

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)

This is the last newsletter before our Easter break. We have had an outstanding start to the school year with programmes across the school working so well. This is a credit to our staff, families and students. Best wishes for a happy Easter break with your family.

LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS

We have really enjoyed meeting with families this week, setting learning goals together. Our very early feedback from our Learning Plan Discussions has been positive. We are currently refining our Learning Plan information that goes home to families in Term 2 and we will update everyone once this is completed.

WAIKATO SHOW - FRIDAY 8TH – SUNDAY 10TH APRIL, 2016

Our school has been selected as one of two in the Waikato to showcase what we do for learning with technology, using Ultra Fast Broadband. We will be demonstrating how we integrate the use of iPads into everyday learning. There will be groups of children displaying our technology in action and how we use it to support our teaching and learning. You might like to come along and see the children at our school stand. The link to the show is... <http://waikatoshow.co.nz/>

UPDATE ON CROSSING ON MOONLIGHT DRIVE

We have been notified that the Kea Crossing on Moonlight Drive won't be ready until the beginning of Term 2, due to the road markers being contracted to work outside of Hamilton. Meanwhile, we do urge lots of caution around this area.

Last week our 16 Road Patrol Leaders were trained by Genie Slement, from the NZ Police, ready to begin their duties as soon as the crossing is operational.

ICAS EXAMS

We would like to give your Year 4 -6 child the opportunity to compete in the 2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) run annually by Educational Assessment Australia with the University of NSW. For further details, please see the link below.

http://www.tetotara.school.nz/100/newsletter_sets/2-newsletters-and-notices/years/2016

Website www.eaa.unsw.edu.au

SIBLING OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR THE PERIOD OF: 1ST JULY, 2016 TO 16TH DECEMBER, 2016

The Board of Trustees are looking to accommodate, if possible, New Entrant siblings and children of staff due to start school before between 1st July, 2016 and 16th December, 2016.

To help determine this, we **urgently** need to have all out-of-zone Enrolment Forms in to the School Office by **Friday 27th May** to help with this process. Enrolment Forms are available online from our school website or by visiting the School Office.

Shortly, the Board of Trustees will look at the number of enrolments, the level of predicted student growth and determine how many spaces for out-of-zone students may be available for the period of **1st July – 16th December, 2016**. It is likely that 20 out-of-zone spaces will be available however; the exact number of out-of-zone spaces will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone. Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available on our school website www.tetotara.school.nz

Parents of new entrant children who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately.

More information will follow via the school newsletter. If a ballot is required, it will be held on **Wednesday 1st June, 2016**. Parents will be informed of the outcome by **Tuesday 7th June, 2016** (3 working days later - Monday 6th June is Queens Birthday Holiday).

ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

We have had a huge amount of children sick at school this week.

If your child is sick please keep them at home until they are well. If your child has diarrhoea or vomiting we ask that they do not return to school unless they are well and have had **no further diarrhoea or vomiting for 48 hours prior to returning – these bugs can be highly contagious.** Thank you for your assistance in this.

We enclose the Waikato District Health board guidelines:

<http://www.waikatodhb.health.nz/assets/public-health-advice/public-health-topics/Gastroenteritis/Outbreak-guidelines-for-Schools.pdf>

CLUSTER SWIMMING

Two weeks ago the school held trials for Inter-school Swimming Sports. Competition is always fierce and we had several school records broken over the longer distance of 30 metres. Fast-forward to Tuesday this week and the 19 athletes selected, gathered at Fairfield College to compete in the 2016 Inter-school Swimming Sports. Year-after-year the competition always seems to get tougher and this year was no different. Te Totara made 8 finals and placed in 4 of these events. It was a great day and always fantastic to see students compete in these sorts of environments. The school would like to thank those parents that lent their time and support over both days.

Congratulations to all of our participants and results are below:

Inter-school results

Rebecca Plank 3rd Year 4 Girls Breaststroke

Libby McMillan, Paige Hopping, Olivia Cullen, Rebecca Plank 3rd Year 4 Girls Relay

Dylan Baillie 2nd Year 6 Boys Breaststroke

Dylan Baillie 3rd Year 6 Boys Backstroke



New School Records over 30m

Samantha Ward Year 6 Freestyle

Lucy McMorran Year 5 Freestyle and Backstroke

Paige Hopping Year 4 Freestyle

Rebecca Plank Year 4 Backstroke and Breaststroke

Harry Schaab Year 4 Backstroke

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



SPORTS

TE TOTARA PLAYERS OF THE DAY

TOUCH

Chiefs

The whole team, for being great team members throughout the very short season.

Rockets

The whole team have played very well together for their final game and they are all STARS!

VOLLEYBALL

Fliers

Jessica Laws, Harkeerat Boparai

Spikers

Katie Li, Melanie McEwen and Lucia Navarro

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly was held today, Thursday 24th March 2016, due to Easter Friday tomorrow.

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

This week our Neptune 25 children shared at assembly.

Everyone is welcome.

DATES COMING UP

Fri 25 March

Mon 28 March

Tues 29 March

Wed 30 March

Thurs 31 March

Mon 4-Tues 5 April

Wed 6 April

Mon 11 – Wed 13 April

Wed 13 - Fri 15 April

Fri 15 April

Easter Friday - School Closed

Easter Monday - School Closed

Easter Tuesday - School Closed

PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm

in the Staff Lounge

BOT Mtg @ 6.30pm in Staff Lounge

Fairfield Dental Therapists Visit

PTA Social Evening

at the Good Neighbour from 7.00pm

Camp for Milky Way

Camp for Marama

TERM 1, 2016 FINISHES @ 3.00pm



Kind regards,

Brian Sheedy

Principal

TE TOTARA PTA



NEXT PTA MEETING:

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

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-](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Te-Totara-Primary-School-PTA/30090011661692)

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Social night

You're invited to come along for a relaxed evening out and meet some fellow Te Totara parents. Drinks will be discounted, and the PTA will provide some nibbles.

Wednesday 6th April, 7pm



Upstairs on the mezzanine floor, Good Neighbour, Rototuna

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.

"OH THE PLACES YOU'LL GO AND THE THINGS YOU WILL SEE".

Come and be a part of the fun as Hillcrest High School students perform "*Seussical the Musical*" at the Clarence St Theatre from **Wednesday 30 March to Saturday 2 April**. This is promising to be a highly entertaining show that the whole family can enjoy. Tickets are \$25 adult, \$15 student/concession (with ID), or a family of 2 adults and 2 children is \$60. Tickets are available through www.eventopia.co

There is one matinee show on Saturday the 2 April, and an earlier night performance, starting at 6pm, on Friday 1st April. Book early as these sessions sell out fast.

Come and see some extremely talented singers, dancers, actors, and musicians for an amazing show.

We'd love to see you there!

FOOTGOLF

Easter Monday 28 March 2016 Tournament. Star Turf would like to invite you to our first ever 36 hole FootGolf Tournament. Hukanui Golf Club 1550 Gordonton Road, Hamilton. Limited spaces, so get in quick.

You MUST register before 25th March, for more information or to register contact email dunkandsian@starturfindoorsoccer.com

STAR TURF INDOOR CENTRE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Programmes run from 9am-3pm, 18-22 April and 26-29 April 2016 Book in now!! www.starturfindoorsoccer.com

MISSING GLASSES

A pair of girl's children's glasses were lost at school, they are navy blue, and can either be returned to the school office or Mrs T in Room 30 please. Thanks.

MOTHERS DAY FUN RUN WALK

There's a reason we run this event every year. Heart disease is the single biggest killer of Kiwi women, claiming the lives of over 3,000 women each year. We have partnered up with the Heart Foundation to support its Go Red for Women campaign, which aims to help stop our women dying prematurely of heart disease.

So why not hit the streets and run, walk or have a leisurely stroll with your mum, daughter, sister or a group of girlfriends this Mother's Day? With over 20 events held nationwide, there is bound to be a **Jennian Homes Mother's Day fun run/walk near you. So, save May 8th in your diary and let's help save lives this Mother's Day.**

Get your local school involved and win

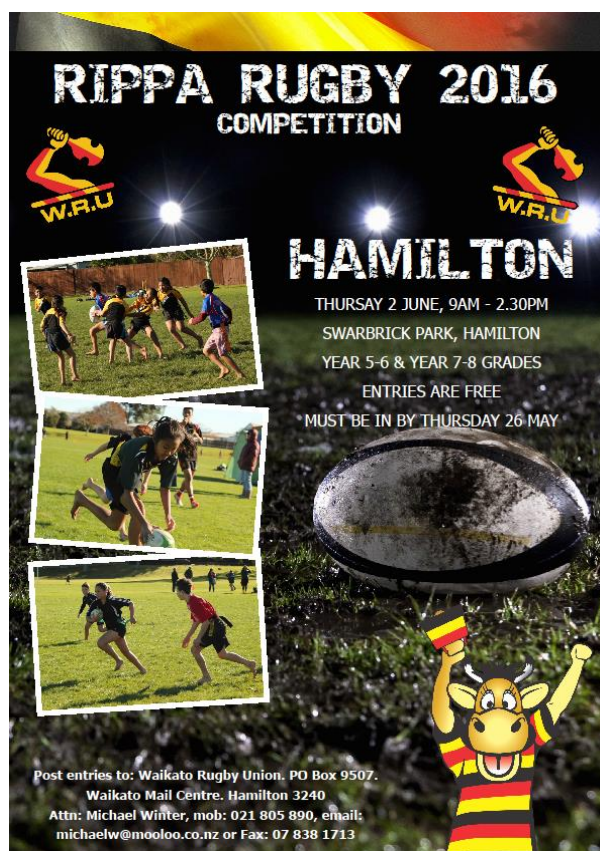
We would love your local school to benefit from the healthy heart message too and to be in with the chance to win a share of \$50,000 Rebel Sport vouchers.

Here's how it works

All you need to do is spread the word about the Mother's Day Fun Run/Walk to your school community and ask them to nominate a primary school when they register online for the event.

After registrations have closed, the primary school with the most nominations in each event nationwide will win \$2,500 of Rebel Sport vouchers to purchase sporting equipment, promoting exercise and healthy hearts to their students.

For more information see www.jennian.co.nz/mothersday



RIPPA RUGBY 2016
COMPETITION

HAMILTON

THURSDAY 2 JUNE, 9AM - 2.30PM
SWARBRICK PARK, HAMILTON
YEAR 5-6 & YEAR 7-8 GRADES
ENTRIES ARE FREE
MUST BE IN BY THURSDAY 26 MAY

Post entries to: Waikato Rugby Union. PO Box 9507.
Waikato Mail Centre. Hamilton 3240
Attn: Michael Winter, mob: 021 805 890, email:
michaelw@mooloo.co.nz or Fax: 07 838 1713

The poster features three action photos of rugby players in various stages of play (tackling, running, and kicking). It also includes the W.R.U. logo and a cartoon bull mascot wearing a red and yellow striped jersey.