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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2015

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

### SCHOOL GALA

Our Gala last Saturday was a wonderful occasion, with so much community help and support. Our PTA did a wonderful job and a **BIG** thanks to parents, teachers and students for their contribution, my sincere thanks! The PTA is currently "crunching" the numbers and will have a final figure in a week or so, but things are looking promising on the amount raised for our children.

### HELPING VANUATU "MUFTI DAY" & COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES THURSDAY 2ND APRIL, 2015

One of our wonderful students suggested that we have a Mufti Day to support victims of Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu. What a great idea! We also have one of our families collecting school equipment to help children that will be sent in a container, so we have decided to combine both ideas on the same day, the last day of term, **Thursday 2 April**.

So, please wear mufti clothing (*non-school uniform*) and bring a **gold coin donation to the School Office**. All monies raised will go to the Red Cross appeal <https://www.redcross.org.nz/>

- Also, please drop off to the School Office any spare exercise books, pads, pens, pencils, crayons, scissors, glue, backpacks, school bags, pencil cases, balls, games etc etc that you would like to donate

Thanking you in anticipation of your generosity.

### ICAS EXAMS (YRS 4-6 STUDENTS)

We would like to give your Year 4 -6 child the opportunity to compete in the 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) run annually by Educational Assessment Australia with the University of NSW. If your child has ability, interest or aptitude in any of the subjects below, he or she may enjoy this challenge.

The 2015 ICAS dates and costs are listed below:

- Digital Technologies \$8.50
- English \$8.50
- Mathematics \$8.50
- Science \$8.50
- Spelling \$10.50
- Writing \$19.50

SUBJECT	SITING DATE
Digital Technologies	Tuesday 19 May
Science	Wednesday 3 June
Spelling	Tuesday 16 June
Writing	Wednesday 17 June
English	Tuesday 28 July
Mathematics	Tuesday 11 August

As you will notice from the ICAS Dates above, the first exam is Digital Technologies on Tuesday 19th May.

**In order to ensure all exams arrive in time, we would ask that student registration and payment be made by the Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2015** (*final day of Term 1*).

If you choose to pay by online banking, please ensure that your child still brings in the completed permission form with the appropriate test topics highlighted, as this determines the numbers of tests that we order. Thank you.

Please note:

- The exams are competitive and the students write them under exam-like conditions
- The exams are timed
- The exams are externally assessed. Participation results will be given at team assemblies... all other results (Merit, Credit, Distinction, High Distinction) will be awarded at a full school assembly

## SWIM SCHOOL LESSONS

We are looking at running Swimming Lessons in the April 2015 School Holidays and a 6-week block course starting in Term 2.

### School Holiday Lessons

This will be a 1-week block course for your child/ren. Pre-school children's lessons will also be available if there is enough interest.

Block courses will be held: **13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015**. Your child/ren's lesson would be for 25 minutes each day of the week.

### Term 2 Lessons

This will be a 6-week block course for your child/ren. Pre-school children's lessons will also be available if there is enough interest.

Lessons will be on Tuesday's and Thursday's each week, start Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April and finish Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

**Parents are reminded please to stay on site for your child's swim school lesson as per our swim school terms and conditions.**

A copy of our terms and conditions is available on our school website or from our School Office.

Please e-mail Celeste if you would be interested in making a booking with your child's name and swimming level [celestem@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:celestem@tetotara.school.nz)

## LEARNING PLAN PARENT COMMENT

Learning Plans are currently offline 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](mailto:michelled@tetotara.school.nz)

These comments will appear on the Learning Plans online and hard copy form.

Thank you very much to those parents who have already sent in their comments.

**Last day to submit comments will be Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015.**

## FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**

**Our Milky Way 20 children will be sharing.**

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

## FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK

**Our full school assembly next week will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 at 2pm in the Matariki Hall and our Marama 14 children will be sharing.**

Next week Orion, Kopu, Earth and Marama children will attend assembly. Everyone is welcome.

## NEXT WEEK

Next week I will be away with the Education Review Office (ERO), reviewing another school. This is valuable in helping me reflect on what we do at Te Totara as we continually try to improve.

The school will be led very ably by Anne Fraser, our Deputy Principal, while I am away.

## AFTER SCHOOL CARE

### RELIEVERS POSITION AVAILABLE

We are currently seeking relievers for our programme at Te Totara Primary School, with possibility of permanent hours. Before and After School Care provides a safe, secure, friendly environment for the care of children aged 5 years – 11 years

The ideal applicant will have

- A fun "can do" attitude
- Good verbal and written communication skills
- Empathy for children and their development

All enquiries and CV's can be emailed to [afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz)

## SPORTS

### TE TOTARA PLAYERS OF THE DAY

#### CRICKET

**Minis** Anrika Beumer, Chanel Myburgh

**Tigers** Josh Gunn, Lucas Hill

**Thunders** Charlie Jordan, Rory Allison, Bradley Silcock, Awatea Kiripatea.

#### TOUCH

**Gunns** Ben Robins, Shnarah Marshall

**Pacers** Cooper Jones

## DATES COMING UP

Thurs 2 April Helping Vanuatu Muffi Day  
Thurs 2 April ICAS Payments – Final Day  
Thurs 2 April PTA Mtg @ 7.30pm  
Thurs 2 April Term 1 Finishes @ 3.00pm

Mon 20 April Term 2 Begins @ 8.55am  
Wed 29 April Dental Therapists Visit

- Fluoride Treatment

Thurs 30 April Dental Therapists Visit

- Fluoride Treatment

Tues 19 May ICAS – Digital Technologies

Wed 3 June ICAS – Science

Fri 12 June Learning Plans Go Home

Tues 16 June ICAS – Spelling

Wed 17 June ICAS – Writing

Tues 28 July ICAS – English

Tues 11 Aug ICAS - Maths

Kind regards  
**Brian Sheedy**  
Principal

### LOST SCOOTERS

Micro brand, red with silver handle bars and black handle grips. Names Ellen written under the deck. If found please phone Justin Phone 0223001006.

Purple MGP scooter with name "Francesca Cullen" on side of the foot plate. Went missing on Monday afternoon from school. If found please contact Ginny 021 613 337.

### SUPPORT GIRL GUIDES

Girl Guide biscuits will be for sale outside the school hall before school and after the 3pm bell tomorrow (March 27th) Plain, Chocolate and Mini Choc all \$3.50 per packet.



## TE TOTARA PTA

**NEXT PTA MEETING –  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7.30pm**

To be held in the Staff Lounge. All welcome, we would love to see some new faces.



### PTA EMAIL ADDRESS

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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.

### HAMILTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FAIR

The HCS Fair is on Saturday 28 March at 9.30 am – 2.00pm, we are trusting for a fun filled day filled with lots of games, yummy food and much more. If anyone is interested in buying/running a stall, please contact our school on [reception@hcswaikato.school.nz](mailto:reception@hcswaikato.school.nz).

### FLUTE LESSONS

If you would like to learn the flute please contact Bridgette on 0212690091 or 8559077.

### SQUIGGLE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Programme offered at Waikato Diocesan and Tai Wananga School, Ruakura Research Centre. [www.squiggle.org.nz](http://www.squiggle.org.nz) or Phone Ariana 021 242 4567

### KELLY SPORTS – APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Our programme is full of exciting activities and trips that will guarantee children, aged 5-13 years, have a great time! OSCAR/WINZ Approved  
Te Totara School, Southwell School  
Hamilton Girls High School & Bankwood School.  
Also Leamington School, Cambridge  
8am – 6pm  
ALSO - RUGBY, NETBALL & FOOTBALL CLINICS  
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

### MARK COSSEY COACHING - APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

Monday 13th - Friday 17th April 9am - 3pm  
Inzone Indoor Sports Centre, Sunshine Avenue, Te Rapa  
\$35 per day  
5-12 years olds  
Book for five days and receive a free Nike football  
Further enquires or to book email: [waikatofootballacademy@gmail.com](mailto:waikatofootballacademy@gmail.com)

### LEARN TO SKATE

Hamilton Inline Hockey Club  
An 8 week course of skating for all levels and ages.  
Email [rinkmanager@hamiltondevils.co.nz](mailto:rinkmanager@hamiltondevils.co.nz) or Phone 021 0650 212

### EASTLINK MULTISPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

A variety of sports happening each day.  
7-10 April 2015  
Contact [events@waikatobadminton.co.nz](mailto:events@waikatobadminton.co.nz)