

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)

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School closes Thursday 13th
April @ 3.00pm & opens for Term
2 on Monday 1st May, 2017.

The School Office will be open on Friday
28th April from 9.00am – 2.00pm for
enrolment enquiries.

Today is the last day of our first term of the school year. It has been a very busy and productive term, with the school being extremely well settled and having a clear focus on supporting our children to achieve so well.

We congratulate Emma Cathcart, our teacher who was in Room 36 and her husband Adam on the birth of their son, Archie, who was born on 9th April. A wonderful addition to their family.

OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS PERIOD FOR 2017

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available on our school website www.tetotara.school.nz

The Board has determined that **5 places for New Entrant (Year 1/0) students** are likely to be available to out-of-zone students for the enrolment period of **1st July 2017 - 15th December 2017**. The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

The deadline for receipt of out-of-zone applications is **3.00pm on Friday 5th May, 2017** and should be addressed to:

Te Totara Primary School
PO Box 28134
Hamilton 3256

Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year. Students who live in the home zone are entitled to enrol at the school.

Applications from out-of-zone students will be processed in the following order of priority:

- a) **First priority** must be given to students who have been accepted for enrolment in a special programme(s) run by the school and approved by the Secretary of Education*.
* This priority is not applicable at this school because the school does not run a special programme approved by the Ministry of Education
- b) **Second priority** must be given to any applicant who is the sibling of a current student of the school.
- c) **Third priority** must be given to any applicant who is the sibling of a former student of the school.
- d) **Fourth priority** must be given to any applicant who is a child of a former student of the school.
- e) **Fifth priority** must be given to any applicant who is either a child of an employee of the Board of the school, or a child of a member of the Board of the school.
- f) **Sixth priority** must be given to all other applicants.

If the number of out-of-zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot supervised by a Justice of the Peace, a Practising Lawyer or a Police Officer in accordance under Section 11G (1) of the Education Act 1989.

If a ballot for out-of-zone is required, it will be held on **Tuesday 9th May, 2017**. Parents will be informed of the outcome by **Friday 12th May, 2017**.

FLOODING ON HECTOR DRIVE

A big thank you to our families for taking care with Hector Drive during the recent flooding. I have met with Hamilton City Council, Summerset (*who are the Developers of the Retirement Village next door*) and their contractors, Schick's. We are all working proactively to help with this situation now and a number of measures have been put in place to help, including limiting the water flow into Hector Drive. Also longer term solutions are being worked on.

However, it is likely that due to the weather extremes we are having that there may well be more instances of flooding. We are working with Hamilton City Council and Summerset to have a Traffic Management Plan in place in the event of extreme flooding. This will be worked on over the school holidays and we will update everyone next term on this.

TE TOTARA SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAMME

We are very pleased with how our school pool has been operating this year. Our Neptune, Kōpū, Earth Teams and Ra 33 have all successfully completed their 10 lessons, it is very pleasing to see their swimming abilities developing so well.

Our current swimming programme with Ra 29, 30 & 31 has had 6 lessons and will complete their 10 lessons in the first week (Monday-Thursday) of Term 2. Our final classes swimming in the first half of the year are Ra 32, Milky Way 20 & 21. They will begin their lessons on Friday 4th May and all going to schedule they will complete their lessons on Thursday 18th May, 2017. The pool will then be put into a sleep mode until 1st September when we will continue our swimming programme for our remaining Year 5-6 classes, then Year 1 classes.

Thank you for your support of our swimming programme, your children are certainly enthusiastic about their learning.

CHILDREN COLLECTED AFTER SCHOOL, REMINDER SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM

Lately, we have noticed an increased trend in children being picked up late from school. To help with everyone's safety, any children who are at school after 3.15pm will need to wait outside the School Office to be collected. Remember, After School Care facilities are available at the school and Enrolment Forms can be obtained from the School Office.

It would be appreciated if all children could be collected from school no later than 3.15pm please.

STUDENTS LEAVING AND STARTING AT TE TOTARA

If you have not already notified the school and are planning to leave our school at the end of this term, it would be appreciated if you could please urgently advise us by emailing Marise Crow at receptionist@tetotara.school.nz. If you have a child coming to Te Totara in the future, we would love to have an Enrolment Form - it would be much appreciated and certainly help, with our future planning.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly was held today in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.

This week children from Matawhero, Neptune, Ra and Milky Way attended assembly.

This week our Neptune 26 children shared at assembly.

DATES COMING UP

Thur 13 April TERM 1, 2017 FINISHES @ 3.00pm

Mon 1 May TERM 2, 2017 BEGINS

Wed 10 May PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm in the Staff Lounge

Fri 12 May Routine New Entrant Vision & Hearing Checks at school

Thur 25 May BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm

Kind regards,

Brian Sheedy

Principal

Entertainment Books

By now your child should have received an Entertainment Book to bring home. These are a wonderful opportunity to save a lot of money on activities, attractions, restaurants, cafés and services in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty areas. Valid for a whole year. You only need to utilize a couple of dining vouchers to have saved the cost of the book – and anything after that is money back in your pocket! The school receives a percentage of each sale made, so please encourage your wider family, friends and colleagues to take advantage of the massive savings to be had.

Gala & Colour Run

The recent Gala and Colour Run brought in **\$25,000!** Thanks so much for all of your support- what a fantastic result for all of us. These funds will go towards the covering of the courts project.

One for the adults....

We're just putting the feelers out.... wanting to gauge local public interest in us holding a RETRO ADULT DISCO in the next couple of months - 70s/80s/90s music, dress up theme, coloured lights, smoke machine, lots of great people... and NO children. Ticketed sales. Would you be interested? Please visit our Facebook page facebook.com/TTPTA to cast your vote. Thanks.

Come along to our next PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting is Wednesday 10th May @ 7:30pm in the school staff lounge. We would love to see you. It's a great time of year to join, and you'll be up to date with all the exciting projects we have coming up later in the year.

That's it for now – we hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday break.

Your 'marvelously motivated' PTA team: *Scott, Anna, Nalina, Jasmine, 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.

EXCITE MUSIC AND ARTS ACADEMY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Excite Music and Arts Academy April Holiday Programme is now out, and we have an exciting range of music, art, drama, hip hop, vocal and band workshops planned for all age groups! For the full timetable, check out www.exciteacademy.co.nz/news-and-events Bookings for workshops are essential!

WAIKATO FOOTBALL ACADEMY - April School Holiday Program

- Inzone Indoor Sports Centre, Sunshine Avenue, Hamilton
- Tuesday 18th April to Friday 21st April 2017
- Wednesday 26th to Friday 28th April 2017
- 9am to 3pm, \$35 per day
- Open to players of all ability aged 5 to 12 years

Booking are essential, please email waikatofootballacademy@gmail.com

HORSHAM DOWNS BADMINTON CLUB 2017

VENUE: HORSHAM DOWNS COMMUNITY HALL

Martin Lane, next to Horsham Downs School

5.6 km from the Thomas Rd roundabout or Rototuna shops

Enquiries: Lesley (07)8294870, Adrianna (07)8299972

JITTERBUGS DANCE LESSONS TERM 2, 2017

Just a few spaces left for Term 2 if anyone was interested in enrolling their child.

- Lessons held on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- Lessons held at Rototuna Junior High and Horsham Downs Hall
- Cost: \$95 for the term which includes a show and access to video's for your kids to practice to.
- For girls and boys ages 3 and up
- Email jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz for more info, visit www.jitterbugsdancelessons.co.nz or checkout the Jitterbugs Facebook page



JITTERFIT HOLIDAY SESSIONS

- Wednesday 19th April - JitterFit Stretch/Relaxation/Breathing/Yoga Style Session *only 3 spaces left!*
- Monday 24th April - JitterFit Cardio and Conditioning Session *only 5 spaces left*
- Wednesday 26th April - JitterFit Stretch/Relaxation/Breathing/Yoga Style Session *5 spaces left*
- Super amazing sessions both with super amazing benefits.
- Sessions start at 7.00pm and are held at Rototuna Junior High.
- Special: \$10 per session or \$27 for all 3 sessions if paid by Tuesday 18th, otherwise \$12 per session.
- For all levels of fitness.
- Email jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz for more info or visit the JitterFit Facebook page.

NETBALL COMPETITION

New Zealand's new elite domestic netball competition - it's an exciting time to be a netball player at any level across the country.

Just tell ANZ what you need to achieve your netball dreams. We love seeing any photos or videos that tell us a bit more about who you are and how we can help you achieve your netball dreams.

Remember, individual players, other teams and coaches can also apply, as well as your overall School.

Applications are now open visit, anz.co.nz/dreambig to apply today.



It's School Holiday Time!!
18th to 28th April 2017


Check out our active and fun filled Holiday Programme at our five fantastic venues:
Hamilton Girls' High, Southwell, Te Totara, Bankwood and Leamington Schools

We are OSCAR/WINZ Approved



Programme and bookings www.kellysports.co.nz
Email: waikato@kellysports.co.nz
Phone Kim or Liam 07 839 9017
Text 022 0532425

School Holiday Programme



All Day Programmes

8.30am-5pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays)
\$45 per day, for ages 7-13 years
Book online at waikatomuseum.co.nz

Science of Light Tuesday 18 April 2017
Learn about light through practical activities

Museum Rocks Wednesday 19 April 2017
Join the #tronrocks craze - paint and hide a rock at the Museum

Ministry of Magic 3 Thursday 20 April 2017
More magnificent magic crafts continued

Pasifika Friday 21 April 2017
Pacific themed arts and crafts

Hyped up Art Monday 24 April 2017
Create a self-promotional poster

Create a Funky T Wednesday 26 April 2017
Bring a t-shirt to transform by cutting, painting and embellishing

Cool Calligraphy Thursday 27 April 2017
Learn the art of calligraphy on various media

Solar Cell Science 2 Friday 28 April 2017
More solar powered gizmos and activities

Free Family Events

See waikatomuseum.co.nz for details

Museum Easter Trail Friday 14 - Monday 17 April
Easter Basket Crafts Friday 14 - Monday 17 April
Storytelling on the Marae Thursday 20 April
ANZAC Day Poppies Tuesday 25 April
Earth Day Saturday 29 April

Waikato Museum
TE WHARE TAONGA O WAIKATO
1 Grantham St Hamilton 07 838 6606 waikatomuseum.co.nz

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