

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 10th March, 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), **Mbote, Jambo** (Congolese), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese), **Hola** (Spanish), **Annyeonghaseyo** (South Korea) **Israel Shalom** (Hebrew)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS - CHARTER REVIEW AND 2016 PLANNING

Over the last six months the Board of Trustees has been actively reviewing our Charter 2015 achievement and looking forward to the future direction of the school. The Board consulted via an Online Survey, a Parent Survey at our Cross Country, Whanau Hui, Public Meetings, contact with Early Childhood Centres as well as staying in contact with our new neighbouring Rototuna Junior High School. Some key findings and ways forward:

- 101/103 or 98% of parents who responded to our confidential on-line survey expressed satisfaction with the school
- A strong theme of what we do well is related to the STARS programme and to continue doing this
- Celebrating diversity was seen as a way to further enhance what we do
- 94% of respondents felt well informed about their child's progress at school
- Continue to enhance and acknowledge our increasingly diverse community
- Maintain and enhance our communication with our community
- Communicate more with families on our Tikanga Programme, Learning Support, including catering for those with talents
- Continue and expand contacts with families
- Form a Community Committee to co-ordinate our contacts with community

To find out more please visit our website.... <http://www.tetotara.school.nz/6/pages/6-2016-charter>

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2015

We are pleased with the progress and achievement of our students, meeting the Government target of 85% of students achieving 'at' or 'above' in relation to National Standards. Of real celebration is the difference we are able to make to accelerate progress for students who have been at Te Totara Primary School for one year or more.

For 2015 our achievements in relation to National Standards across the School were:

- Reading 90% 'At' or 'Above' in relation to National Standards
- Writing 91% 'At' or 'Above' in relation to National Standards
- Mathematics 90% 'At' or 'Above' in relation to National Standards

To find out more please visit our website..... <http://www.tetotara.school.nz/6/pages/23-analysis-of-variance>

2016 OUR TARGETS

This year we have set targets that again are ambitious, yet achievable, to continue to lift student achievement. Our staff, who are our best resource, have done a wonderful job in delivering the curriculum and we continue to support their fine work on behalf of our children. This year we have set these targets...

Community

Continue to develop our school community; indicated by 90% satisfaction on a parent, staff and student survey in December 2016.

Systems, processes and Resources

Enhance systems, processes and resources to focus on teaching and learning, indicated by 85% satisfaction on staff survey

Teaching as Inquiry

To develop further our teaching pedagogy by teachers using Teaching as Inquiry to support the learning needs of students in their care as indicated by 90% satisfaction on staff survey

Reading

Reading. For those who have been at Te Totara for one year or more, lift achievement:

- Across the school from 89.7% to 92%
- Maori student achievement from 85.1% to 91%
- Maintain Pasifika students achievement 100% to 100%
- After three years at school from 83.3% to 90%

Writing

Writing. For those who have been at Te Totara for one year or more, lift achievement:

- Across the school from 91% to 92%
- Maori student achievement from 83.8% to 92%
- At the end of Year 6 students from 83.9 % to 90%

Mathematics

Mathematics. For those who have been at Te Totara for one year or more lift achievement:

- Across the School from 90.3% to 92%
- Maori student achievement from 83.3% to 92%
- At the end of Year 6 from 80.5% to 90%

To find out more please visit our website... <http://www.tetotara.school.nz/6/pages/6-2016-charter>

2016 BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

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/>

We also have a pamphlet available at the School Office called "A Parents' Guide to the Role of the Board of Trustees", you are most welcome to take a copy.

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 31st March @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



LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS

Today we are sending home with each child a goal-setting letter, where we ask families to consider what they feel are important goals with their child. We ask that these are returned by **Thursday 17th March** to the classroom teacher, to help them prepare for the Learning Plan Discussions on Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd March, where we do expect families and children to come along. If your original sheet doesn't make it home or is lost, please see our school website under newsletters, Learning Plan Discussions, goal-setting letter. http://www.tetotara.school.nz/100/newsletter_sets/2-newsletters/years/2016

Learning Plan discussions will take place on **Tuesday 22nd March & Wednesday 23rd March, 2016.**

We have arranged **15 minute time slots** for the discussion, there will be a change over bell so that everyone is aware of timings. If you have more than one child, you might like to have a break between each interview.

To ensure the smooth running of our Learning Plan Discussions, we would be grateful if all our parents/caregivers kept to the timetable.

There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress on:

Tuesday 22nd March, 2016

2.15pm, 2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm, 5.00pm, 5.15pm & 5.30pm

Wednesday 23rd March, 2016

2.15pm, 2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm **(break between 5.00pm-5.30pm)**, 5.30pm, 5.45pm, 6.00pm, 6.15pm & 6.30pm.

HOW DO I BOOK A TIME?

To make an appointment time for your child/ren, please use our online booking system www.schoolinterviews.co.nz – our school code is **2k3ax**. You can also access this site via our school website www.tetotara.school.nz

If you have more than one child attending school; please use the **“Add Student”** key for additional children to be displayed at the same time.

An electronic confirmation note will automatically be sent via e-mail upon completion of your booking, don't forget to include your e-mail address.

If you are unable to access the internet, please phone the school **(07) 853-0039 ext. 858** and leave a message with the time slot that you would prefer and Marise will collate these.

We will endeavour to give you the time as close as we can to your preference. If we are unable to assist we will go by first in first served. Please **do not** make arrangements direct with classroom teachers.

Bookings are open now and close on Friday 18th March @ 3.00pm

Please note: We will not be able to accept bookings after 3.00pm on Friday 18 March, 2016.

WHO SHOULD COME?

We encourage the student, and family members who have an interest in learning, to come along and discuss this with the teacher.

WHAT WILL THE FORMAT BE?

The discussion is a general one about how the learner is progressing, areas of strength and also discussing next steps in learning and how this can happen.

School will finish at 2.00pm on Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd March for all students. Students will need to be collected from school at 2.00pm please. After School Care, for those children enrolled, will be begin at 2.00pm both days.

WHEELS DAY

This is a favourite event for our children. Each Thursday from 8.15am we cone off an area for our children to bring their wheels i.e scooters, skateboards, roller blades (sorry, NO bikes) to enjoy using the asphalt area between Matawhero, Earth and Ra buildings. We rotate the teams so there is not too much congestion. We will be starting with older students next Thursday in the Marama Team and they will be great role model for other students. To find out when your child's turn is visit our school calendar...

[HTTP://WWW.TETOTARA.SCHOOL.NZ/4/EMBEDDED_ITEMS/7-CALENDAR](http://WWW.TETOTARA.SCHOOL.NZ/4/EMBEDDED_ITEMS/7-CALENDAR)

EMERGENCY EVACUATION AND LOCKDOWN TRIALS

Over the last week we have conducted Emergency Evacuation and Lockdown trials at school. These both went well and were very useful in making sure our procedures are effective.

Since the school has opened we have had three actual emergency evacuations, all were due to smoke detector activations, due to dust or cooking fumes.

Should we need to contact families during a Lockdown with information we will use our School App (1197 Registered users) and also our School website and Facebook page.

FUNDRAISING FOR BELLA

Here's the latest update from Emma & Brad Goff on the Page "Support Bella's battle with Cancer + help her dream come true"!

HUGE THANKS goes out to Bella's amazing school, Te Totara Primary, who recently held a mufti day in support of Bella! They raised a whopping \$1650 to contribute to Bella's ongoing fight and dream trip! Thank you so much to all the incredibly supportive staff and families, your generosity and support throughout is beyond words! Thanks for your generous support!.



AFTER SCHOOL CARE RELIEVERS POSITION AVAILABLE

We are currently looking for relievers to join our team at Te Totara Primary School Before and After School Care. We provide a safe, secure, friendly environment for the care of children aged 5 years – 11 years through a structured, well-balanced programme.

You'll need to be energetic, friendly, outgoing and approachable with a high level of initiative, work well in a team and be able to take direction from others. You will also need to assist in preparing food for the children if needed, observe and monitor children's play activities.

All enquiries and CV's can be emailed to afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz or it can be left at the School Office marked to the attention of: Anna Herbert

SWIMMING POOL

Unfortunately, the pool has been closed for the last 2 days due to a Health & Safety matter. Our school must follow the correct procedures when there has been foreign matter in the water.

Our pool has tests carried out daily until the correct levels are obtained to allow us to swim again safely. These tests can take at least 24 hours to be completed.

We would like to remind you regarding personal hygiene whilst your children are swimming at school. If your child has suffered from any illness resulting in either vomiting or diarrhoea please talk to your child's teacher as they may not be able to be swimming for a few days. If you have a cut or a wound to the skin, please ensure it is properly dressed and covered with adhesive medical products before you enter the pool. Open wounds or cuts present a health risk to other pool users.

Our Children are also reminded to use the toilet before they swim as our pool is not the toilet.

The swimming programme will be re-arranged to cater for this unfortunate incident. If you have any queries, please contact our Deputy Principal, Anne Fraser on dp@tetotara.school.nz

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

To help with queries around our swimming programme at school, we have created a FAQ page on our school website, click on following the link. <http://www.tetotara.school.nz/210/pages/65-swimming-pool>

SWIM SCHOOL APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY 1 WEEK BLOCK COURSE – LIMITED SPACES!

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 from 18th - 22nd 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 will be held from 9.30am-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 4-10, your children are really enjoying their in class swimming lessons.

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

SPORTS

TE TOTARA PLAYERS OF THE DAY

VOLLEYBALL

Fliers Mannix Hinton-Soulsby

Spikers Gwen Hathaway

TOUCH

Chiefs Isaac Steel

Te Totara Primary School

Growing and Learning Together

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FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 11th March, 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

Tues 22 March	Learning Plan Discussions School Finishes at 2.00pm
Wed 23 March	Learning Plan Discussions School Finishes at 2.00pm
Fri 25 March	Easter Friday - School Closed
Mon 28 March	Easter Monday - School Closed
Tues 29 March	Easter Tuesday - School Closed
Wed 30 March	PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm in the Staff Lounge
Thurs 31 March	BOT Mtg @ 6.30pm in Staff Lounge
Mon 4-Tues 5 April	Fairfield Dental Therapists Visit
Wed 6 April	PTA Social Evening at the Good Neighbour from 7.00pm
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

PERFECT BOILED EGG

Let the water come to a rolling boil.
Place egg into water.

Runny egg = 3-4min
Soft boiled egg = 5-6min
Hard boiled egg = 8-9min

BRING TO THE BOIL

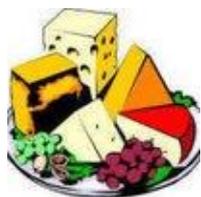
Developed by Sport Waikato 2015

The infographic features a yellow and orange background. On the left, the text 'EGG-CELLENT EGGS' is written vertically in a white box. The main title 'PERFECT BOILED EGG' is in large, bold, yellow letters with a white outline. Below the title, there are instructions on how to boil an egg, including a list of cooking times for different styles. A photograph shows several eggs boiling in a pot of water, with a 'BRING TO THE BOIL' label. In the top right corner, there is a logo for 'Team Energize' featuring a cartoon character and a red circle with the text 'Team Energize'. An image of a plate with a boiled egg, toast, and a glass of milk is also present.

TE TOTARA PTA

NEXT PTA MEETING:

Wednesday 30th March 2016 at 7.30pm in the Staff Lounge,
Everyone is welcome.



The Te Totara PTA invites you to a social evening..... The Good Neighbour Rototuna, upstairs mezzanine
WEDNESDAY APRIL 6TH FROM 7.00PM.
Drinks will be discounted & we will provide some nibbles.
Come along for a relaxed night out & meet some fellow parents.



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>

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.

FIJI CYCLONE WINSTON APPEAL

Dear Waikato Indian Association Inc Members and friends of Fiji across Waikato, NZ. More details are now emerging of the massive destruction caused by Cyclone Winston in many parts of Fiji. With the death toll rising, it is clear that the affected people of Fiji need all the help and assistance we can provide. In social media, it is most encouraging to see the unity and resilience of Fiji citizens in most trying circumstances. Thank you to so many of you who have already donated generously. If you have not donated already, we encourage you to consider doing so via the Waikato Indian Association Inc or any other organisation. We also encourage you to support this Fundraising Event. The Association and the wider Indian community will channel all donations via organisations working directly on the ground where need is the greatest, namely, Unicef - New Zealand. Please note your donated funds will be utilized based fundamentally on need and not any other criteria. **Donations can be made by one of the following methods:**

1. Participate in the Cyclone Winston Appeal - Fundraising Dinner Night - limited tickets are available (see above).
2. Direct credit to Unicef New Zealand

Bank: ANZ National Bank of New Zealand Ltd

Account Number: 01-0505-0463764-00

Account Name: UNICEF NZ

Particulars: FR 'Your Name'

Reference: WIA

3. Contact any committee member and we will come and collect the donation from you.

4. Donate directly: <https://www.unicef.org.nz/fiji>

Please contact Tarun Pragji (President of WIA Inc. if you require any further details: [07 853 7559](tel:078537559)).

ALL FUNDS WILL BE PUT TOWARDS THE UNICEF NZ CYCLONE WINSTON APPEAL

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FIJI
CYCLONE WINSTON APPEAL-FUNDRAISING DINNER NIGHT

Hosted by the Waikato Indian Association Inc. in conjunction with the wider Waikato Indian Community

Venue: Tamahere Community Hall
21 Devine Road, Tamahere
Date: Sunday 13th March 2016
Time: 6.30pm
Attire: Semi Formal

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE PLEASE CONTACT:
Tarun Pragji: 027 511 2217
Manish Thakkar: 021 210 6102

ST PAULS COLLEGIATE OPEN DAY

St Paul's Collegiate School is a Hamilton-based private secondary school that offers both day and boarding to Year 9-13 boys and Year 11-13 girls. St Paul's is one of New Zealand's highest performing schools that has a long-established tradition of excellence with an enviable record of academic, sporting and cultural achievements.

To learn more come along to our Open Day, on Saturday 19 March, 2pm at St Paul's Collegiate School, 77 Hukanui Road, Hamilton.

We look forward to meeting you all.

DDI 64 7 957 8873 | Fax 64 7 957 8833 www.stpauls.school.nz

WAIKATO HOCKEY WHA HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

This one is for the everyday child, NO HOCKEY experience required.

Will include hockey and other sporting code.

Waikato Hockey, Queens ave Hamilton

26-29 April 2016. To register or for more information please contact Sam Brown, email sam@waikatohockey.org.nz

EDVENTURE HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES AND CAMP

Edventure 4-day Camp - Sailing, Fishing, Tramping, etc. 8-13 yrs 26th-29th April \$375

Edventure Everyday - Different themed day programmes 5-13 yrs 18th-29th April \$40/day

Edventure Outdoors - Fishing, Caving, Bush Walks, etc. 8-13 yrs 18th-22nd April \$65/Day or \$265 whole week

Central Hamilton Location, Planned and run by teachers, OSCAR available

Enrol online at www.edventure.co.nz or ph 021 0224 1576

DILWORTH JUNIOR CAMPUS

Right now we are seeking applications for free, life-changing scholarships for boys who will be entering years 5 or 7 in 2017. There will also be very limited places available in year 9. I would appreciate it if you could share this with any families in your community whose son or sons might benefit from the transformative power of an excellent education.

Further information is available on our web-site: www.dilworth.school.nz

Or to request an application pack call **09 523 3179 (ext701)**

Interested families are invited to an **Open Day on Friday 1 April 10am, Dilworth Junior Campus, 29 Omaha Road, Remuera**

ODERINGS GARDEN CENTRES

It's an exciting time of year for us! It's our biggest sale and it's geared towards real gardeners,

Our sale starts 25th of March 2016.

6 Sexton Road Hamilton Phone: 07 855 6064

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for life

Exclusive offer for Te Totara parents and staff

Settle a home loan with NZHL - Hamilton Metro before 31st March 2016 and you'll receive a **FREE 16GB iPad mini** and cover valued at \$487*

Contact Blair Miller:
Mobile: 021 275 4000
Phone: 07 859 3589
Email: blair.miller@nzhomeloans.co.nz

NZHL
new zealand HOME LOANS

*terms & conditions and normal lending criteria apply.
Prize subject to availability, cannot be exchanged for cash.