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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 15 October, 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), **Geia sou** (Greek), **Mbote, Jambo** (Congolese), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese), **Hola** (Spanish), **Annyeonghaseyo** (South Korea) **Israel Shalom** (Hebrew)

Welcome back to the final term of the year. The start of our term has gone well and our children and staff have come back rested and ready for the term ahead.

Term 4 is a busy one and I would encourage you to please keep an eye out on our school website, Facebook, and this newsletter, to keep up-to-date on all the events.

One important date is our annual End of Year Celebration, set down for **Monday 14th December 2015, 5.45pm for a 6.00pm start.**

All our children are expected to attend in school uniform. It is on our school field, families can come along with a picnic and blanket and enjoy the children performing on the "hill." It lasts around 1½ hours and is a wonderful way to celebrate the end of year. More details will be sent out closer to the event.

BYO IPAD EVENING FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 3 & 4 STUDENTS

We are about to introduce optional Bring Your Own (BYO) iPad for our Year 3 & 4 students. We would like to invite you to an information evening aimed at providing more details about this initiative, the procedures around this, and showing you the kinds of learning that students do on iPads. **This will be on Tuesday 20th October from 7-8pm in the Matariki Hall.**

If you are the parent of a Year 5 or 6 student and were unable to attend our earlier information evening you are welcome to come along on Tuesday.

If you are thinking of purchasing an iPad, Noel Leeming, our preferred supplier, will be onsite. They will also be available on Thursday 22nd October from 8.30-10am and 1.30-4pm in our Resource Room.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CHARTER CONSULTATION

When:

Thursday 22nd October 7.00pm-8.00pm

Wednesday 28th October 7.00pm-8.00pm

Where:

Matariki Hall, Te Totara Primary School

Who should come?

Any parents and extended families; including Grandparents who are interested in helping with the direction of the school.

What will happen?

7.00pm - 7.20pm

Background information on the school, there will be frequent pauses in the presentation to allow for translation time.

7.20pm - 8.00pm

A chance to mingle, add thoughts/ideas, through post it notes on key questions around the hall. Board of Trustees and School Leaders will be there; a chance to catch up and discuss and ask questions about our school.

Can I bring anything?

We ask families to bring a plate. This means a plate with some food to share from 7.20m onwards.

Some information...

What happens to the information?

We will use it to reshape our School Charter for 2016 - 2019. Currently, we have over 100 responses from families and really want to get more to capture the ideas and thoughts from all of our Community.

What is a Charter?

A Charter is an agreement between the Ministry of Education and the school to support school development, our current Charter can be found at...

<http://www.tetotara.school.nz/6/pages/6-2014-charter>

PHOTOLIFE GROUPS & CLUSTER SPORTS PHOTOS MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER, 2015

Each year we have school photos; these are deliberately done towards the end of the year so we can have as many of our students involved.

Students will need to look their best, so please ensure the correct school uniform is worn and that it is in a clean condition.

There will be no Sports Team photos this year, Coaches/Managers were advised to take their own photos during the season if required. However, Cluster Representative Sports Team photos will be taken.

Group Photos include:

School Leaders
Jump Jam
Te Totara Times
Enviro Team
Librarians & Shelf Monitors
Student Councillors
Kapa Haka

Please note: The Whole School Photo has been re-scheduled to take place on Wednesday 11th November 2015 @ 9.00am

KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE PROGRAMME TERM 4, 2015

During Term 4 throughout the school we will be teaching the “**Keeping Ourselves Safe**” Health Education Programme. We have made a commitment as a learning community, within our Board of Trustees Policies, to teach this programme every two years.

This is a comprehensive personal safety programme that has been developed by the Ministry of Education and the New Zealand Police to meet current best practice in education and child protection. Students will learn and apply a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others.

Our Year 0-2 classes will be teaching the unit titled “*Knowing What to Do Me Mōhio Kia Pēhea*”.

Our Year 5-6 classes will be teaching the unit called “*Getting Help: Te Whiwhi Āwhina*”.

Our Year 3-4 classes will be working with a programme that uses aspects and suitable resources from both programmes.

Keeping Ourselves Safe has been designed to give our children the skills to cope in situations involving abuse. It has three overall aims:

- to develop and strengthen children’s skills to keep themselves safe with other people;
- to support and encourage abused children to get help from caring adults;
- to make teachers and parents more aware of the need to keep children safe from abuse by adults or other children.

The programmes will be taught by your child’s teacher, with help from our Police Education Officer, Genie Slement, as required.

To be successful, **Keeping Ourselves Safe** needs your help and support. Your child will have some home activities to work on with you. You will also get links through our Term 4 newsletters to two pamphlets:

Are your Kids Safe - A pamphlet for Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

Keeping Kids Safe in Cyberspace - A pamphlet for Parents and Caregivers.

It is important that you participate as much as possible and talk to your child about what they have been learning. This will reinforce the message the school is giving, and help your child to use his or her new skills with confidence.

We have arranged a Parent Information Session with our Police Education Officer, Genie Slement, on **Monday 19th October from 2.15pm – 3.00pm in the Staff Lounge.**

This is an opportunity to find out more about the programme and to have any questions you may have answered.

For further information, check out the New Zealand Police Education website school portal Information Guidelines for Parents. Please don’t hesitate to ask your child’s teacher if you have any further queries or contact myself, Mr Sheedy or Mrs Brook-Watt, available through the School Office.

Anne Fraser

Deputy Principal & Curriculum Manager

PLANNING FOR 2016

We are beginning to plan for 2016 and are looking at next year’s classes for our students. The process for organising classes includes:

- Looking at the school structure, the staff and how we can best cater for our students.
- Teachers reflecting on their student’s strengths and needs.
- We consider student’s needs and ask them for five names of their friends.
- Parents have an opportunity to contribute by e-mailing me any factors to consider. Due to possible staff changes, it is best to consider the type of teaching style, curriculum needs or learning environment

that you may be thinking of for your child, rather than asking for a specific teacher.

If you would like to do this, please e-mail Anne Fraser, Deputy Principal, by **Friday 30th October, 2015** at dp@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 email 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.

The last day to submit comments will be Friday 13th November, 2015.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS – DESTINATION SCHOOL

Many of our Year 6 families have already enrolled at an Intermediate School/Junior High School for 2016 and have received confirmation of acceptance.

It would be appreciated if you could advise the School Office of your decision on Ph: 853-0039. As you can imagine, these schools have a huge amount of applications to process and are keen to receive applications in advance. If you haven't made a decision as yet, please also let the School Office know.

FRIDAY MORNING COFFEE AND BOOKS

A coffee cart from Cinnamon Cafe will be outside the school Library on Friday mornings. Come along from 8.00am to get your coffee fix and then pop into the library to get books out for the weekend. The library lends up to six books to parents, and you are welcome to borrow books for your pre-schoolers.

Te Totara Primary School

A NEW LEASE OF LIFE FOR BOOKS

If you bought your child a book in the holidays and they've read it, we have a way for you to get more reading for your money! Have them bring the book in and they can ask a librarian to open the Book Fridge at lunchtime. They can then swap their book for another book from our Book Fridge. The Book Fridge is for second-hand chapter books in a reasonable condition.

If you are having a spring clean out of chapter books and are happy to donate some then we would love to build up the choices available in the Book Fridge. Please bring them to Michelle Simms or Esther Rorimpandey in the Library.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by 9.15am on **Friday 23rd October 2015** to the school office please. **Sorry NO late orders will be accepted.**

REMEMBER.... When completing the order form please fill in all the details i.e. name, room number, item number and title of the book.

A new easy way to order and pay now, is to order and pay online with the book club loop.

Visit: mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

2016 SCHOOL YEAR TERM DATES

To help families with planning for 2016, here are the school year term dates.

Term	2016	Holidays during term time
Term 1	Tue 2 Feb- Fri 15 April (11 weeks)	<u>Week 2</u> Mon 8 Feb-Waitangi Day (Monday) <u>Weeks 8 & 9</u> <u>Easter</u> Fri 25 March Mon 28 March Tue 29 March
Term 2	Mon 2 May- Fri 8 July (10 weeks)	<u>Week 6</u> Mon 6 June – Queens Birthday
Term 3	Mon 25 July- Fri 23 Sep (9 weeks)	<u>Week 7</u> School Mid Term break Monday 5 September
Term 4	Mon 10 Oct- Fri 16 Dec (10 weeks)	<u>Week 3</u> Mon 24 Oct - Labour day

SAFETY TO/FROM SCHOOL

It is vital that our students stay safe. Therefore, we remind our students that;

If cycling, make sure cyclists:

- Wear helmets.
- Are visible; with working lights and reflectors, and that they wear visibility gear if possible.
- Stick to cycle lanes and ride single file.
- Ride according to the weather and conditions.

If walking:

- Do not cross roads in front of traffic – you can't be seen.
- Use pedestrian crossings when available.

All students:

- Obey all traffic laws and rules.
- At traffic lights, wait for signals.

Thank you for helping us to keep students safe and healthy.

SCHOOL CLOSED
MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER
LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 16th October, 2015 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall. Our Earth 35 children and our Jump Jam Team will be sharing.**

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

Everyone is welcome.

DATES COMING UP

Mon 19 Oct	Photolife - Groups & Cluster Sports Photos
Mon 19 Oct	Keeping Ourselves Safe Information Session 2.15-3pm
Tues 20 Oct	BYO iPad Yr 3&4 Info Evening
Wed 21 Oct	PTA Christmas Heirloom Company Social Night
Thurs 22 Oct	Community Meeting Charter Consultation 7.00pm-8.00pm
Mon 26 Oct	SCHOOL CLOSED – LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
Tues 27 Oct	'Have a Go' Junior Athletics (Yrs 0-2)
Tues 27 Oct	PTA Christmas Heirloom Company Social Night
Wed 28 Oct	Jnr Athletics Postponement Date

Wed 28 Oct

Thurs 29 Oct

Fri 30 Oct

Tues 3 Nov

Fri 6/Sat 7 Nov

Sat 7 Nov

Tues 10 Nov

Wed 11 Nov

Thurs 12 Nov

Tues 24 Nov

Wed 25 Nov

Fri 27 Nov

Wed 2 Dec

Tues 8 Dec

Mon 14 Dec

Tues 15 Dec

Thurs 17 Dec

Community Meeting Charter Consultation 7.00pm–8.00pm

BOT Mtg @ 6.30pm

School Disco

PTA Christmas Heirloom

Company Social Night

National Jump Jam Finals –

Christchurch

PTA Car Boot Sale

Senior Athletics (Yrs 3-6)

Photolife Whole School Photo

Snr Athletics Postponement Date

Cluster Athletics (Y4-6)

PTA meeting 7.30pm

Learning Plans go home

Volunteers "Thank you"

Morning Tea @ 9.00am

Y6 Leavers Supper

End of Year Celebration

EOY Celebration Postponement

End of Term @ 3.00pm

Kind regards,

Brian Sheedy

Principal

2015 PASIFIKA LANGUAGE WEEKS

12 – 18 Oct

Niue Language Week

25 – 31 Oct

Tokelau Language Week

LUNCHBOX RECIPES

SANDWICHES

Great energy to learn and play!

Keep sandwiches exciting with interesting fillings!

- peanut butter and banana
- grated apple and cinnamon
- mashed egg and lettuce



Developed by Sport Waikato 2015





DISCO 2015
FRIDAY 30TH
OCTOBER 2015

Congratulations to Bella (Room 25) for suggesting the Theme "In The Movies"

Time: Year 0-2 5.00pm – 6.15pm
Year 3–6 6.30pm – 8.00pm

- **Where:** Te Totara School Hall
- **Entry:** \$2.00
- **Food:** Chips, popcorn, lollies, juice, water and fizzy drink to purchase.
- **Lights:** Flashing lights will be available to purchase.
- **Kids Artwork:** Kids have the chance to decorate some artwork for the Theme "In the Movies". There will be prizes for each session for the best artwork - can be any shape or form. **Please hand into the office by Thursday 29th October.**
- **Photos:** If anyone could take photos on the night in either or both of the sessions please let us know ASAP.
- **Decorations:** If anyone is able to help with painting an entrance way that would be amazing.
- **Prizes:** The kids love getting prizes for dancing, best dressed, their artwork etc. so we would love any prizes of any sort that you could donate, we will also promote your business on this ad and Facebook pages. There is limited space in the hall so we encourage parents not to stay, but instead either help on the night or drop your kids off.
- **Pickup** – your child will not be able to leave the hall unless they are accompanied by an adult, so you will need to come in and pick your children up.



Any queries please email the Disco team at tetotara.pta@gmail.com

DISCO HELPERS: Have you ever helped out at a disco? It's a lot of fun so now's your chance!

We need at least 15 helpers per session at least 10 helpers for the setup on Thursday night.

Please indicate which session you can help with by accessing the online booking system, www.schoolinterviews.co.nz Event Code: 2DRST

Saturday 7th November, 2015
8.00am – 10.30am

Te Totara Primary School Car Park, 31 Hector Drive.

(cars parked by 7.30am and leave at 10.30am)

Pre sales \$10 or \$15 on the day, If you

have any queries, please email tetotara.pta@gmail.com



THE CHRISTMAS HEIRLOOM COMPANY

Fun, Social Night Out!

Includes nibbles & drinks

Demonstration includes tree decorating, lights, wreaths, centrepieces, decorating garlands, bows, Christmas tips & advice. 10% discount on the night should you choose to make a purchase.

Dates:

Wednesday 21st October

Tuesday 27th October

Tuesday 3rd November

7.00pm until approx 9:15pm

Gather your friends, family & neighbours

Limited spaces available - first in first served!!

\$15 per ticket

There are limited spaces available for each night so first in first served.... Get a group of friends together and enjoy a night out. **Tickets go on sale from Monday 21st September. Also**



early bird tickets are on sale from Monday to Friday \$10.00 each; \$15 thereafter.

Tickets available from the office or the PTA Facebook page.... Book your preferred date. Payment can be made by cash into the green PTA box or deposit into the PTA bank account (see below). Any queries please contact Jasmine Ph. 027 352 4990.

Note: Due to low PTA numbers, the School Gala will not be held again until March 2017. Instead, we will have a "Family Fun Day" on Saturday 19th of March, 2016

PTA BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

Te Totara Primary School PTA
Account: ASB **12 3171 0277833-00**
Please ensure your name is used as a reference.

PTA EMAIL AND FACEBOOK ADDRESSES:

tetotara.pta@gmail.com
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Te-Totara-Primary-School-PTA/30090011661692>

NEXT PTA MEETING

Wednesday 25th November 2015
7.30pm in the Staff Lounge
Everyone is welcome



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.

JITTERBUGS DANCE LESSONS TERM 4:

- Limited spaces left for Term 4 (starting wk 2)
- Lessons held on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Te Totara Primary School
- \$78 for the term
- For girls aged 3 – 11 and boys from 5 – 11
- Email jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz for more info

JITTERFIT ADULTS FITNESS SESSIONS TERM ENROLMENTS

- Two spaces left only!!
- Held on a Monday night at Te Totara Primary School at 7.30pm
- Includes cardio and conditioning work
- \$85 for 10 weeks of Term 4 (starting week 2)
- Email jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz for more info or to sign up

FREE EAR CLINIC SERVICE FOR CHILDREN TERM 4, 2015

Hamilton clinic, appointments made by phoning (07) 838 3565.

SATURDAY MORNING MUSIC CLASSES

Classes for Term 4 2015 of the Hamilton Community Centre of Music start on **Saturday 17th October**. The centre offers affordable group tuition in a wide range of musical instruments.

Informal concert on Saturday 28th November: Come along to the New Place Theatre on campus (access via Gate 8 on Hillcrest Road) at 11:30am for an hour of performances by many of our students. Darth Vader will be on stage this year! Koha entry. Contact us via our website <http://www.hccm.ac.nz/> or on [07 838 4611](tel:078384611).

INSTITUTE OF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

The Institute of Professional Learning are hosting an exciting Professional Learning Expo on Thursday 15 October, 4 pm to 7 pm, at Waikato Innovation Park. We have something for everyone, including parents and school communities, prizes and refreshments.

Institute of Professional Learning / Faculty of Education / University of Waikato Private Bag 3105 / Hamilton 3240 / New Zealand www.waikato.ac.nz/professionallearning/ / + 64 7 838 4458 Located: 144 Knighton Road, Hamilton

ROTOTUNA MARKET

This Sunday, 18th October 10:00 - 2:00pm (3rd Sunday of the Month) 85 Barrington Drive, Rototuna, Hamilton. Lots of new stall holders, a bouncy castle! Music, lots of new food stalls and More!!!

CHARTWELL CHURCH FAIR

Saturday 17th October 2015, 9am-12pm
Cnr Comries Rd & Belmont Ave, Chartwell
Something for everyone! New & recycled!
Come along and grab a bargain.

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.