening before the end of the year.

The best way to keep up to date with all our upcoming events is via our Facebook page: please 'like' it to ensure you are kept in the loop:

[www.facebook.com/TTPTA](http://www.facebook.com/TTPTA)

### ICE BLOCK FRIDAY TOMORROW – Friday 21st October, 2016

Lemonade iceblocks will be available for sale again this Friday, **\$1.50 each**. Make sure your child doesn't miss out – we don't like to see any sad little faces! The correct change would be appreciated.

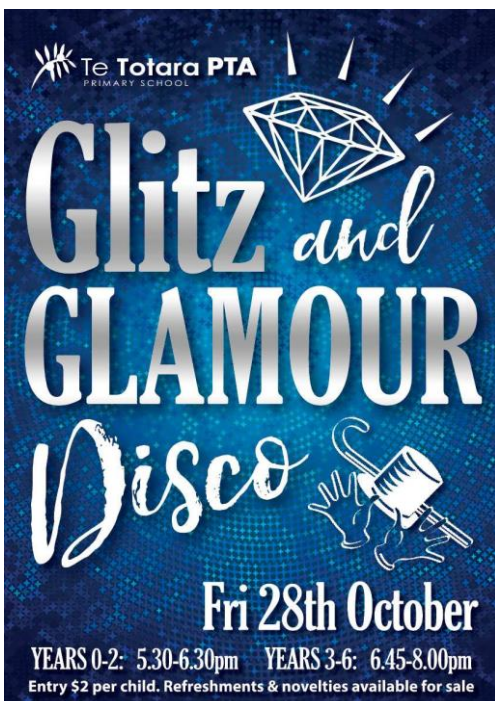
### SCHOOL DISCO – FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016

Matariki School Hall

Years 0-2 from 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Years 3-6 from 6.45pm – 8.00pm

We're having a School Disco next **Friday 28th October**. The theme this time is '**Glitz and Glamour**' so break out your best clothes and come along for dancing fun! **\$2.00 entry**, plus there will be lollies, light sticks etc. available for purchase.



### DISCO HELPERS NEEDED

We need some helpers for both disco sessions – nothing too intense: just selling treats, drinks etc. Please phone Liz on [021 331 480](tel:021331480) if you can help on either session, thank you.

### PTA MEETING THANK YOU

Thanks to those that attended our PTA meeting last week – we have a great team and some really exciting plans underway! As parents of Te Totara children, you are all members of the PTA as well. Please help by volunteering whatever time you can spare. Our children are so lucky in being part of a school that is able to offer such a wonderful range of activities and events. All parents work hard, but we believe that if we can all do a little something to help, then it benefits everyone. **Please get involved - It's all about the kids!**

Till next time, have a great week.

Your friendly PTA Committee: *Scott, Anna, Jasmine, Nalina, Vicki & Liz*

## 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**

Dear Friends of Rotary,

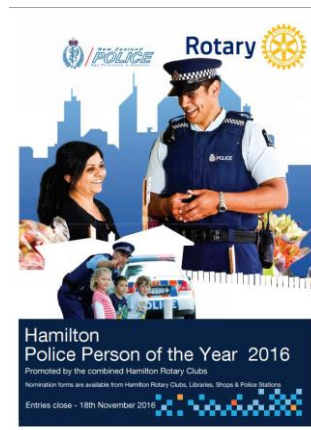
Each year the Hamilton community nominates a member of the New Zealand Police service for the Hamilton 'Police Person of the Year Award' for their community service and or acts of courage that go beyond the call of duty.

The award is presented annually to a Hamilton Police member who is either a sworn officer or Police employee of equivalent status. Those nominated must fulfil the criteria acknowledging their courage, compassion, understanding or devotion to duty.

The Award which was started in 2010 is organised by the Combined Rotary Clubs of Hamilton, who are the proud organisers and sponsors of the award.

Waikato Sunrise Rotary on behalf of the Combined Hamilton Rotary Clubs are again this year's organisers and would be extremely grateful if you would kindly give consideration to covering the event in your various school publications and social media networks in your school. Nomination forms can be [downloaded here](#).

Kind regards, Yours in Rotary Service, Mike Cahill



## MISSING/STOLEN SCCOTER



On Friday last week a green 'Jump 2' scooter was stolen from outside Orion pod. Identical to one pictured on the left. Owner very upset. Please phone [021 884 820](tel:021884820) urgently if you have any information as to who has taken it. Cash reward offered. Thank you.



### SibShop Waikato | 19 November 2016

10am - 4pm | Avantidrome, 15 Hanlin Rd, Cambridge

SibShops provide a chance for kids who have a brother or a sister with a disability to have a really fun and interactive day that is just for them and establish their own support networks by making friends with siblings that are in similar situations.

When the workshop is done and dusted, the siblings will have the opportunity to blast around the BMX and street track Avantidrome have outside. If the weather is too wet, an obstacle course will be set up in the velodrome.

**There is no cost for this event.**

*Please note that siblings must not have a disability or health impairment themselves.*

[Click here to register online](#)

CARE MATTERS  
LEARNING & WELLBEING

SibShop made possible thanks to funding from the Ministry of Health and Care Matters – a service provided by SAMS and Parent to Parent NZ.

# WE NEED NEW DONORS WILL YOU LEND AN ARM?

## ROTOTUNA PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL STRATHMORE DRIVE

**Monday 7 November 2016 2pm-6pm**

Telephone 0800 448 325 or visit [www.nzblood.co.nz](http://www.nzblood.co.nz)  
to make an appointment.  
Please remember your photo ID or Donor Card

**You may be able to donate blood if you:**

- Are a new donor aged 16-65yrs
- Weigh at least 50kg
- Are in good health and are completely well after having a cough, cold or flu.
- Have waited 6 months after tattooing or body piercing.
- Have waited 24 hours following minor dental treatment or 1 month following major dental work.

**Take the quiz to be sure** <http://www.nzblood.co.nz/give-blood/donating/am-i-eligible/>

**You cannot donate blood if you:**

- Spent more than a total of 6 months in the United Kingdom, France or the Republic of Ireland between 1980 and 1996 or received a blood transfusion in ANY of these countries since 1980.

Your local contact is Jan Johnston p: 07 839 9630 e: [jan.johnston@nzblood.co.nz](mailto:jan.johnston@nzblood.co.nz)

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