

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), Geia sou (Greek), Mbote, Jambo (Congolese), Konnichiwa (Japanese), Hola (Spanish), Annyeonghaseyo (South Korea) Israel Shalom (Hebrew)

MEET THE TEACHER - WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY, 2017

We are very keen to continue to have close links between home and school, so we have arranged for a "Meet the Teacher" session for families, a great way to stay really connected with the school.

Wednesday 15th February, 2017

- 5.30pm Orion, Kōpū and Neptune classes meet with their teacher
- 6.00pm Ra & Earth classes meet with their teacher
- 6.30pm Marama & Milky Way classes meet with their teacher

5.30pm - 6.00pm in the Staff Lounge, we will have a drop-in session to answer any queries around our BYO iPad Programme. You can find out information on this link on our website. We will have the BYO iPad Agreement Forms available at this time and they will also be available from the School Office.

<http://www.tetotara.school.nz/77/pages/87-bring-your-own-device-faqs>

** NEW FEATURE ** - NEWSLETTER TRANSLATION

Some of you may or may not know that our school website has the option of using Google Translate. We have now added a "Translatable Newsletter" option so it can also be viewed in your chosen language. Please keep in mind that Google Translate is not perfect but it can be helpful.

<http://www.tetotara.school.nz/.../pages/113-translatable-news...>



The screenshot shows the school's website header with the logo and a search bar. Below the header, there are navigation buttons for "Newsletters and Notices" and "Translatable Newsletter". The main content area displays the "SCHOOL NEWSLETTER" for Thursday 2nd February, 2017, with a welcome message and a "FINDING OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING" section listing various school resources like the online calendar, school app, and website.

From the Newsletters & Notices page itself, select the left green tab that says “**Translatable Newsletter**” then use the drop down box of “**Select Language**” to choose one of the many translatable languages available (see below).

Select Language	Bulgarian	Esperanto	Haitian Creole	Italian	Latvian	Myanmar (Burmese)	Scots Gaelic	Swahili	Welsh
Afrikaans	Catalan	Estonian	Hausa	Japanese	Lithuanian	Nepali	Serbian	Swedish	Xhosa
Albanian	Cebuano	Filipino	Hawaiian	Javanese	Luxembourgish	Norwegian	Sesotho	Tajik	Yiddish
Amharic	Chichewa	Finnish	Hebrew	Kannada	Macedonian	Pashto	Shona	Tamil	Yoruba
Arabic	Chinese (Simplified)	French	Hindi	Kazakh	Malagasy	Persian	Sindhi	Telugu	Zulu
Armenian	Chinese (Traditional)	Frisian	Hmong	Khmer	Malay	Polish	Sinhala	Thai	
Azerbaijani	Corsican	Galician	Hungarian	Korean	Malayalam	Portuguese	Slovak	Turkish	
Basque	Croatian	Georgian	Icelandic	Kurdish (Kurmanji)	Maltese	Punjabi	Slovenian	Ukrainian	
Belarusian	Czech	German	Igbo	Kyrgyz	Maori	Romanian	Somali	Urdu	
Bengali	Danish	Greek	Indonesian	Lao	Marathi	Russian	Spanish	Uzbek	
Bosnian	Dutch	Gujarati	Irish	Latin	Mongolian	Samoan	Sundanese	Vietnamese	

OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Is published each Thursday and is available online from 3.00pm. We will send an e-mail link each week for you to access it or visit our school website direct at www.tetotara.school.nz

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - CASUAL VACANCY FOR AN ELECTED TRUSTEE

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees for an elected parent representative. The Board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection. If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the Board to hold a by-election should write to:

Chairperson

Board of Trustees, Te Totara Primary School, PO Box 28134, Rototuna, Hamilton 3256

by: Wednesday 15th March, 2017

Please note: The above notice will also be placed in the Hamilton Press on Wednesday 15th February, 2017

SCHOOL DONATION

We certainly appreciate the fantastic support we are receiving for the school voluntary donation, it is appreciated and the funding will be used for resources for the children.

If you wish to pay your voluntary School Donation, we are happy to accept payment by cash, cheque, internet banking or EFT-POS at the School Office. The Board of Trustees has set payment at:

\$120.00 for the first family member

\$60.00 for each subsequent child

Please check with the School Office as the voluntary School Donation is adjusted during the year depending on which term your child/ren started school.

A GST receipt will be issued. A % of your donation may be claimed as a tax rebate using a “Rebate Claim Form” – please refer to Inland Revenue for further details.

You are welcome to pay via internet banking to the following account:

Account Name: Te Totara Primary School

Bank: ASB Bank Chartwell

Account Number: 12-3171-0270973-00

Please place your child’s name, (or surname only if making payment for more than one child) and what the payment is for, in the reference boxes).

STUDENTS ARRIVING ON TIME AT SCHOOL - THANK YOU TO OUR FAMILIES



A special thank you to our families who have made a huge effort over the past 2 weeks to have your children here on time everyday (by 8.55am). Wednesday last week was a record day whereby there were 4 late students out of a total of 740 students - WOW! As you can imagine with 740 students at our school, the processing of late students each morning can be very time consuming for the School Office; more importantly, it means that your child is in class for the beginning of the school day.... so once again, thank you!

CAR PARKING, SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN

Thanks so much to almost everyone who takes care around the school, on behalf of our children, many thanks. Some tips to make sure we have a safe school:

- *Parking in Disabled car parks is not permitted at any time unless you have a current "Disabled Parking" permit on display in your vehicle. We have a number of families who legitimately require these car parks.*
- *We are noticing a few parents parking their cars on the cobblestones/footpath when picking up and dropping off children to and from school rather than on the driveway, particularly in front of the Administration Block.
Unfortunately, this is creating a problem with the cobblestones lifting, and the kerb cracking, so we would really appreciate your support.*

Ways you can help....

- *When the weather is fine, please encourage your child/ren to scooter, bike or walk to school.*
- *Arrive at 3.12pm - less traffic, parking is easier, less stress all round.*
- *Smile and accept that a few minutes wait is better than a lifetime of misery because one of our children has been injured or something worse has happened.*

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP ZONE 8.15am–9.00am & 2.40pm–3.15pm

Please note that the drop-off zone is for you to drive in, drop-off (or pick-up) your children and depart. We ask that you do not park and leave your car as this causes a backlog of vehicles, this area is designed to keep traffic flowing. You are welcome to use the carpark beside the Matariki Hall if you wish to visit your child's classroom.

FOOD AT SCHOOL

We have children at our school who are highly allergic to dairy products and nuts and exposure to these foods could potentially be life threatening to them. We have procedures in place for 1:1 support for these children to ensure their safety. At present we will continue to carry on with our normal food eating programme, but we have to carefully plan school events/learning area celebrations etc. With this in mind, please don't be offended if any kind offers of food to the school are scrutinised. Please ensure all food containers are clearly named. We are also looking at the bringing of food to school for birthdays for the class as cakes etc may not be a healthy option due to allergies.

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 enrol and 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

HOUSE COLOURS

Apollo **Yellow**
Challenger **Blue**

VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL (INCLUDING PARENTS)

If you are visiting our school for business reasons, or as a parent dropping off things to your child during school hours, please report to the School Office before entering the school grounds. In the event of an Emergency situation, we will know who is onsite at any given time.

LOST AND FOUND PROPERTY

Please ensure that all school uniforms are clearly named and that your family has the correct clothing. We have our Yellow Lost & Found property box down outside our purple block Earth for Parents and Children to view daily.



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 – Starting Wednesday 15th February

Venue: Orion Pod, Te Totara School.

Time: 4.30pm – 5.00pm

If your child is interested in being involved in this group or would like to continue to be involved in the 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 office.

Chris Chase, Community – Diversity Committee

FIRST CREDIT UNION SUMMER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Check out First Credit Unions Summer newsletter online on our school website, quick links, newsletters and notices. There is a chance to win \$50.00!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by **9.15am on Friday 17th February, 2017** 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

By ordering online using LOOP there is a chance for children to win 20 books for themselves and 50 books for our school! Be in to win!

Please note, if you ordered books from Offer 8 last year and received \$2 vouchers, these can ONLY be redeemed on offer 1.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 10th February, 2017 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.**

This week children from Orion, Kōpū, Earth & Marama Teams will attend assembly.

This week we will be welcoming our new children to Te Totara in our assembly.

Everyone is welcome.

DATES COMING UP

Fri 10 Feb Vision & Hearing Testing at school

Wed 15 Feb Meet the Teacher & BYOD Evening
5.30pm-7.30pm

Sat 1 April
Thur 13 April

School Gala and Colour Run
TERM 1, 2017 FINISHES @ 3.00pm

Kind regards,

Brian Sheedy
Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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Welcome back to a new school year, the PTA are so excited about all the wonderful events planned!

First and foremost is our magnificent **GALA**, which we are combining with a **COLOUR RUN** this year. Not sure what that is? Check out this YouTube link: [2016 Nativity Elementary School Color Run](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NwSO8Uzy90I)

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Next week's newsletter will contain more info about registration, times etc - but please make sure you like our TTPTA Facebook page to be in the loop. There is an EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT available, keep a look out in your email inbox for details.

Have a super happy week:)
Your PTA: Scott, Anna, Nalina, Jasmine, 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.

HAMILTON ROLLER SKATING CLUB MELVILLE PARK

To get the year off to a good start bring a copy of your newsletter and skate free at Thursday Night Session 16th Feb 7.p.m. to 9p.m.

The following are all the Public Sessions we are running this term starting 12th February with the Sunday Morning Session.

Sunday Morning 10 a.m. to Noon Mums and Dads skate free with their own skates, kids \$2.00 each. Hire Skates available cost \$2.00

Monday 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Learn to Skate Class including skate hire \$25.00 per term, or \$3.00 per night starting 13.2.17.

Thursday 6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Speedskating \$2.00 each

Thursday Night Twilight Skate 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. \$3.00 each \$1.00 skate hire, however Thursday 16th will be a Free Skating Session if you bring your newsletter with you

If you would like any further information please ring Kathy Moody on 8552523 or Pearl Best on 8474527



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Individual Entry

If you are entering one person or a small group of people you can either go online and enter with credit card or fill in an entry form and email or post it into us along with proof of payment or cheque. [Click here to Enter Online.](#)

E2 YOUNG ENGINEERS

(Young Engineers) is all about having **fun** while **learning**! Young Engineers is an enjoyable programme for both girls and boys Years 2-8. Students come to class once a week during the term and learn about the basic principles of Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths and Physics by building motorised Lego models. We have various after-school locations including Cambridge, Hautapu, Claudelands, Chartwell and Hillcrest. Young Engineers will be starting the week of 7th February and will run for 9 weeks. For times and days, or to enrol, please go to www.youngengineers.nz or contact Ariana Paul – 021-2424567 ariana@youngengineers.nz.



Just two spaces left for Term 1, 2017 in the Jitterbugs Junior session at 3.10pm Thursday for girls aged 5 ½ - 7. Lessons start next week and are held at Te Totara Primary School. Cost \$90. Email me for more information jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz or check out my Facebook page.

HAMILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE OF MUSIC

Music is the natural mind-enhancer. Give your child a life-long gift,revive your won neglected music skills, even learn to play that instrument that's always fascinated you.

Music classes are held at the University of Waikato Hillcrest Road Campus. Hamilton

For more information phone 07 838 4611, email enrolment@hccm.org.nz or visit our website www.hccm.ac.nz

HAMILTON BMX CLUB, OPEN DAY 26 FEBRUARY 2017

Give it a go! Minogue Park, Moore Street Hamilton.

Email hamiltonbmx@xtra.co.nz for more details.

KUMON ENDERLEY EDUCATION CENTRE

Come and find out why I'm good at maths and love reading!

Contact your local Kumon Centre to book a free assessment and hear how we can support your child's learning. Phone 021 269 7402 or (07) 853 8646. <http://nz.kumonglobal.com>