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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2015

#### Week 2

**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), **Mbote, Jambo** (Congolese), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese), **Hola** (Spanish), **Annyeonghaseyo** (South Korea)

### START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR

We continue to be so delighted with the start made to the school year; we are noticing that those all-important routines and structures are being well established across the school.

I have the pleasure of being able to move around our school and I am so proud of our people!

### MEET THE TEACHER

Our Teachers enjoyed the opportunity to speak with families yesterday. It is nice to meet face-to-face and have an opportunity to go over school programmes and happenings.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you do have any queries.

### NEW TEACHERS AND STAFF

We do have a number of new staff to the school and you can read a little bit more about them and all our staff at our website on:

[http://www.tetotara.school.nz/5/profile\\_areas/1-staff](http://www.tetotara.school.nz/5/profile_areas/1-staff)

This morning we welcomed them officially with a Powhiri and we are so delighted with the way in which they have all joined our team.

### EMERGENCY EVACUATION

Yesterday we had an emergency evacuation due to the fire alarm going off. This happened during the middle of lunch time and was caused by overheated food in a microwave.

Our children and staff were fantastic; we assembled on the tennis court and ensured everyone was safe and accounted for.

Our alarm automatically goes to the Fire Service and they were here very quickly to check the school and give us the all clear. We had intended having a trial next week, but no need as we had one yesterday. Having it during a school break when children are outside was an excellent test and our people did so very well.

## GALA \*\* GALA \*\* GALA \*\* GALA

### SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 9.00AM-1.00PM

A massive shout out & huge thanks to our sponsors: Tony @ Care Vets Rototuna, No. 1 Tennis – Andrew Sheedy, Smith & McKenzie Chophouse, Callum Brae Pitch 'n Putt, De Bretts Thermal Springs & Hot Spa (Taupo), Dominoes Pizza Rototuna, Our 'Good Neighbour' Bar & Restaurant, Mind Junction (Taupo), More than Flowers, Paper Plus Rototuna, Physiques Gym, Style Hairdressing, The Eatery & Keg room, Unichem Rototuna, Zealong tea, Rose Bryant @ the First Aid Supply Team & Te Totara Primary Swim School.

**We need you!!!** We would love more sponsors for our raffles & prizes. If every parent could ask their employer, or if you are the employer or boss, and you would love to see more play equipment & resources poured into Te Totara school for your kids' learning & enjoyment, then please contact Nicky at [nick\\_muza@hotmail.com](mailto:nick_muza@hotmail.com) with any queries or offers. We welcome Cash, vouchers or products... No contribution is too big or small!

#### WE NEED:

- **Helpers for Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March to help set up the White Elephant Stall**
- **Gazebos for shade cover over stalls (it's definitely going to be a sunny day!)**
- **Helpers for half hour time slots during the Gala (you won't need to be on any stand all day, just a half hour from LOTS of people will be super helpful)**

Please email the PTA at [tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com) if you can help with any of these things.

#### WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

Start collecting these items at home and then we will have drop off times leading up to the Gala.

We need your good condition pre-loved items eg. Toys, Books, Puzzles, Baby gear, Plants, Furniture, Electrical equipment in good working order, etc etc.

**Please NO junk, NO clothes, NO Manchester, NO weekly magazines.**

#### MATHLETICS 2015

Please see the separate Parent Letter on our school website under newsletters for Mathletics tips to help your child with the online Maths system.

## 2015 WEETBIX TRYATHLON

**WHEN:** Sunday 15th February, 2015

**WHERE:** University Fields, Hamilton East, Waikato

**Allow plenty of time on the morning of the event:**

Make sure you allow plenty of time to get to the event venue (which is open **from 7 am Sunday**, February 15th) and to find a car park. Please leave enough time to get through the numbering, check in and transition process before transition closes (at 8.15am). The more time you allow, the easier it will be. There will be lots of people and it will be very, very busy, so please be patient and listen to all instructions.

### Our Te Totara Team

The purpose of entering a team is to encourage our Te Totara STARS to give it a go! We also have a chance to win great prizes and to have a school team photo taken at the end. Each child must have a parent or caregiver with them on the day. The School Gazebo is a good meeting place for parents and their child. There will be lots of people there on the day so it is essential that parents/guardians are responsible for their own child. **Please note that ALL PARTICIPANTS must CHECK-IN through the bar code scanning system as they enter transition or at the Admin tent. Any child not checked in by 8.15am will not be permitted to participate.**

### Approximate distances for event:

7 year olds (approximate distances) - 50m swim, 4km cycle/ 1.5km run

8 – 10 year olds (approximate distances) - 100m swim, 4km cycle/ 1.5km run

11-15 year olds (approximate distances) - 200m swim/ 8km cycle/ 1.5 km run

### What to take into transition checklist:

Take everything that you will need for the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon into the Transition Area & leave it with your bike.

Official Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon T-shirt with Bib Number attached to the front

Bike with your event number sticker attached to the handle bars

- Helmet with your event number sticker attached to the front
- Running Shoes (*please note that closed in shoes are compulsory for both the bike & run legs of the event*)
- Socks (optional)
- Towel
- Drink bottle
- Any medication you may need use of during the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon (EG: Asthma puffer)
- It's a good idea to have a small plastic box so that all your items are kept together & also to make your bike stand out somehow so it will be easier for you to find during the event. For example, you could use a brightly-coloured towel on your seat or handlebars.

The transition area will close 15 minutes prior to the Official TRYathlon Briefing and will only be able to be accessed by those currently participating. It will reopen at the completion of prizegiving.

For Health & Safety reasons bikes cannot be removed from the transition area until the completion of prizegiving

**Good luck to all our participants; do your very best and have fun!**

### DENTAL VISITS AT SCHOOL

Dental Therapists from Fairfield Clinic will be visiting Te Totara on Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015 to apply Fluoride treatments for children who require this and who have given consent. If you have any questions regarding this please phone Fairfield Clinic on Ph: [0800 825 583](tel:0800825583).

### HEALTH WAIKATO HEARING & VISION TESTING FOR STUDENTS THAT HAVE NOT COMPLETED ROUTINE TESTS

A Vision & Hearing Technician will be visiting our school over the next two weeks to complete routine tests for those students who have missed their pre-school/prior school checks

### TE TOTARA SWIM SCHOOL LESSONS STARTING TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY, 2015

Back by popular demand after our very successful Term 4, 2014 Swim School and Summer Holiday lessons, we are pleased to offer a 6-week block course swimming lessons for your children this term at school.

**These will be held on Tuesday's and Thursday's after school at our school pool.**

Swim School lessons will be for 25 minutes with a 5 minute turn around time. Classes offered will be for Pre-schoolers and level 1-5 swimmers.

The block course of lessons will cost \$87.00 (\$14.50 per lesson)

Our Swim School Policy and Enrolment Form are now available on our school website under our school, general information, swimming pool, swim school swimming lessons.

**Bookings close Wednesday 18th February 2015.**

**Please contact Celeste via email [celestem@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:celestem@tetotara.school.nz) to make a booking, please include your child's name and swimming level.**

Once your booking has been confirmed, you will be required to complete an Enrolment Form and make full payment before the Swim School lessons start please.

## OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPLIER – DIRECT GROUP

A reminder of the options you have to order our school uniforms.

Direct Group will be offering ordering online, in store or by telephone. They are located at 115 Ellis Street Frankton Hamilton, Ph 847-6664 or visit their website [www.shop.directgroup.co.nz](http://www.shop.directgroup.co.nz).

Access to Direct Group's website requires the following log-in details: Log in = **ttp** and Password = **uniform** (all lowercase)

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM FOR SALE

Please check our noticeboard in the school office for second hand uniform for sale.

## PARENT HELP PLEASE

We would love some parents to help in the Resource Room, covering dictionaries for the classes. If you could spare any time on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, could you please let the School Office know or contact Esther via e-mail at [estherr@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:estherr@tetotara.school.nz)

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by 9.15am on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2015 to the school office please. **Sorry NO late orders will be accepted.**  
**Don't forget to use your \$2 voucher if you received any from the last order in 2014.**

## FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**  
**Today we will be welcoming new students at Assembly.**

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

## DATES COMING UP

**Sat 21 March School Gala**  
**Thu 2 April Term 1 Finishes @ 3.00pm**

Kind regards  
**Brian Sheedy**  
**Principal**

**EVERY DAY CHOICES**

**NUTRITION INFO PANEL**

**NUTRITION INFORMATION (Average)**

Per 100g	Per 100g
Energy (kJ)	441
Protein (g)	105
Fat, Total (g)	11.0
Saturated Fat (g)	0.3
Carbohydrate, Total (g)	20.0
Sugars (g)	3.3
Dietary Fibre (g)	8.2
Sodium (mg)	90
Phosphorus (mg)	82
Thiamin (Vitamin B1) (mg)	0.55 (100%)*
Niacin (Vitamin B3) (mg)	2.5 (25%)*
Folate (Vitamin B9) (µg)	100 (50%)*
Iron (mg)	3.0 (25%)*

Look at the 100g column, if...

- Total fat is less than 10g
- Sugars less than 15g
- Fibre more than 5g

then it's an everyday choice!

\*Percentage of Recommended Dietary Intake (RDI) based on average requirements for a 14 year old child. Some products provide 25% of the RDI for a 14 year old child.

## TE TOTARA PTA



### NEXT PTA MEETING TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY AT 7.15PM

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>

## 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.

**Bricks 4 Kidz Enrichment Programme Is Back**

**Date:** 18/02 – 01/04/2015 on Wednesday

**Location:** Room 1 @ Te Totara Primary School

**Price:** \$126

Click [Here](#) for a full description of programme and to register online or call us on 0212301764  
email us @ [wlin@bricks4kidz.com](mailto:wlin@bricks4kidz.com)

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Science  
Technology  
Engineering  
Mathematics

**MARKETS COMING UP**

Check out these details for markets coming up in Hamilton soon.

[www.facebook.com/ScallywagsAndMunchkinsMarket](http://www.facebook.com/ScallywagsAndMunchkinsMarket)

[www.facebook.com/HappyLittleStarsMarket](http://www.facebook.com/HappyLittleStarsMarket)

**XRACE 2015**

**Kids – have you ever wondered if your Dad can hula-hoop? Are you keen to put Mum’s three-legged skills to the test? Then New Zealand Home Loans XRACE series could be your chance to find out!**

The family adventure race series sees kids team up with Mum, Dad, or a trusted adult to complete 10 mystery challenges against the clock. New Zealand Home Loans is the title sponsor for the 2015 XRACE series, run from Feb - April 2015 all around New Zealand. We are delighted to be associated with such a fantastic family event.

I have 2 free tickets to give away for XRACE Hamilton on 1<sup>st</sup> March, so parents, please email [blair.miller@nzhomeloans.co.nz](mailto:blair.miller@nzhomeloans.co.nz) by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 2015. For your chance to win a free entry valued at \$75 each, please tell me what NZ Home Loans clients are saving in interest currently in \$\$\$\$\$\$ (hint, check the website!!) & email me your answers.

**LADIES FITNESS IS BACK!**

Star Indoor Soccer Centre  
82 Duke street Hamilton  
[www.starturfindoorsoccer.com](http://www.starturfindoorsoccer.com)

**THE AVANTIDROME REV CYCLING FESTIVAL**  
28th February 2015 in Cambridge, 9.30am – 2pm

Cycling is a great way to be **active as a family**

Come down to **Tom Voyle Park** and take part in **free** bike challenges (10am-2pm) and the **free** kids Rev mini (9.30-10am), a fun ride for 12 and unders on a 2km circuit. Other categories available for adults.

**RACE THE ROADS OF CHAMPIONS**  
28 FEBRUARY 2015 | [THEREV.CO.NZ](http://THEREV.CO.NZ)

sportwaikato  
*out there and active*

**Bike wise 2015**

**FREE FUN**  
for everyone!  
GREAT PRIZES TO WIN

**Claudelands Park**  
Sun 22 Feb, 10am-12pm

Bike DECORATING CYCLING SKILLS Bike CHECKS RACES

**Bike wise**  
Register now at [hamilton.govt.nz/bikewise](http://hamilton.govt.nz/bikewise)

**Hamilton City Council**  
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**LET'S BUILD**

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Master Builder

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**CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S DAY**  
© FIRST SUNDAY IN MARCH

**CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES!**

**Design your own Superhero cape**

- Be original
- Be creative
- Have fun!

Be in to **WIN a Mark One Comics Prize Pack!**

Superhero wallet, action figure and poster (5-8 year olds); Comic, coin bank and graphic novel (9-13 year olds)

**MK1**

Cut out your completed Superhero cape, write your name, school and age on the back of it, then return it to your local library by **Friday 27 February 2015**. Superhero capes will assemble at Garden Place Library from 2 March 2015. Winner will be announced on Children's Day, 7 March. See you there!

SEND YOUR NAME AND AGE TO: [www.hamiltonlibraries.co.nz](http://www.hamiltonlibraries.co.nz)

**Hamilton City Libraries**  
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