

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 25th February, 2016

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), Mbofe, Jambo (Congolese), Konnichiwa (Japanese), Hola (Spanish), Annyeonghaseyo (South Korea) Israel Shalom (Hebrew)

GROWING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

We are now into the swing of the school year and it has been really encouraging to see our children and staff so readily accept the challenge of our School motto of *"Growing and Learning Together"*

To further build on this, we are looking forward to our first Learning Plan Discussions of the year on **Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd March**. This is a time for our children, family and teachers to meet together to look at the learning goals for the year and how they can be achieved. It is especially important to have the child there.

To help this process we will be sending home a written form for families to talk with children about and discuss what they see as the goals for the year. We will ask you to send these to the classroom teachers a few days before the discussions so that they can consider these and formulate important goals going forward. Details on how to book a Learning Plan Discussion time for your child/ren with the classroom teacher will be communicated through next week's school newsletter.

We do know that sometimes families would like to talk with the teacher without children present, so we are setting aside the first five minutes of the allocated time for this if needed. The remainder of the time is with the child, focussing on the goals and how they can be achieved. In Term 2 we will then look at the progress made toward these goals and where to next.

CONTACT WITH SCHOOL

To continue to support our home and school partnership we are ensuring parents have the email contact of staff. In order for matters to be dealt with in a considered and positive way we do encourage our teachers to contact parents by phone or by making appointments to discuss any areas that may be of concern. Similarly, talking is our preferred method of dealing with any matters of concern from parents.

This can be done by seeing the teacher between 8.30am-8.55am in their classroom; or if more time is needed by asking them for an appointment or leaving a message on their phone. To do this, please phone the School Office on (07) 853-0039 and a message can be placed in each teacher's voicemail mailbox; these messages are cleared each day at the end of school.

Our Teachers will undertake to respond within 48 hours or earlier by email, we do encourage our staff to be wary of being constantly in a digital world in the evenings. A number of staff, including myself, pause our Inbox so that we are able to spend time with family and be the freshest where it matters the most, with the children at school. To find the email contact please visit our staff page on our website...

http://www.tetotara.school.nz/5/profile_areas/1-2016-staff



If your child will be absent (or late) from school for any reason, please follow the normal procedure which is to contact the School Office by either:

- Phoning the school on **(07) 853-0039**
- School App
- Texting the School Office on 027 207-4466 with name, details and reason for absence.

Please note: Text messages are no longer acknowledged due to the volume received.

We would appreciate any absence messages **before 9.00am.**

MUFTI DAY TOMORROW - – FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY, 2016

LET'S SUPPORT BELLA'S BATTLE WITH CANCER AND HELP HER DREAM COME TRUE!

As many of you know one of our students, Bella Goff, has recently been diagnosed with Leukaemia. Bella's family have set up a "Give-a-Little" Fundraising page, here is a link to her page: <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/brave-bellas-big-dream>. Feel free to donate or to read about her progress.

Our school is proud to support Bella through the huge struggle her body is enduring throughout her intense chemotherapy treatment by holding a **Mufti Day on Friday 26th February, 2016.**

Please wear mufti clothing (*non-school uniform*) or dress up and bring a **gold coin donation**, our senior students will collect the money outside the School Office. The money we raise will be credited directly into Bella's "Give-a-Little" page to go towards her dream to go to Disneyland at the end of the year.



The below extract is from Bella's Give-a-Little Page:

"Our brave, sweet 7 year old daughter Bella is fighting for her life with a rare type of AML Leukaemia (cancer in the blood + marrow). She is enduring intensive chemotherapy treatment for over 6 months and her dream is to visit Disneyland this Christmas 2016, once she has kicked this disease in the butt!! (her words).

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MEETING TONIGHT @ 6.30PM

This year there is a Board of Trustees election coming up and we wanted to give everyone plenty of opportunity to think about standing for the Board. This link provides a brief guide as to what it entails. <http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/>

A really practical way to find out about how a Board operates is to come along to a Board meeting or two, these are held at least 10 times a year. Our next Board of Trustees meeting is on **Thursday 25th February @6.30 pm.** These are now being held in the Staff Lounge in the Matariki (Hall) building. The meetings are open to the public. If you would like any further information please don't hesitate to contact me via e-mail at principal@tetotara.school.nz



CELEBRATING CHINESE NEW YEAR

We do hope you had a chance to see our Reception area which was decorated by our Community Committee, with Lanterns to celebrate Chinese New Year. In the background, you will see many different welcomes to our School.

In the Matariki Hall we celebrate the different countries families come from. This week we were delighted to add the flag of Iraq. These flags are custom made to ensure that the name of the country is showing on the flag.

LOOK AT OUR NEW TE TOTARA CHICKS

The Matariki overhang has been a nesting space for a new family of swallows; our children are really enjoying watching these gorgeous chicks!



SCHOOL LUNCH SERVICE

We have up to 150 lunch orders on any given day arriving at school and have quite a problem at present with students and incorrect classroom numbers on their lunch orders. Can you **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE make sure that you have your child's 2016 classroom details on the lunch order.**

Have you tried their new items?

Chicken nuggets, Tropical smoothie and kiwi dogs, YUM!

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



BYO IPAD EVENING FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 3

WEDNESDAY 9th MARCH 6.30PM-7.30PM IN THE MATARIKI HALL

We are about to introduce optional Bring Your Own (BYO) iPad for our Year 3 Students. We do know a number of parents are ready to go on this option, so thanks for your patience. Also any parents of Year 4 -6 students are welcome to attend. 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 Wednesday 9th March October from 6.30-7.30 in the Matariki Hall.**

If you are thinking of purchasing an iPad, Noel Leeming are our preferred supplier.

SWIM SCHOOL APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY 1 WEEK BLOCK COURSE

New Zealand has one of the highest drowning rates in the developed world and unfortunately 2016 has seen many drownings in New Zealand already.

We are looking at running a 1 week block course of swimming lessons in the first week of the school holidays. 18-22 April 2016. Lessons will be 25 minutes each day for the week and there will be small class numbers of children which is a great way to boost your child's confidence in the water.

Fees for the week are \$75.00. These lessons are generally held from 9am-12.30pm. 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

SCHOOL SWIMMING TIMETABLE

Here is our swimming timetable for weeks 4-7, your children are really enjoying their in class swimming lessons.

<http://www.tetotara.school.nz/210/pages/65-swimming-pool>

ATTEMPTED ARSON

Yesterday we installed a cover between our two shade areas to stop outside users climbing on top of the sails ensuring we maintain a safe environment to play in. This cost the School \$1,600. Within 24 hours someone had burnt a hole in the cover as seen in the photo. We have contacted the Police, about this arson. The Police are investigating. We are also heightening our security further. If you have any information about this then please contact us. If you are at school and see suspicious activity then please ring the Police, they are very happy to help. Unfortunately the funding required for this shade sail means there is less resources for our children, so it is in all our interests to stop this.



YUMMY STICKERS

Let's work together to help support our Te Totara students as they begin to start collecting Yummy stickers.

The 'cut out' labels from the 2kg bags of 'Yummy' apples or individual 'Yummy' apple stickers can be cashed in to go towards winning free DG Sport sports gear for our school.

You can download a sticker chart from <http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schoolstickerpromo> and once it is all filled up, students can hand them in to their teachers. It's time to get crunching!

Many thanks, Miss Komal Kumar - Room 25.

DO YOU WANT TO PLAY A WINTER SPORT THIS YEAR?

We have Hockey, Netball and Mini-Ball (Basketball) on offer at Te Totara beginning in Term Two. We'd love to have you in a team. If you are interested, please come to our **Sport Muster** on **Wednesday 2nd March (Wk 5) at 12:35pm in the Matariki Hall**. At this muster you will meet with the teacher in charge of your selected sport and you will get an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST notice to take home, show to your parents/caregivers and bring it back to the School Office (signed) by the date shown on the letter. We look forward to seeing you there.

HAVE A GO NETBALL

Well done to all the students who came to the have a go netball afternoon on Monday! Remember to get an interest letter at next week's winter sports muster if you are keen! Also a huge thank you to Liz Gordon for organising the have a go afternoon, and to Paula Mehrrens, Tim Babbage and Megan Campbell for helping out on the day.

SPORTS

TE TOTARA PLAYERS OF THE DAY

TOUCH	TBA
Chiefs	William Honiss
Gunns	Bradley McEwen & Shayne Fourie
Rockets	Ryan Ollington
Stars	Daniel Hodgson

FAIRFIELD DENTAL THERAPISTS VISIT

Fairfield Dental Therapists are coming into our school on **Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th April** to apply a fluoride treatment for children who require this and who have given consent. If you have any questions regarding this please contact the Fairfield Clinic on Ph: [0800 825 583](tel:0800825583)

HEADLICE

Our Public Health Nurse has dropped in to see us and has some excellent tips on treating Headlice. She has recommended a product called "NifEnz" which is a natural shampoo proven to be very effective in eradicating headlice. It can be purchased from the supermarket. She urges that directions **MUST** be followed and a test patch conducted before applying.

We suggest to all our families to check your child/ren's hair on a weekly basis and wash hats regularly. **Please note: Children who are not treated may be asked to go home until treated.**

I have included a link below from the Ministry of Education that may be useful.

<http://www.minedu.govt.nz/NZEducation/EducationPolicies/Schools/SchoolOperations/HealthAndSafety/HeadliceAndNitsGuideForSchoolCommunities.aspx>

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by **9.15am on Friday 26th February 2016 (tomorrow)**, 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

Unfortunately, Scholastic have not supplied us with enough catalogues for everyone, several classes have missed out. If you would like to view the catalogue online here is the [link](#), and here is [information](#) about how to order. We do have a few spare paper copies if you want to pay by cash or cheque.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 26th February, 2016** in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.

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

Everyone is welcome.

DATES COMING UP

Thurs 25 Feb

BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm in the Staff Lounge

Fri 26 Feb

Muffi Day in support of Bella Goff – Gold Coin Donation

Wed 9 March

BYO iPad Year 3 Evening

Tues 15 March

Cluster Swimming

Tues 22 March

Learning Plan Discussions

School Finishes at 2.00pm

Wed 23 March

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Fri 25 March

Easter Friday, school closed

Mon 28 March

Easter Monday, school closed

Tues 29 March

Easter Tuesday, school closed

Mon 4-Tues 5 April

Fairfield Dental Therapists visit

Mon 11 – Wed 13 April

Camp for Milky Way

Wed 13 - Fri 15 April

Camp for Marama

Fri 15 April

TERM 1, 2016 FINISHES @ 3.00pm

Kind regards,

Brian Sheedy

Principal

EGG-CELLENT EGGS

FRENCH TOAST

- 4 eggs
- 4 Tbsp low fat milk
- 1 pinch cinnamon
- 1 Tbsp margarine
- 6-8 slices toast bread
- Fruit e.g. sliced banana, berries



Mix eggs, milk & cinnamon in a bowl. Heat margarine in a pan. Dip bread (1 at a time) into the mixture, coating both sides. Put in pan & cook for 2-3 mins on each side until golden. Serve warm with fruit.



Developed by Sport Waikato 2015

TE TOTARA PTA

NEXT PTA MEETING:

Wednesday 30th March at 7.30pm in the staff lounge.



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

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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.

TENNIS LESSONS AT TE TOTARA

"Number 1 tennis is offering tennis coaching after school on Wednesdays and Thursday's this term. Ages 8-10 on Wednesday 3.15pm-4.00pm and ages 10+ from 4.00pm-4.45pm, ages 5-7 on Thursday 3.15pm-4.00pm and ages 8-10 from 4.00pm-4.45pm.

Please contact Andrew Sheedy at andrewsheedy@hotmail.com to enrol or for more information"

SWIM TEACHERS WANTED

Do you love water? Do you have a passion to work with children?

Have you considered a career in Swim Teaching? Flexible work hours instructing babies from 5 months/Pre Schoolers/ School aged to enjoy, gain respect and develop fundamental swimming skills.

Full training offered. For more information contact Christine.hunger@hcc.govt.nz

PRECIOUS BAMBINOS MARKET

The next market will be held on Sunday 13 March, 10am-2pm at the Pavilion Rooms at the Hamilton Gardens. The market is for new items for maternity, babies and kids. There will be more than 20 stalls selling a variety of goods and products, including face painting, bake stall and a sausage sizzle.

Please see Facebook for further information

www.facebook.com/PreciousBambinosMarket

FRASER TECH RUGBY

Fraser Tech Junior Rugby Club weigh in days will be at Fraser Tech clubrooms (corner of Norton Road and Mill Streets) from 10am-1pm on Sat 19th and Sun 20th March. All returning players and any new players (pre-school to year 8) are asked to attend on these days. Any queries phone Kerry on 027 443 2094.

HAMILTON CITY TIGERS JNR RUGBY LEAGUE MUSTER

27 Feb 2016 Fairfield Park Grounds, 10am-12pm
Ages 4yrs-14ys, Please bring copy of birth cert or passport. Everyone welcome!

Contact Celeste Huntley ph 0272 183920 or email celestehuntley@gmail.com

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