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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 14th MAY, 2015

Week 4

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)

UPDATED IMMUNISATION RECORDS

An e-mail was sent out last week to some families asking for an Immunisation Record for their child/ren (or an updated copy) – many thanks to those families who have already returned those.

However, we still have a large number of families who have not returned Immunisation Records for their child/ren. Your URGENT attention to this would be appreciated.

MOONLIGHT DRIVE PLAYGROUND

The park close by is a wonderful addition to our community and so many of our students use this so well. We have had a report of some of our children in our school uniform demonstrating behaviour that is less than desirable. This is disappointing as we focus on our STARS values as being important inside and outside the school gate.

As a community it is important that we look after each other and I would encourage families to be proactive around this. If you do see anything of concern please let us know and we will follow up.

STAFFING UPDATE

We are delighted that two of our school leaders, **Paula Wine (promoted to Deputy Principal at Rototuna Junior High School) & Helena Kirkham (promoted to Assistant Principal at Rotokauri School)** have gained promotions in their career, **something we should be proud of as part of our school vision of “Growing and Learning Together,” which includes growing leadership for our staff.**

This will lead to further opportunities to those in our profession, and we will keep everyone updated on any developments for the next exciting phase of our school. If you have any queries around our staffing update, then please don't hesitate to contact me.

Acting Assistant Principal

The Board of Trustees have appointed **Jennie Brook-Watt as the Acting Assistant Principal for the remainder of the 2015 school year**, taking over from Paula Wine. We congratulate Jennie on this short term appointment. Later in the year the Board will advertise for an Assistant Principal. The position will reflect the needs of our school for well into the future and before advertising will include an analysis of our leadership structure to support our children.

Jennie and Paula have already been working together to ensure a very smooth transition. Jennie will be right up-to-date on all school activities including all the planned meeting with parents on Individual Education Plans (IEP's) for the remainder of the year.

Matawhero Team (Year 1)

Chris Chase, will take over the leadership responsibility for the Matawhero Team from Jennie Brook-Watt for the remainder of 2015. Chris is a highly experienced teacher and has had previous successful experience in leadership roles at this school and others. She has already been working with Jennie, and we know there will be a very smooth transition that ensures our children are well looked after.

We welcome **Abbi Thorpe Khan, as the New Entrant teacher in Matawhero 2** starting next Monday. Abbi is a highly experienced teacher, and is a graduate of Cambridge University in England. Many parents may remember her teaching here in the latter part of last year in the Year 2 area of the school, where she did a wonderful job.

Ra Team (Year 3 & 4)

During **Terms 3 & 4 of this year Rebecca Griffin will be on leave**. This has created an opportunity for a teacher currently in our school and we congratulate Scott Robertson on his appointment. Scott is currently working in Kōpū 22 until Andrea Johns returns at the beginning of Term 3.

Scott will be liaising extensively with Rebecca to ensure the continuity of the programmes in place, and to provide a smooth transition. He is excited to work with a Year 3/4 class, something he has had successful experience of already.

Marama Team (Year 5 & 6)

Congratulations to **Helen Kirkham, the Team Leader, who has been appointed as Assistant Principal of Rotokauri School.** This is a wonderful achievement and is a real endorsement of the work she has done. Helena will take up this new role in Term 3 this year. We are currently advertising the teaching position and will update all when the process is complete.

We welcome **Melanie Johnson as the new teacher in Marama 14,** who will be taking over from Renee Morgan, who is leaving us in June to have her baby. We wish Renee and her husband Adrian all the very best for this next exciting phase of their lives.

Melanie comes highly recommended to our school and we have been fortunate enough to have her working at our school during this year, so already she has a good working knowledge of the school and how we operate. Melanie will work closely over the coming weeks with Renee to ensure a smooth transition.

LIFE EDUCATION MOBILE CLASSROOM

During the next 3 weeks, 18 May – 5 June 2015 we are fortunate to be hosting the Life Education Mobile classroom at our school. The classroom is staffed by Trish Thurston who is the life educator and she will be working with our teachers and students on aspects of 'Food and Nutrition'. This links with our Health and Science Education curriculum. We are also creating links with Food technology in our learning areas. The school has arranged for opportunities for some parent sessions in the mobile as well.

These will include what Life Ed teaches, and how we fit in with the school curriculum. It will also be a chance for you to find out what your child has been learning, so that you can follow up at home. You'll be able to get some helpful online links, and also learn how to access the Harold website. Questions are always welcome as well.

Parent sessions are informal and will run from 3.15-3.45pm, from 25th-27th May inclusive. No bookings are necessary, just come and visit the Life Ed mobile at your school. (However, we do ask that if you would like to attend, please be seated in the mobile by 3.10pm and please arrange for school age children to be attended outside mobile, to allow room for parents.)

SCHOOL LUNCH SERVICE

Over the last 3 weeks we have had over 600 school lunches delivered to school for our school children. There is a great variety of food available on the school menu to order, including warm food and drinks.

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. **You will receive an email confirming your child's order once you have placed the order.**
- Please make sure you use the correct school and classroom details for your child to have their order delivered to our school, otherwise they may not get a lunch order delivered.
- 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.**



- Visit us online at www.lunchorders.co.nz
- Sign up for a free account and select your school
- 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.



FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 15th May, 2015 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**

This week our Milky Way 19 children will be sharing.

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

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

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 22nd May 2015.

TE TOTARA SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE DAY

HOCKEY

Leopards	Joshua Callan
Thunders	Dillon Reynolds
Stormers	TBA
Cheetahs	TBA
All Stars	Ben McMorrin
Shooters	Emily Cocurullo
Lightning	Kayleigh Neville
Strikers	Quade Lutze
Tigers	Mark Agluba

NETBALL

Comets	TBA
Magic	Lauren Burnet
Ferns	TBA
Rebels	Madison Long
Stars	Emilee Mehrtens, Mya Chee
Tigers	TBA

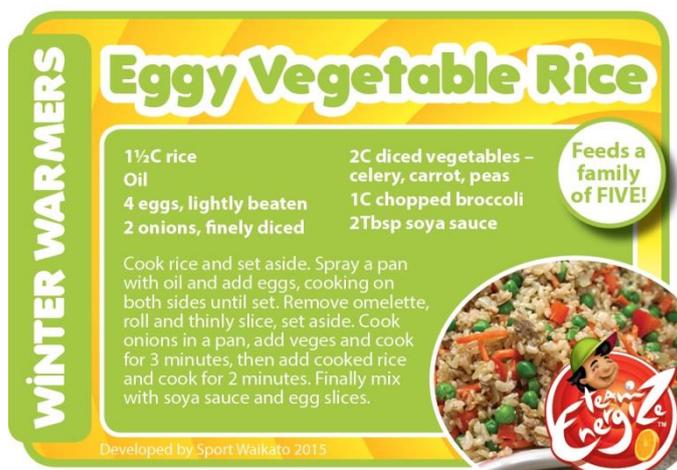
DATES COMING UP

Mon 18 May	Life Education Mobile Classroom arrives
Tues 19 May	ICAS – Digital Technologies
Mon 1 June	QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
Wed 3 June	ICAS – Science
Wed 3 June	PTA AGM/ Wine & Cheese
Fri 5 June	Life Education Mobile Classroom leaves
Fri 12 June	Learning Plans go home
Tues 16 June	ICAS – Spelling
Fri 26 June	Muffi Day supporting KidsCan
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



TE TOTARA PTA

PTA AGM and Wine & Cheese evening:

Wednesday 3rd June, 7pm.

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

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE HERE!!!!!!!

The brand new 2015 Entertainment Books have arrived and were sent home with every student Friday 1st May, 2015.

If you have already purchased a digital membership and/or do not wish to purchase a book please just return the book to the School Office into the white bin/box provided.



If you wish to purchase the book just follow the payment instructions.

A huge thank you in advance to everyone who does purchase a book, you are a wonderful support of our school with \$12.00 from every purchase going back to the school.

Any queries regarding Entertainment books, please contact Jackie @ gregandjack@gmail.com or on 0204220169.

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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.

SCALLYWAGS AND MUNCHKINS MARKET

The next Hamilton market will be held on Saturday 23 May 1:30-4:30, at Chartwell Cooperating Church on Comries Road in Chartwell. The market is for new and preloved items for maternity, babies and kids. For further information

www.facebook.com/ScallywagsAndMunchkinsMarket

TEDDY BEAR FOUND

I am waiting at the School Office for my owner to collect me.



HAMILTON EAST ROTARY WHEELS ON WAIKATO

The Hamilton East Branch of Rotary in partnership with Te Awa River Ride are holding a fun family cycle event and they wish to openly invite people from all around the Waikato to join in the event!

Rotary Wheels on Waikato is happening on **Sunday 24th May 2015** and will start from Ann Street, Beerescourt and cycle along Te Awa River Ride towards Horotiu Bridge.

To register for Rotary Wheels on Waikato go to www.akanz.co.nz. You'll enjoy a fun family day, bike checks, rego goodies, BBQ and spot prizes!

Waikato Touch is now taking expressions of interest from those wishing to apply as coach, assistant coach, manager or assistant manager of representative touch teams for the under 9 through to masters teams for the 2015/16 touch season. If you are interested in a role or have queries please contact admin@waikatotouch.co.nz.

Applications close on June 15th 2015. Training for these roles will be provided by Waikato Touch.

TENNIS COACHING

'Number 1 Tennis' is offering tennis coaching after school at Te Totara Primary School. Tennis lessons will be 45 minutes long and are on Tuesday's and start on May 12th. Private lessons are available.

Contact Andrew for a free trial lesson. For more information contact coach Andrew Sheedy at: andrewsheedy@hotmail.com

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