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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 29th October, 2015  
Week 3

**Kia Ora** (Maori/NZ), **Hello** (English), **Bula** (Fijian), **Welkom** (South African), **Huān yǐng** (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) **Israel Shalom** (Hebrew)

### YEARS 3-6 ATHLETICS DAY

#### \*\* PARENT HELP URGENTLY NEEDED \*\*

Our Years 3-6 Athletics Day is on **Tuesday 10th November, 2015**. We will need Parent Help on the day to help the events run smoothly.

Please email [naomic@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:naomic@tetotara.school.nz) by the 6th November advising which of the times listed below if you are available to help.

**Session 1:** 9.00am - 10:30am

**Session 2:** 11.00am - 12:30pm

**Session 3:** 1:25pm - 2:30pm

The postponement day is **Thursday 12th November**.

If you are able to offer parent help, can you please also indicate whether or not you are able to make it on the postponement day.

*Many thanks for your support!*

### STUDENTS ARRIVING/LEAVING TE TOTARA

To help with our planning, it would be appreciated if you could please let us know if your child is leaving Te Totara at the end of 2015 (*other than Year 6 students*). If you have a child coming to Te Totara in the future, we would love to have an Enrolment Form - it would be much appreciated and certainly help with our future planning!

### MOVING HOUSE?

Just a little reminder.... if you have moved or will be moving, please remember to advise the School Office of your new contact details so that we can update your child's records accordingly.

### 2016 OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS

#### FIRST ENROLMENT PERIOD

Recently, the Board of Trustees released 50 out-of-zone spaces for the first enrolment period of **1st January 2016 – 30th June 2016**

Applications have closed and parents have been informed of the outcome.

#### SECOND ENROLMENT PERIOD

Early in 2016, the Board of Trustees will look at the number of enrolments, the level of predicted student growth and determine how many spaces (*if any*) for the second enrolment period of **1st July 2016 – 16th December 2016**. This process will be completed allowing lots of time for families to know what is happening.

A number of families have submitted out-of-zone enrolments for the second enrolment period already, we will hold onto those. Further information will be placed in the newsletter closer to the time.

### KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE PROGRAMME

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.

For those families who were unable to attend the recent Parent Information Session held with our Police Education Officer, Genie Slement, the below link may be of help to you to find out more about the programme and to have any questions you may have answered.

[www.police.govt.nz](http://www.police.govt.nz) (then click on...)

- Advice
- Personal & Community Advice
- School Portal
- Resources
- Successful Relationships
- Keeping Ourselves Safe

### MOVEMBER

All our male staff members have joined together to raise awareness for mens health by participating in Movember. This is where for one month moustaches are grown. The link to support is:

<https://nz.movember.com/mospace/team/>

We apologise in advance for the quality of the moustaches that will be grown!

### SCHOOL START AND FINISH TIMES

Just a reminder to everyone that school starts promptly at **8.55am**, when the roll is taken.

We finish school each day at **3.00pm** with the only exception being Fridays after assembly. All other days teachers have been asked not to release their students until the 3.00pm bell goes. This allows for the satisfactory conclusion of the afternoon teaching programme, student tidy up routines and for staff to manage the school exit areas.

**If a student needs to be picked up before 3.00pm, for any unusual events such as urgent appointments then parents are asked to sign your child/ren out through the School Office, including the reason for an early pick-up, prior to going to the classroom.**

The conclusion of assembly on Fridays will be the only time when students will be released early to parents who have attended assembly. Thank you for your assistance in ensuring we maximise learning programmes for your child.

### 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 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2015** at [dp@tetotara.school.nz](mailto: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**
  - 2) **document and attach it to your e-mail.** It must be less than 500 characters in total (including punctuation and spaces).
  - 3) In the subject line of your email type - Parent Comment Attn: Michelle Druett
  - 4) 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.

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

### FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly was held today, **Thursday 29th October 2015** in the Matariki Hall at 2pm (*due to the disco being set up for Friday night*)

**Our Marama 15 children shared at assembly.**

This week Orion, Kōpū, Earth and Marama children attended assembly.

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2015, DUE TO THE SCHOOL DISCO.**

### ROTOTUNA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Our new neighbours have developed a website for new Students who are starting next year called **The Cloakroom**, you may recognise a few faces when looking through the site, the address is...

<https://sites.google.com/a/rjhs.school.nz/students/>

### YEARBOOK 2015 - \$20.00 EACH

Our wonderful school Yearbook is currently being put together and Order Forms will be sent home today. **At only \$20.00 per book**, it is a great record of the years' learning and events and includes over 100 full colour pages. Children love pouring over the pages and do so for many years. **Orders Close on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.**

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Congratulations to **Caitlyn Silcock** who was selected in the Waikato Under 9 Girls Touch Team. Caitlyn will be training twice a week for 3 big tournaments after Christmas. Well done Caitlyn, we wish you all the best!

Congratulations to **Zahraa Bester** who is a member of the Waikato Junior Golf Society Team. They won the Booth and Weber Shield this past weekend at the Omokoroa Golf Course. Zahraa was the youngest female in the tournament and she got best nett score on Monday. She shot a 93 gross less her handicap gave her a 58 nett score. Well done Zahraa!



## FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY - SHUNT ONLINE COURIER SERVICE

Our school is participating in an online courier service for sending parcels anywhere in New Zealand as a fundraiser for our school.

It's all done online in four easy steps and the parcel prices are cheaper than any Postshop or retail courier outlet anywhere in New Zealand.

You still use the same Courier or Postshop that you have always used, except now the tickets are created online and Shunt donates \$1.00 to our school for each parcel everybody sends.

How to use Shunt?

- 1) Go to the website, [www.shunt.co.nz](http://www.shunt.co.nz), Enter your pick up and delivery addresses
- 2) Select a Courier then print a ticket on any A4 printer
- 3) Select our school and enter this promo code each time you book a courier online, **BGM186**
- 3) Click, Book Courier

Anyone can use this online system, so tell your family and friends. You can even link your Trade Me account to make Shunt your Trade Me shipment company, which can be super-easy and economical.

There's no need to buy books of courier tickets or stand in a queue anymore!

## SCHOOL LUNCH SERVICE, ORDER ONLINE

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](http://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**.



## SPORTS

### TE TOTARA PLAYERS OF THE DAY

#### CRICKET

**Thunders** Ethan Bell, Juhi Fitzwalter

#### HOCKEY

**Keas** Sammy Dent-Allen, Riley Gerrand

#### NETBALL

**Diamonds** Ella Malal

**Lightning** Ellen Liu

**Thunderbirds** TBA

## DATES COMING UP

Thurs 29 Oct	BOT Mtg @ 6.30pm
Fri 30 Oct	School Disco Yrs 0-2 from 5.00pm – 6.15pm Yrs 3-6 from 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Wed 4 Nov	PTA Christmas Heirloom Company Social Night
Thurs 5 Nov	Wheels Day, Earth team
Fri 6/Sat 7 Nov	National Jump Jam Finals – Christchurch
Sat 7 Nov	PTA Car Boot Sale
Tues 10 Nov	Senior Athletics (Yrs 3-6)
Wed 11 Nov	Wheels Day, Ra team
Wed 11 Nov	Photolife Whole School Photo
Thurs 12 Nov	Snr Athletics Postponement Date
Tues 17 Nov	Junior Tabloid Day run by Student Leaders
Wed 18 Nov	Wheels Day, Neptune team
Thurs 18 Nov	Jnr Tabloid Day Postponement Date
Tues 24 Nov	Cluster Athletics (Y4-6)
Wed 25 Nov	PTA meeting 7.30pm
Thurs 26 Nov	Wheels Day, Kōpū team
Fri 27 Nov	Learning Plans go home
Wed 2 Dec	Volunteers "Thank you" Morning Tea @ 9.00am
Thurs 3 Dec	Wheels Day, Orion team
Tues 8 Dec	Y6 Leavers Supper 6.30pm
Thurs 10 Dec	Wheels Day, Matawhero team
Mon 14 Dec	End of Year Celebration
Tues 15 Dec	EOY Celebration Postponement
Thurs 17 Dec	End of Term @ 3.00pm

Kind regards,

**Brian Sheedy**

**Principal**

### LUNCHBOX RECIPES

## BREAD CASES

8 slices wholegrain bread

Fillings – try creamed corn and tomato, or baked beans, ham and cheese

Use mini muffin tins for a smaller snack

Flatten bread and press into nonstick muffin tins. Bake at 200°C for 5 mins until lightly browned. Add fillings and bake for 10 mins until hot.

Adapted from myfamilykiwi

Developed by Sport Waikato 2015



**TE TOTARA  
PTA**



## SCHOOL DISCO 2015

**FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015**

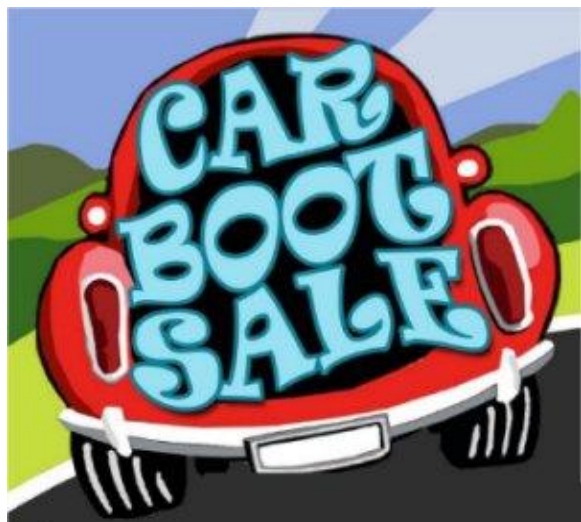
**Congratulations to Bella (Room 25) for suggesting the Theme "In The Movies"**

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

- Where:** Te Totara School Hall
- Entry:** \$2.00 **GOLD COIN PLEASE**
- 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 School Office by Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> 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. Please be on time when the sessions end.**



Any queries please email the Disco Team at:  
[tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com)



**SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> 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 \$10.00 or \$15.00 on the  
day, If you have any queries, please  
email [tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com)**

THE CHRISTMAS HEIRLOOM COMPANY

# Social Night

Wednesday 4th November  
7.00pm - 9:15pm



Grab your friends and come along to a fun night of Christmas fun with THE CHRISTMAS HEIRLOOM COMPANY. Enjoy nibbles & drinks with demonstrations on tree decorating, lights, wreaths, centrepieces, decorating garlands, bows, tips & advice. 10% off purchases on the night.

**Limited spaces available so book now!**  
Tickets \$10, available from through the PTA Facebook page or email: [tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com)

Payment can be made by cash into the green PTA box or deposit into the PTA bank account: Te Totara Primary School PTA Account: ASB 12 3171 0277833-00. Please ensure your name is used as a reference.

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

**NEXT PTA MEETING**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**LOVE TO SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS??**

The Waikato Rivertones would love to see you at their Open Night on Monday, November 9th. Come along to the Marian School Hall in Clyde Street, Hamilton East from 7pm for a fun night. Prepare yourself for the festive season! Contact Sarah Thomas, ph 027 408 9228.

Check out [www.waikatorivertones.com](http://www.waikatorivertones.com) or find us on Facebook.