

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), Mbofe, Jambo (Congolese), Konnichiwa (Japanese), Hola (Spanish), Annyeonghaseyo (South Korea), Israel Shalom (Hebrew)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

At the recent Board meeting we held our Annual Election for a Chairperson, Rod Carpinter was re-elected unanimously.

Responsibilities and Portfolios:

<i>Chairperson</i>	<i>Rod Carpinter</i>
<i>Deputy Chairperson</i>	<i>Terry Singh</i>
<i>Finance & Property</i>	<i>Mark McMorran</i>
<i>Health & Safety</i>	<i>Kevin King</i>
<i>Policies</i>	<i>Anne Fraser & Terry Singh</i>
<i>Priority Learners</i>	<i>Brian Sheedy</i>

We are currently in process for having another Board member join the team, after Erika Pearson moved to Whangarei. We expect that process to be finished in around six weeks or so. At the last meeting we adopted our Charter, Strategic and Annual Plan for 2017. Shortly we will be sending every family a pamphlet outlining this information.

WINTER SPORTS MUSTER - IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED TO PLAY A WINTER SPORT?

There will be a Winter Sports muster held at **lunchtime next Wednesday 8th March, 2017** in Matariki. Students can get interest letters for netball, hockey and mini-ball. There will be a bing bong notice on the day to remind students to come.

SWIM SCHOOL - APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY LESSONS

We will be offering Swim School lessons in the next school holiday period from 18th - 28th April, 2017.

These will be a 1-week block course of lessons, 4 days in each week. You can choose to enrol your child/ren in both weeks of lessons or choose 1 week of lessons. Pre-schoolers may also enrol and there will be classes if we have enough interest for pre-schoolers.

Swim School lessons for these block courses may be held in the mornings or afternoons depending on the swim school teachers. Fees for the 1 week, 4 days of lessons will be \$65.00 per child.

Please email Celeste if you are interested to make a booking for your child, celestem@tetotara.school.nz. Please include your child's name and swimming level ability.

CONGRATULATIONS

To our Teacher Levi O'Hallahan (nee Knudson), in Earth 34, who has recently married.

CAN YOU HELP US PLEASE?

We would love someone to repair our poor mosaic Pukeko and a mosaic Butterfly who fell off the wall. If you can help, please



contact Marise in the School Office via email at: receptionist@tetotara.school.nz

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held tomorrow, **Friday 3rd March, 2017** in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm. This week the Matawhero, Neptune, Ra and Milky Way children will attend assembly. This week our Ra 30 children will be sharing. Everyone is welcome.

SPORTS

TE TOTARA PLAYERS OF THE DAY

TOUCH

Chiefs Paige Blissett, Jayden Taaffe
Pacers JoJo Smart

CRICKET

Midgets Daniel Hodgson, Shane Fourie
Strikers Marinus Fourie, Isaac Steel



DATES COMING UP

Tues 7 March	Milky Way Raglan Trip
Tues 7 March	Ra Pukorokoro Miranda Shorebird Centre Trip
Fri 10 March	Swimming Sports Trials at Waikato Diocesan School
Thurs 23 March	Hot Air Balloon at Te Totara Primary School
Sat 1 April	School Gala & Colour Run
Thur 13 April	TERM 1, 2017 FINISHES @ 3.00pm

Kind regards,

Brian Sheedy
Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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PTA NEWS

Well it has been another very busy week. One month to go until our massive Gala, it's going to be HUGE! We are pleased to add another element to our Gala – a **Craft Market** which will operate in Matariki. There are some amazing stallholders that are joining us, very exciting.

COLOUR RUN TICKETS ON SALE NOW

– Don't miss out on tickets, they are selling like hot cakes! If you want to participate in the fun, you must register – please see link below.

What is a Colour Run?

A Colour Run is a fun-filled activity where participants and spectators get to throw a multitude of coloured powder packets over each other whilst working their way through a small obstacle course.

Our Te Totara Colour Run will be held on the back field of the school, with obstacles such as hay bales, tyres, a water slide, camouflage netting and more.



Who can enter it?

Absolutely anyone! There is no 'first place' so speed and agility doesn't matter. The run will take place in 'heats' e.g. 3-4 years (+ a parent) 'mini run', 5-7 years; 8-11 years; 12-15 years and 16+ years. We will also do a 'teacher only' run to make sure the kids get a really good chance to powder bomb their favourite teacher!

What do we wear?

To maximise the impact of the colour, all participants are encouraged to wear a white t-shirt. Feel free to add in rainbow colours as well - colour, colour and more colour! Please be aware that the colour may permanently stain clothing, so please wear old clothes. Similarly, please bring along clothing to wear for your journey home, as coloured powder in the car is never fun to deal with! Eye goggles or sunglasses are also recommended, and for those with respiratory weaknesses, please bring along your own disposable dust masks.

Is it safe?

Whilst nothing can be 100% guaranteed, the powder used is the genuine product sourced directly from India - which is made exactly for this purpose. There may be people that suffer some skin irritation, but please use your own judgement. The PTA cannot be held liable for any medical issues that may arise.

How do we register?

Registrations are open online now - it's easy to book your tickets and pay online. Simply go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/te-totara-2017-colour-run-tickets-32149731713>
(if hyperlink doesn't work please copy and paste the url)

How much does it cost?

If you register online before the day the cost is \$10 per person. If you register on the day, the cost is \$12.00 per person.

SPECIAL EARLYBIRD PRICING: Register and pay online before 17 March and for every 4 tickets purchased, you'll receive the 5th entry for FREE!

Registration covers your entry fee (enabling you to participate in the 'run') and includes one bag of colour. Extra bags of colour will be available for purchase on the day for \$6 each.

What time does the run start?

The Colour Run kicks off at 2pm on Saturday 1st April - directly after the finish of the GALA. Come along early, grab some delicious lunch at one of our food stalls and make a day of it!

HELP PLEASE!!

We are needing the following items for our Colour Run – if you or anyone you know can help, please let us know ASAP:

Hay Bales

Large camouflage netting or fishing net

Donations of dishwashing liquid

Well that's all for now – **look out next week for details on each pod's grocery hamper collection which will be raffled off on Gala day.** Have a great week everyone!

Your "get-the-job-done-and-have-fun" PTA team:

Scott, Anna, Jasmine, Nalina, Vicki & Liz J

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 CHILDREN'S DAY CARNIVAL

Hamilton Children's & Families Trust, Hamilton City Libraries and Waikato Museum are running another Children's Day on Saturday 4 March. This is a free family event with lots of activities for children of all ages, and runs from 10am to 2pm. Garden Place, pop Central Library and Waikato Museum.

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TREASURE OUR CHILDREN

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CHILDREN'S DAY

FREE EVENT

Children's Day
at Hamilton Inline Skating

Hamilton Inline Skating Rink, 30 Old Farm Road,
Hamilton

Time: 9:00-12pm Date: 04/03/2017

Celebrate Children's Day at Hamilton Inline Skating Rink! **FREE** inline skating for all children under 16. We'll be dimming the lights and turning up the music in true party style. We will have experienced skaters to help anyone starting on skates find their feet!!

Adults welcome to join in on the fun for \$6! There will be refreshments available for purchase.