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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

WEEK 8

**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), **Chom Reap Sour** (Cambodia), **Geia sou** (Greek), **Mbote, Jambo** (Congolese), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese), **Hola** (Spanish), **Annyeonghaseyo** (South Korea)

### END OF YEAR APPROACHING

At this time of the year there are lots of things happening and below we will update you on these.

Date	Event
Fri 5 Dec	PTA Pizzas for Milky Way, Orion, Ra, Neptune
	2.00 Assembly with Kopu 33 starring. Class awards for Marama, Kopu, Matawhero, Earth
Mon 8 Dec	Year 5 Shelf monitors morning tea
	Y6 Librarians lunch
Tue 9 Dec	9.15 School Tour
	6.30 Year 6 leavers Supper
Thu 11 Dec	Y5 & Y6 Road safety Team trip to Cambridge and Velodrome
Fri 12 Dec	Noon. Class for next year goes live on parent portal
	2.00pm Assembly starring Neptune 38. Class Awards for Milky Way, Orion, Ra & Neptune
Mon 15 Dec	5.45pm for 6.00pm End of Year Celebration on the field
Tue 16 Dec	1.30pm Children visit new rooms and teachers (if available)
Wed 17 Dec	Shifting day, teachers and children stay in classes and two teams of shifters move furniture
Thu 18 Dec	Children go to their existing room, even if the furniture looks different☺
	3.00pm School finishes for the year
<b>Tue 3rd Feb 2015</b>	<b>Term 1, 2015 starts @ 8.55am</b>

### SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES - CLASS AWARDS

Over the next two weeks at School assembly, we will be presenting end of year class awards. There are two per class, one is based on the School values of the STARS and the other on academic attainment. I have asked teacher so contact families of those award winners so they may be present during the assembly.

### END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

**5.45PM MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER, 2014**

This is our celebration of another great year at Te Totara, some information to help make it a great event:

- It is a School event, so children need to be in uniform and will be together as a school and under the control of school staff, please leave your child with us, we will take care of them ☺
- There will be very limited parking available at the school car park and none in the turning bay, it will be best to find a park on the roadside before the school entrance.
- It is like a concert in a park, so bring a picnic, a rug to sit on, something to eat and drink and enjoy a variety concert.
- We use the hill behind Ra and Earth as outdoor stages where children perform.
- Toilets are open in the Ra and Earth blocks.
- Pre-schoolers are welcome to use the playground away from the performers so they don't distract the performance.
- Other children not involved in the school are asked to be respectful and if they want to play, then the court area is a good place.
- There are likely to be over 2500 people at the event so we strongly advise walking ☺
- Please no umbrellas as it blocks the view of people behind.
- We will have a "Paparazzi" section at the front for parents of those performing to use to get a good photo.
- **If the weather is not good, we will postpone to Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, same time. Notifications will be put on the school Facebook page, school app and the website.**
- The event is weather dependent, so may be cancelled at the last moment, but we will do our best to let everyone know as early as possible
- At the end of the event we will need to stagger people leaving due to Health & Safety, so please be prepared to wait a little time. Announcements will be made to help.

### 2015 SCHOOL ORGANISATION

In next week's newsletter we will outline the organisation for 2015, including Teachers, rooms and levels.

### CLASSROOM SHIFTING DAY – WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

If you are able to help on this day, please e-mail Marise Crow on [receptionist@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:receptionist@tetotara.school.nz) or Ph: (07) 853-0039 ext. 858.

We are looking for around 16 helpers, meeting at 8.30am and working within 2 teams under the direction of Mrs Wine & Mrs Fraser (big lunch supplied - nom nom). This will allow our teachers to focus on their children at this busy time.

We have approx. 24 lots of classroom furniture to shift all in the one day – a huge job!

## STUDENTS LEAVING TE TOTARA

If you have not already notified the school, and are planning to leave our school at the end of 2014 (other than Year 6 students), it would be appreciated if you could please let us know **in writing** urgently as we are preparing class lists for 2015.

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 STATIONERY ORDERING FOR 2015

We have teamed up with OfficeMax MySchool so that you can buy all your school stationery needs for 2015 over the internet or by mail order. If you do not have access to the internet, you can purchase stationery direct through Office Max (cnr Victoria St & Princes St, Hamilton) Ph: (07) 838-8604. Advise them that you are from Te Totara Primary School and the year level your child (ren) will be in 2015. They will have hard copies of stationery lists available at the shop from Monday 15th December 2014 onwards.

Many of our families used this online system last year and will be familiar with the ordering process. This website is available from today for ordering at [www.myschool.co.nz/tetotara](http://www.myschool.co.nz/tetotara)

Instructions on ordering stationery will be placed on our website under "Newsletters".

*Please note: You do not need a Student ID, please leave this field blank. If you have a new entrant starting in Term 1, 2015 you are able to order through this website – your child will be a Year 1.*

**Please ensure you have placed your order no later than Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2015 to ensure delivery before school starts on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2015.**

## PARENT SURVEY

Please return the completed Survey Form to the Mooloo Box located in the School Office by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

## ALL LIBRARY BOOKS DUE BACK

All library books need to be returned to the library this week. Could you please have a good look for library books around the house, each year we lose a significant amount of books that cost us a lot of money to replace."

Thanks

## LOST PROPERTY ON DISPLAY

All lost property will be on display beside the yellow Lost Property Box on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December & Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014, from 8.00am**. If wet, it will be on display inside the Earth Pod (purple building).

Please check to see if any items belong to your family as all unclaimed items (other than school uniform) will be donated to charity.

We will endeavour to return named school uniform items of clothing to their rightful owner however; any un-named school uniform will be given to the School Office and sold, with the proceeds returned to the school. As you can imagine, with 806 students at our school now, it doesn't take long before the Lost Property is full.



## TE TOTARA BUCKET SUN HATS COMPULSORY – THIS TERM & TERM 1, 2015

From the beginning of this term **ALL** children are required to wear their Te Totara Primary School Red Bucket Hat when outside. If any child is not wearing a school uniform bucket sun hat, they will be asked to play under the shade.

These can be purchased through our uniform supplier - Direct Group (07) 847-6664

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**myschool.co.nz**  
Phone 0800 724 440 Fax 0800 367 724 RETAIL STORES NATIONWIDE

## CREATIVE ARTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME AT TE TOTARA SCHOOL

**12-16 January 2015, 9am-4pm**

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their letter of interest for this holiday programme to be held at Te Totara school.

Enrolment forms have gone home today with your child. Please return the enrolment form along with your payment, \$169.00 to our School Office by Tuesday 16th December 2014.

Some spaces still available, children from other schools can also attend this fun holiday programme.

Please e-mail Celeste at:

[celestem@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:celestem@tetotara.school.nz) for further information.

## YEAR 6 LEAVER'S SUPPER, REMINDER

**Tuesday 9th December 2014**

**6.30pm-8.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**

We are really looking forward to this special evening and thanks to everyone who has replied to attend.

Please bring a plate of finger food to share for supper, supper begins approximately 7.30pm.

Sorry, no siblings due to large numbers attending.

**Year 6 Leaver's decorated gift bags are due back to the school office this week please.**

## BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE ENROLMENTS

2015 Before & After School Care Enrolment Forms are now available on the school website. If you wish to enrol your child in 2015, please complete an Enrolment Form and return it to the School Office by **Friday 12th December**; or you can e-mail it direct to Anna at: [offerschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:offerschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz)

## TE TOTARA SWIM SCHOOL LESSONS 2015

We are looking at running swimming lessons in the Summer January 2015 school holidays.

These will be a 1 week block course for your child/ren.

**Block courses would be held:**

**12-16 January 2015**

**19-23 January 2015**

**26-30 January 2015**

Your child/children's lesson would be for 25 minutes each day of the week.

You choose the week you would like your child/children to swim from the above dates.

Please email Celeste with your dates you would be interested in making a booking at [celeste@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:celeste@tetotara.school.nz)

## FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 5th December 2014 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**

**Our Kōpū 33 children will be sharing.**

This week Marama, Kōpū, Matawhero and Earth children will attend assembly. Everyone is welcome.

## CLUSTER ATHLETICS CERTIFICATES

Children who attended the Cluster Athletics and received at 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> placing in their events will be given their certificates at Whole School Assembly over the next two Fridays. Your child will be given their certificate on their assembly day.

## WEET-BIX TRYATHLON 2015

**- SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

If your child is 7 years of age or older (by February 2015), and would like to be part of our school team, you can go to the website [www.weetbix.co.nz](http://www.weetbix.co.nz) and register your child online, LINK to our School Group and pay online yourself. All registrations will be done by parents this year. Your child may enter as an individual or as a team of two in the same age bracket. Entries close Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015. The event is located at the University of Waikato Fields in Hamilton East. More information about the event can be found on the Weetbix Tryathlon website.

PLEASE NOTE: YEAR 6 STUDENTS WILL BE MOVING TO A NEW SCHOOL NEXT YEAR. You can still enter as an individual that is not a part of a School Group.

So far we have received 22 entries. So keep them coming in!

A reminder that on the website there are lots of helpful hints. There is the "Trytr@iner" which gives your child a training programme to ensure they are prepared and ready for the event. There is also "Info for Parents" and "Info for kids" that we suggest you all read.

It is a very good idea to start practising transitions from swimming to biking to running.

Good luck with everyone's training!

## TE TOTARA SPORTS

### PLAYER OF THE DAY

#### TOUCH

Chiefs

Paris Cullen

## DATES COMING UP

**Fri 28 Nov** PTA Pizza Lunch Order – Milky Way, Orion, Ra & Neptune

**Tues 9 Dec** Year 6 Leavers Supper @ 6.30pm

**Mon 15 Dec** 5.45pm End of Year Celebration

**Thurs 18 Dec** END OF TERM @ 3.00PM

**Brian Sheedy**  
**Principal**



## TE TOTARA PTA

### NEXT PTA MEETING - TBA

7.30pm, Held in the 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-Totara-Primary-School-PTA/30090011661692>

### DISCO PHOTO'S

Photos are now available for you to view on the PTA Facebook page. See the page for ordering details.

- The photo numbers can only be seen if viewed via the Facebook album, the number can be found at the bottom left hand side of each photo (e.g. 67 of 536)
- Cost \$2 per electronic photo
- Orders and payment must be in by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014 to Kate McMorran [mkmcm@ihug.co.nz](mailto:mkmcm@ihug.co.nz)
- Payments to be either cash into the green PTA box or internet banking to the PTA bank account
- Payment can be made in the green PTA box in the office or via internet banking into the PTA bank account: 12-3171-0277833-00
- Please clearly mark your payment/envelope with the photo number, your name and your email address
- An electronic copy of the photo will be emailed to you the week of the 8<sup>th</sup> December.
- No late orders accepted

### PIZZA LUNCHES

The PTA are organising pizzas for the children over 2 consecutive Fridays. Orders will be split across the school as follows:

**December 5<sup>th</sup> – Milky Way, Orion, Ra & Neptune classes**

**ORDERS NOW CLOSED**

## 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.



### KELLY SPORTS - HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

**Our programme is full of exciting activities and trips that will guarantee children, aged 5-13 years, have a great time!**

Te Totara School, Southwell School  
Hamilton Girls High School & Bankwood School.

Also Leamington School, Cambridge

**Programmes at various venues from ...**

**12<sup>th</sup> December to 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**& 5<sup>th</sup> January to 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

**8am – 6pm**

For more information or to **BOOK ONLINE**

go to [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz)

Email: [waikato@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:waikato@kellysports.co.nz) Tel: **07 839 9017**

### SPEECH AND DRAMA CLASSES AT TE TOTARA SCHOOL

..... are fun classes where students learn to communicate effectively with other people express themselves with clarity and confidence use eye contact practise active listening skills develop an appropriately projected voice develop a vocabulary rich enough to express thoughts and ideas with clarity and imagination plus lots more !! Above all, promotion of self-esteem and self-confidence through self-expression is paramount.

All classes take into account each individual's capabilities and are specifically structured to meet those needs. All students have the option of sitting exams through The New Zealand Speech Board. Each year consists of four terms. Classes start February - spaces are limited so be in quick to secure your place.

For further information and enrolments, please contact me before 24 December.

Gaylene Lonergan L.T.C.L. N.Z.S.BPH: 8556122

### JITTERBUGS

#### TERM 1 2015 ENROLMENTS

Now taking names for the waitlist. Lessons held at Te Totara School on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afterschool for both boys (hip-hop boxing style unisex class) and girls (jazz/aerobic style class). Boys from age 5-11 and girls from age 3-11. Heaps of fun and great for your child's confidence, co-ordination and fitness. Cost \$75 for the term and includes an informal show at the end of the term held in the school hall. Lessons start week 1. Email Jolie at [jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz) for more info.

### RICKI HERBERT FOOTBALL ACADEMY

Running a programme again in 2015, for more info and to register go to [www.rickiherbert.co.nz](http://www.rickiherbert.co.nz)

## WAIPA FUN RUN - 2 KM RICOH SCHOOLS CHALLENGE

Mark this Date: Waipa Fun Run & Walk is being held on Sunday, 15 March 2015, Victoria Square, Cambridge. The Waipa Fun Run 2 km Ricoh School Challenge caters for three categories for Year 3-4, 5-6 & 7-8 students. Check out our website & Facebook

page [www.waipafunrun.co.nz](http://www.waipafunrun.co.nz) or [www.facebook.com/waipafunrun](http://www.facebook.com/waipafunrun)

We look forward to seeing your school at the start line.

## A magical Christmas at the museum



**Christmas Crafts for Families**  
28 November, 5, 12, 18, 19 December 2014, 10am-12pm.  
\$2 per child, materials provided

Share in festive arts and crafts activities with your children and make gifts and decorations.

### Christmas Children's Appeal

1 - 21 December 2014

Leave a wrapped gift under our tree for children and families in the care of Women's Refuge and the Salvation Army.



### Santa Trail

1 December 2014 - 11 January 2015.  
Free family activity

Follow the Santa Trail and go in the draw to win a small family pass to Planet Warriors/Excite.

### Santa's Workshop

Mondays 1, 8 December 2014  
3.30pm-4.30pm.  
\$5, bookings essential

Make craft items to sell at our children's Christmas Market.



### Children's Christmas (Christkindl) Market

Saturday 13 December, 11am-2pm.  
Free event, Stall bookings essential

A fun opportunity for children to sell or buy handcrafts at our Christkindl market.

Please see our website for details of all events: [www.waikatomuseum.co.nz](http://www.waikatomuseum.co.nz)

Waikato Museum

TE WHARE TAONGA O WAIKATO | 1 Grantham Street Hamilton | 07 838 6606 | [waikatomuseum.co.nz](http://waikatomuseum.co.nz)

## WONKY DONKEY MAN CRAIG SMITH

Will be performing at the Garden Place Library on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm. This is a great opportunity to see this popular entertainer live. Entry is by gold coin.

## R.E.A.P

R.E.A.P will be offering a holiday programme from 12.30pm on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of December till Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of December. R.E.A.P will be offering; Bricks 4 Kidz – Mining and Crafting, Musical Band Jam, Speech and Drama, Orienteering and Card making and Quilling. You can see our timetable and enrolment letter at [www.hamiltonreap.co.nz](http://www.hamiltonreap.co.nz) or e-mail us at [admin@hamiltonreap.co.nz](mailto:admin@hamiltonreap.co.nz)

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[WWW.EXQUISITEBEAUTY.CO.NZ](http://WWW.EXQUISITEBEAUTY.CO.NZ)

## CLUB ENERGIZE

# Triathlon Training

for 7-12 year olds

A great opportunity for children to learn the basics of triathlon in preparation for school triathlons and the Westbix TRYathlon

**Registrations open now**

Time: 9.30am - 12pm  
Cost: \$15 for 3 days  
13, 14, 15 January  
University of Waikato grounds, Silverdale Rd, Gate 3a  
20, 21, 22 January  
Te Rapa School, 61 Ashurst Ave, Pukete, Hamilton

For more information and to register contact Energizer:  
Erin Cooper | 021 624 962 | [erinc@sportwaikato.org.nz](mailto:erinc@sportwaikato.org.nz)