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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 23RD APRIL, 2015

Week 1

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)

ANZAC DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 27th April, 2015

Our school is closed on Monday 27th April to celebrate our National holiday. This is the first instance of a "Mondayised" holiday, where the holiday falls in a weekend and is celebrated on a Monday. Enjoy the day and you may like to remember the reason why we have ANZAC Day.

STAFFING UPDATE

We are delighted to have started a New Entrant class in Matawhero 3 with Mrs Julianne Wink as the teacher; our new students are quickly settling into school life so well.

This term we welcome Scott Robertson as the teacher in Kopu 22, as Andrea Johns is on medical leave for Term 2. While Andrea is away Suzie Goile will assume the Team Leader's role of the Kopu Team.

NEW ARTIFICIAL TURF AREAS

Our youngest STARS in Orion and Matawhero have been enjoying the new artificial turf installed next to the playground by Orion. It provides a neat surface for play and it has certainly been well used.

Also, added over the holidays was artificial turf near the Administration area. There is a path made by students that lead up to a "Friendship Seat". The seat can be used for children who might like to meet a new friend. The principal has tried it out and it works!

ANZAC COMMEMORATION

As part of our learning in Social Sciences we are holding a brief Commemoration on ANZAC, where our children will lay their poppies near the school flag. This will be followed by a brief lesson on what the day symbolises. We also have a student who will

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play the Last Post. We are planning to hold this Friday 24th April at the following times:

10.00am Orion, Kopu, Earth & Marama

12.00pm Matawhero, Neptune, Ra & Milky Way

Families are most welcome to attend. Pre-schoolers are also very welcome, but please be mindful it will be a formal occasion.

BIKEWISE

This term we have booked some bike safety skills for our Year 3-6 students. These sessions have been scheduled on the following dates; 29th April, 5th & 6th May.

The students can bring in their bikes, or if they don't have a bike, then bring a scooter to school. For safety on the day, the students will also need a cycle helmet and be in covered in shoes.

Bikewise is a session that Project Energize provides to teach children:

Bike Safety

Rider Safety

Helmet Safety

Fundamental skills for riding a bike

The Bikewise circuit will contain obstacles eg, jutter bars, ramps and see saws. Energize staff will help the children tackle the more difficult obstacles.

Your child's teacher will tell when their class bikewise session is on.

SCHOOL HOURS

Just a reminder that school starts at **8.55am sharp** and it is important for children to be here at that time. We appreciate your efforts however; if for any reason you do arrive late (after 8.55am) please report to the School Office where a smiley face stamp will be issued to your child before heading to your learning area.

Children are welcome to arrive at school from **8.15am onwards**. We have noticed a number of students arriving around 8.00am or even earlier. Teachers have planning to do before school in their classrooms and are unavailable to supervise any students arriving before 8.15am. We offer a Before School Care facility; Enrolment Forms are available from the School Office.

LATE PICK-UP OF CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL

Lately, we have noticed an increased trend in children being picked up late. To help with everyone's safety, any children who are at school after 3.15pm will need to wait at 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.

Should children not be collected by 3.30pm, they will be taken to After School Care, located in the Matariki Hall, and a fee will be charged.

SCHOOL LUNCH SERVICE

Our school lunch service has started this week and our children are enjoying great lunches from our school lunch supplier "Lunch Orders" who are based in Hamilton.

School lunches will be delivered to our school every day for children's lunches at 12.15pm if ordered by 8.30am daily. How it works:

- Order online anywhere, anytime on any device.
- Healthy food made with love from a team of experienced chefs.
- Affordable solution providing nourishment for your child with ease.
- **Sign-up for a free account now.**



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- Top up your account using a credit card or direct credit
- Place your order and select delivery date
- Sit back and relax while your order is freshly made and delivered to your school

LunchOrders delivers to Te Totara Primary on **MONDAY - FRIDAY** at **12.15PM.**



SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are delighted with the large number of students who look really great by wearing their uniform in the correct manner.

However, we have noticed a few students who are not complying with our Uniform Expectations and we ask your assistance with this.

ALL students are expected to be wearing their full correct uniform.

Students are to arrive at school and leave from school in their Te Totara Primary School uniform, **including footwear.**

- Uniforms are to be worn clean, neat and tidy.
- Students are encouraged to take pride in their school uniform and to wear it well.
- Hair is to be off the face, tied back if longer than the bottom of the collar, and be the natural hair colour.
- Nail polish and cosmetics are not permitted.
- Second hand uniforms may be available. Please see the notice board in the School Office for details.
- Any hair accessory is to be of a single school uniform colour – red, white, black, green.
- Variations in relation to the Human Rights Act may be negotiated with the Principal.
- All pupils are encouraged to use sunscreen at home before school and expected to wear the regulation school hat while outdoors. No hat – play in the shade.
- All uniform items should be clearly named.

From the beginning of Term 2, 2015 we will be expecting all students to be wearing their winter school uniform.

JEWELLERY

Items of jewellery can be easily lost or damaged at school. They may also cause injury to the wearer or other students. **For safety reasons items of jewellery are NOT to be worn.**

The school accepts no responsibility in the case of loss, damage or injury.

However, students may wear:

- a) One small earring stud per ear.
- b) A watch.
- c) A necklace of religious or cultural significance – to be worn underneath clothing.
- d) A Medical Identification Tag as required.

For a full description of our Uniform Expectations for our school uniform, please check the notice board in the School Office or the school website.

If you have any queries, please contact me at principal@tetotara.school.nz

FONTERRA MILK IN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

Our school is continuing the Fonterra Milk in Schools Programme.

Fonterra Milk in Schools is all about growing healthy kids and milk contains essential nutrients for growth and development. The natural nutrition of milk gives kids calcium for building bones and nutrients they need for sustained energy, concentration and learning in the classroom.

If your child is not currently part of this programme and they wish to be, please complete a Milk in Schools Permission Slip at the School Office.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 24th April, 2015 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**

Our Orion 11 children will be sharing.

This week Orion, Kopu, Earth and Marama children will attend assembly.

Everyone is welcome.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders due by 9.15am on Friday 1st May 2015 to the school office please.

Sorry NO late orders will be accepted.

DATES COMING UP

Wed 29 April

PTA Mtg @ 7.30pm

Wed 29 April

Dental Therapists Visit

- Fluoride Treatment

Wed 29 April

Bikewise Programme – Yrs 3-6

Thurs 30 April

Dental Therapists Visit

- Fluoride Treatment

Thurs 30 April

Whanau Meeting

Tues 19 May

ICAS – Digital Technologies

Mon 1 June

QUEENS BIRTHDAY

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Wed 3 June

ICAS – Science

Tues 5 May

Bikewise Programme – Yrs 3-6

Wed 6 May

Bikewise Programme – Yrs 3-6

Tues 16 June

ICAS – Spelling

Fri 3 July

Term 2 Finishes @ 3.00pm

Mon 20 July

Term 3 Begins @ 8.55pm

Wed 17 June

ICAS – Writing

Tues 28 July

ICAS – English

Tues 11 Aug

ICAS - Maths

Kind regards

Brian Sheedy

Principal

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TE TOTARA PTA

NEXT PTA MEETING –

Wednesday 29th April @ 7.30pm

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

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK EARLY BIRD ORDERS

Are you ready to purchase your amazing 2015-2016 Entertainment Book full of vouchers, discounts and incredible offers? Early bird offers are available now. Children will be bringing home flyers today with details of how to go about getting your hands on the new book. If you purchase at this early time, you will also receive a sheet of extra vouchers, over and above all the vouchers in the book. These include but are not limited to Lone Star & Leap, two of our favourite places in our family! Please read the instructions carefully and refer any questions to the contact details on the form.

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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.

SATURDAY MORNING MUSIC CLASSES

Our school has been in operation for over 30 years. Located on the University of Waikato campus, it is a charitable trust, and offers group tuition in a wide range of musical instruments, with fees kept low to make learning music as accessible as possible.

Contact us via our

website <http://www.hccm.ac.nz/> or on **07 838 4611**.

Growing and Learning Together



Bricks 4 Kidz Enrichment Programme Is Back

Dates: 29/04/2015 - 01/07/2015

on Wednesdays

@ Te Totara Primary School

Location: Room 1

Matawhero Block (Red)

Price: \$180

Click [Here](#) for a full description of programme and to register online or call us on 0212301764

email us @ wlin@bricks4kidz.com



WAIKATO EXPRESSWAY: HAMILTON SECTION PUBLIC INFORMATION DAY HAMILTON NORTH & HORSHAM DOWNS

The NZ Transport Agency invites you to attend an information day to discuss the proposed connection of Resolution Drive and Horsham Downs to the Hamilton Section of the Waikato Expressway, and subsequent changes to the wider road network.

This information day will update the public in light of the consultation undertaken in August 2014 on the various options that were being considered. Representatives from the NZ Transport Agency, Waikato District Council and Hamilton City Council will be available to explain the proposed connections and answer your questions.

Where: Horsham Downs Community Hall (Martin Lane, off Horsham Downs Road)

When: Thursday 23 April 2015, 2pm-7pm, call in any time

If you cannot make it to the information day and would like to provide feedback regarding the options being considered, please visit us online at www.nzta.govt.nz/hamilton

FLUTE LESSONS

For beginner and intermediate players

Please contact Kevin

Ma kevinma737@gmail.com mob 0226913234

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Call Chip today for a free market appraisal. Phone 027 475 2349. **A donation will be made back to our School with every completed house sale or purchase and all referrals that also leads to a successful sale or purchase.**

HORSHAM DOWN BADMINTON CLUB

VENUE: HORSHAM DOWNS COMMUNITY HALL

Martin Lane, (next to Horsham Downs School)

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

JITTERBUGS DANCE LESSONS

Last chance to enrol for Term 2 2015 (starting week 3). Sessions for both boys (hip/hop boxing style) and girls (jazz/aerobics style) ages 3 – 11. Lessons held at Te Totara Primary School on a Monday – Thursday afterschool. Great for your child's confidence, co-ordination and fitness. Cost \$78. Email: jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz for more info or check out the Jitterbugs Facebook page. **Only a few spaces left so make sure you get in quick to get a spot J**

JITTERFIT – FREE TRIAL FOR ANYONE INTERESTED!

Adults aerobics class held on a Monday night at 7.30pm in the Te Totara School Hall. Great for increasing your fitness and toning your body. Also includes swiss ball/postural work. Cost is \$75 for the term. Check out my Facebook page for motivational challenges and updates on any additional sessions I offer J. Only two spaces left. For a free trial or more information info email jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz

PUKETE KINDERGARTEN – ENROLMENTS WELCOME

We are currently seeking enrolments at our wonderful Kindergarten. Enrolments start at 2 yrs with an approximate starting age of 3 yrs, which is subject to change. We offer a fantastic environment with a wide range of stimulating educational experiences for your child/tamariki. We offer sessional hours (am and pm) and have 20 ECE Hours available. Our fully trained team is warm and caring and would welcome your enrolment. Please phone 849-3718 for any further queries or email us at pukete@kindergarten.org.nz.

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