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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2014

WEEK 7

**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** (Congolesse), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese), **Hola** (Spanish), **Annyeonghaseyo** (South Korea), **Hallo** (German)

We hope everyone is refreshed after our mid-term break and have noticed a "happy feel" around the school, with lots of the usual smiles.

This is a term where we often have a lot of illness. A few weeks ago we had 11 teachers away with illness on the one day, yesterday we had none.

Tomorrow, we say farewell for a short time to two mums-to-be. We wish Kelly Fletcher (Team Leader in Earth19) and Brenda Wollen (Teacher in Orion 11) all the very best for the future. We welcome Niki Collins and Emma Jordan who will be taking over from the two mums-to-be. Both are well known to us and it is great to have wonderful people working here.

Also, this week we opened our newest room in Neptune 32 with Julianne Wink. She has certainly settled in well. We are delighted with the efforts her and the Neptune Team have made settling into their new building.

### PIRATES OF THE CURRY BEAN PRODUCTION TICKETS

A copy of the main cast details for each show will be available at the School Office.

Ticket prices are:

**\$10.00 Per adult (13 years and older)**  
**\$5.00 Per child (12 years and under)**  
**\$5.00 Pre-schooler requiring own seat**  
**Free Pre-schoolers (when sitting on the knee of an adult paying ticket)**

**NOTE: The number on your ticket is NOT your seat number. Seating is on a first come first served basis.** However, there will be wheelchair access with allocated seating - if you require this service, please advise the School Office when purchasing your tickets.

**Please remember to bring your ticket to the performance, this will confirm you have purchased a seat.**

**Doors open at 12.30pm & 6.30pm.**

We acknowledge that some families may have children performing on both days and may have to purchase tickets for each of the days. Unfortunately, we cannot offer any solution to this as the money from ticket sales goes towards the costumes, lighting, sound, backdrops etc.

Because of the number of classes involved (15 classes), we have split into two groups and have certain days that we are performing.

**Wednesday 24th September**

**@ 1.00pm & 7.00pm (Ra & Orion)**

**Thursday 25th September**

**@ 1.00pm & 7.00pm (Earth & Matawhero)**

For evening performances Year 3-6 children can arrive back at school by **6:30pm** and go directly to Orion Block, where they will be supervised.

Everyone will need to arrive at school with make-up (foundation and powder) on. MAIN CAST members will meet in the staff room by **6.15pm**.

**All Year 3-6 students are required to attend each of their own team performances.**

Tickets go on sale on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September** (Week 8) and will be available to purchase at the School Office by cash, cheque or EFT-POS only. Sorry, no internet banking please.

### OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

The Board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their sons and daughters at Te Totara Primary School for next year.

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office.

The Board has determined that twenty three places are likely to be available for out-of-zone students next year. The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

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

- First priority must be given to any applicant who is accepted for enrolment in a special programme run by the school and approved by the Secretary of Education.
  - Hamilton North Special School Satellite Programme
- Second priority must be given to any applicant who is the sibling of a current student of the school
- Third priority must be given to any student 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

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.

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 or a Police Officer in accordance under Section 11G(1) of the Education Act 1989.

The deadline for receipt of applications for out-of-zone places is **3.00pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014** and should be addressed to:

Te Totara Primary School  
PO Box 28134  
Hamilton 3256

Parents will be informed of the outcome by **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2014.**

**AMENDED ENROLMENT SCHEME  
TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Effective 1 January 2015**

**Home Zone**

All students who live within the home zone described below\* shall be entitled to enrol at the school.

*\* The western boundary is Resolution Drive (east side only), commencing at the intersection with Kay Road and heading south to the intersection with Thomas Road. Turn left into Thomas Road and travel east along Thomas Road to the intersection with Horsham Downs Road.*

*Turn left into Horsham Downs Road and travel north along Horsham Downs Road to the Horsham Downs Road/Waikato Expressway over-bridge and then travel north-west along the Waikato Expressway (includes south-side only) to the Waikato Expressway/Kay Road over-bridge.*

*The boundary then follows Kay Road west (includes Hancock Road), back to the intersection with Resolution Drive where the zone commenced.*

*Both sides of roads are included unless otherwise specified.*

Proof of residence within the home zone will be required.

**LEARNING PLAN PARENT COMMENT**

Learning Plans will be offline from 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014 for Teachers to begin their writing process. On the Learning Plan is a box titled "Parent Comment". This box gives parents and caregivers the opportunity to comment in a positive manner on the Learning Plan and reflect some goals for your child's learning.

A flyer about this is available from the School Office; it gives you an example of the types of comments which are suitable for this box.

**HOW WILL MY PARENT COMMENT BE PUT INTO THE PLAN?**

- 1) **Type your comment as a separate word document and attach it to your e-mail.** It must be less than 500 characters in total (including punctuation and spaces).
- 2) In the subject line of your e-mail type – Parent Comment Attn: Michelle Druett
- 3) Send it to **michelled@tetotara.school.nz**

These comments will appear on the Learning Plans online. We will let you know when this has occurred. Thank you very much to those parents who have already sent in their comments.

**FAIRFIELD CLUSTER SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY**

The Fairfield Cluster Schools Cross Country was held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. After several weeks of lunchtime training runs and sprint tests, the day finally arrived. The sun shone and our group of 23 excited and nervous Year 4, 5 & 6 students attended. This event is organised by both Te Totara School and Rototuna School for all the Fairfield Cluster primary schools, the great effort that went into the set-up and organisation ensured that the event ran very smoothly. It was a hilly course with several obstacles, but all Te Totara students remembered their training tactics, pushed themselves as hard as they could and this resulted in many excellent top 6 placings. These students really reflected our Te Totara STAR of Trying Our Best and we are very proud of all their efforts!

Special congratulations to **Reuben Lawrence** who gained 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Year 6 boy's race with a very well run, tactical race.

Thank you to our parents that provided transport to and from the event – we couldn't do it without you.

Also, a huge thank you to Craig Rodger and Sarah Corkill, from our Sports Team for their great preparation and support for our competing students and to Barnie, our Caretaker and Craig for the important role they played with the set-up and pack up at the event .

Te Totara Sport Team

**COURT ORDERS**

If you have any queries around Court Orders, we have a Day-to-Day Care/Contact & Guardianship Policy in the Policies & Procedures folder held at the School Office or further information or advice, visit [www.justice.govt.nz/family](http://www.justice.govt.nz/family) or contact a family lawyer or the nearest Family Court Office.

### PHOTOLIFE SCHOOL PHOTOS

The Shoot Keys have arrived and will come home with each child today detailing how to order **INDIVIDUAL & CLASS** photos online.

**SIBLING PHOTOS** will be sent directly to the school shortly and cannot be viewed using your Shoot Key. If you do not have a computer, please collect an order envelope from the School Office.

### OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

We have families with outstanding payments for various activities. Outstanding monies are:

Swimming \$25268.89

Mathletics \$4009.40

Voluntary School Donation \$24896.50

Sports Fees \$2485.00

**We would appreciate your urgent attention to the payment of these outstanding invoices.**

This can be made through the School Office either by EFT-POS, cash, cheque or internet banking.

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

We are mindful of costs for parents and are now able to offer families several payment options i.e. automatic payment.

You are welcome to discuss your options with Wendy Bulloch, our Executive Officer on (07) 853-0039 or e-mail:

[executiveofficer@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:executiveofficer@tetotara.school.nz)

### FAIRFIELD CLUSTER

#### WINTER SPORTS TOURNAMENT

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

All children attending the Winter Sports Tournament must have their permission slips back by tomorrow, **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September**.

### RED SPORTS POLO SHIRT

There will be a notice over the loud speaker for all those children representing Te Totara at the Winter Sports Tournament who do not have a red sports polo shirt. These children will be advised to meet with Miss Griffin so they can borrow one for the tournament.

### SCHOOL GATE SURVEY

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September there will be a group of our Year 5 & 6 students completing a 'School Gate' survey at the front of the school. They are part of a Hamilton City Council initiative and are called The Road User Safety Team (TRUST). We look forward to seeing the results of their survey and sharing these with the community.

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book Club orders are due back to the School Office by **9.15am Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014**. Sorry, NO late orders will be accepted.

### FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**

**Our Milky Way 8 children will be sharing.**

This week Milky Way, Orion, Ra and Neptune children will attend assembly. Everyone is welcome.

### Writing ICAS certificates for:

High Distinction - top 1%

Distinction - next top 10%

Credit - next top 25%

Merit - next top 10% (note, this is a new award this year)

Orion and Ra Week 7 Full School Assembly  
Matawhero and Earth Week 8 Full School Assembly

Participation will be given out at team assemblies.

### TE TOTARA SPORTS

#### PLAYER OF THE DAY

##### HOCKEY

**Stormers** Mazoe Skinner

**All Stars** Chloe MacIntyre & Lilli Suess

**Strikers** Marco Caingles

**Thunder** TBA

**Leopards** Mia Symes & Sophie Davie

**Cheetahs** Brooke Manderson

**Tigers** Jaimee Lucas

**Lightning** Ruby Spring

**Shooters** Rose Bryant

### DATES COMING UP

**Tues 9 Sept** Museum Trip – Rooms 16 & 18

**Tues 9 Sept** PTA Mtg @ 7.30pm

**Wed 10 Sept** Museum Trip – Rooms 14 & 17

**Thurs 11 Sept** Museum Trip – Room 15

**Tues 16 Sept** Fairfield Cluster Winter Sports Competition Year 4-6

**Wed 17 Sept** Y6 Students to Fairfield  
Intermediate Orientation Day

**Thurs 18 Sept** Postponement Date: Winter Sports

**Wed 24 Sept** **Pirates of the Curry Bean School Production Matinee/Evening**

- Ra & Orion

**Thurs 25 Sept** **Pirates of the Curry Bean School Production Matinee/Evening**

- Earth & Matawhero

**Fri 26 Sept** **END OF TERM 3 @ 3.00PM**

**Mon 13 Oct** **TERM 4 BEGINS @ 8.55AM**

**Brian Sheedy**  
**Principal**

**BADMINTON – SKILL & AGILITY**

Fastest racquet sport in the world with shuttles travelling at more than 300km/h.

Badminton is an intense sport so hydration is crucial for players during and after games. Water fact: Even mild dehydration can affect physical and mental performance.



## TE TOTARA PTA

### DID YOU KNOW??

If you bank with ASB and draw down a housing loan of \$150,000 or more before 31st December 2014, Te Totara School receives a cash donation of \$500. This applies to parents, staff or members of the school.

If you would like to know more please email [tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com)

### CHANGE OF BANK ACCOUNT

The PTA has changed their banking details to ASB Bank. The ASB offer an amazing school related banking package which enables us to take advantage of fantastic interest rates for our hard earned fundraising monies. Every dollar our wonderful staff, parents & children help us raise will now work a little bit harder towards future projects.

### TE TOTARA COOKBOOKS, GRAB A BARGAIN. ONLY \$10!

Just a few available of our Te Totara Cook Books. 154 colour pages. Great recipes and great gifts. For sale at the School Office, cash or cheque only please as this is a PTA fundraiser.

### NEXT PTA MEETING

**TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014 @ 7.30pm**

Held in the school Staff Lounge. All welcome, we would love to see some new faces.

### PTA EMAIL ADDRESS

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

[http://www.facebook.com/pages/Te-](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Te-Totara-Primary-School-PTA/30090011661692)

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## 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.

### WAIKATO TOUCH

Waikato Touch are trying to increase the number of players competing in our U15 girls & boys age representative group. As a way of trying to encourage more players that perhaps may have not considered trialling, we are asking schools to nominate students who you think could be potential triallists. Phone for details Ph 0274 519 160 or email [waikatotouch@xtra.co.nz](mailto:waikatotouch@xtra.co.nz)

## WHAT DO YOU THINK OF ERO'S PARENT BOOKLETS?

The Education Review Office (ERO) publishes a series of five booklets for parents and caregivers. We want to find out how useful the information is to parents, how the booklets can be improved, and if parents would prefer to receive the information in a different way.

We're starting with a survey of *How is my child doing?* To take part in the survey go to [www.ero.govt.nz](http://www.ero.govt.nz) – Featured Publications. The survey runs until the end of September and only takes a few minutes to complete.

Meanwhile if you would like a copy of one of the booklets email [info@ero.govt.nz](mailto:info@ero.govt.nz)

## CHEERLEADING HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Come along to All Star Xtreme for the best holiday programme around!! Designed to cater for all ages (from 5 years) and all ability levels from first time beginners to advance.

Phone: 0800 TO XTREME

E-mail: [xtreme@allstarcheerleaders.co.nz](mailto:xtreme@allstarcheerleaders.co.nz)

Website: [www.allstarcheerleaders.co.nz/all-star-xtreme/](http://www.allstarcheerleaders.co.nz/all-star-xtreme/)

## RIVER DOWNS PLAYCENTRE

The River Downs Playcentre Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd of September at 7:30pm, at River Downs playcentre on Endeavour Avenue in Hamilton. All members, past and present, and anyone from the community is welcome to attend.

## DEANWELL 132 SAXBY'S ROAD GARAGE SALE SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014

Phone 8433 499 for more details of lots of items for sale. 7am – 12 Noon

## R.E.A.P

We are an afterschool enrichment programme with the purpose of providing children, in the Waikato, with a range of courses to help develop them as global citizens. We will be offering a holiday programme in the September holidays. We will be offering; Bricks 4 Kidz, music, felt and card making, movie magic, hip hop and Spanish. You can see our timetable and booklet at [www.hamiltonreap.co.nz](http://www.hamiltonreap.co.nz) or e-mail us at [admin@hamiltonreap.co.nz](mailto:admin@hamiltonreap.co.nz).

## WAIKATO TENNIS CENTRE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

For further information see

[www.tenniswaikatobays.co.nz](http://www.tenniswaikatobays.co.nz)



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Contact Steve at [letsbuildaparty@gmail.com](mailto:letsbuildaparty@gmail.com)