

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** (Hebre)

CHILDREN AT HOME WITHOUT SUPERVISION

We do get queries around this at school about what is the New Zealand Law about children being at home alone. The information below is taken from the Children and Young Persons website and states...

In New Zealand, it is against the law to leave children under 14 without making reasonable provision for their care and supervision. What is considered 'reasonable' takes into account the circumstances in which children are left alone and the length of time they are alone. Parents are required to assess all the circumstances and make sure that any child left alone, or in the care of another child or young person is safe and not in danger.

The full link...<http://www.practicecentre.cyf.govt.nz/policy/assessment-and-decision-making/key-information/home-alone.html>

HECTOR DRIVE AND BORMAN ROAD INTERSECTION

We would like our School Community to please be aware that Borman Road extension means that this is not a dead end road anymore and construction vehicles are regularly coming out from this end. Please take extra care and remember to look both ways when coming out of Hector Drive especially.

TE TOTARA JUMP JAM TEAMS

With our three Jump Jam Teams competing in the Regional Finals Competition in Tauranga on **Saturday 5th November**, each team will be having a dress rehearsal in front of an audience at lunchtimes during Week 4 for public viewing in the **Matariki Hall at 12.45pm** on the following days:

Tuesday 1st November Year 1-4 Team
Wednesday 2nd November Boys Only Team
Friday 4th November Year 4-6 Team

** URGENT ** WANTED.... COSTUME HELP FOR JUMP JAM COMPETITION TEAMS

We are looking for plain, button-up, collared shirts (*long or short sleeved*) and a black "leather-look" jacket for some of our boys to wear for the Jump Jam Competition.

If you have any of these items that we could borrow for the competition, could you email either Miss Leitch meganl@tetotara.school.nz or Miss Rasmussen sarahr@tetotara.school.nz as soon as possible please?

YEARBOOK 2016 - \$20.00 EACH

Our wonderful school Yearbook is currently being put together, Order Forms were sent home last week. **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 Friday 18th November, 2016. Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.**



PLANNING FOR 2017

We are beginning to plan for 2017 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 students' strengths and needs.
- We consider students' 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 28th October, 2016** at annef@tetotara.school.nz

YEAR 6 LEAVERS – DESTINATION SCHOOL

Many of our Year 6 families have already enrolled at an Intermediate or High School for 2017 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.

YEAR 6 LEAVER'S SUPPER EVENING

Tuesday 6th December 2016 from 6.30pm-8.00pm in the Matariki Hall

This will be a night to remember, our Year 6's are leaving us. Invitations will be sent home shortly. Please bring a plate of finger food to share for supper and BYO drink. Unfortunately, due to limited space, no siblings please.

We are really looking forward to this special evening.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Our school uniform supplier is Direct Group Uniforms located at 115 Ellis Street Hamilton. Phone (07) 847-6664.

Orders can be phoned through or placed online at www.shop.directgroup.co.nz

Our school log in is, Log in – TTP

Password - Uniform

We also have a Pre-loved Uniform noticeboard in the School Office whereby parents can buy and sell second hand uniforms and pre-loved uniforms... check it out.

SWIM SCHOOL LESSONS AT TE TOTARA

We are looking at running Swimming Lessons in the January 2017 School Holidays and an 8-week block course starting in Term 1.

School Holiday Lessons

This will be a 1-week block course for your child/ren. Pre-school children's lessons will also be available if there is enough interest.

Block courses will be held over 2 weeks: 9th-13th January and 16th-20th January if there is enough interest. Your child/ren's lesson would be held at the same time each day for the week for 25 minutes. These lessons are usually held at school between 9am-1pm.

Term 1 Lessons

This will be an 8-week block course for your child/ren. Pre-school children's lessons will also be available if there is enough interest.

Lessons will be on Tuesday's and Wednesday's each week after school.

We are looking to start these lessons on Tuesday 14th February 2017, with the last lessons being held Wednesday 5th April 2017.

Parents are reminded please to stay on site for your child's swim school lesson as per our swim school terms and conditions.

If your child/ren attend our ASC, arrangements can be made for your child to attend these lessons.

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO PAST TE TOTARA STUDENTS

Denee Read currently attends Fairfield Intermediate as a Year 8 student and has been awarded the Altrusa Award for 2016 – well done! Below are some words they used to describe Denee:

'Denee is a positive student who strives to do her best at all times. She is very motivated and she is helpful to all she comes into contact with. Denee approaches both her schooling and sporting commitments with a positive, focused and determined attitude and nothing is too much trouble for her. Denee is very humble and she is grateful for the opportunities that she has been given.'



Sophie Wine currently attends Rototuna Junior High School as a Year 8 student and has been awarded the Altrusa Award for 2016 – well done! Below are some of the words they used to describe Sophie:

'Sophie is a natural leader, and takes this role seriously. She completes all her work diligently and responsibly. Sophie works collaboratively with her peers and is always willing to help others where possible, yet she always still manages to complete her work to a high standard. She is an extraordinary young lady with many talents.'

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly was held today, **Thursday 27th October 2016**, due to the hall being set up for our School Disco.

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

If you are a Coach or Manager, please email the POD to celestem@tetotara.school.nz

SUMMER HOCKEY

Kiwis Alex Wilton, Jacob Hubbard

CRICKET

Tigers Zander Beumer

DATES COMING UP

Thurs 27 Oct

Fri 28 Oct

Tues 15 Nov

Thurs 17 Nov

Fri 18 Nov

Fri 18 Nov

Tues 22 Nov

Thurs 24 Nov

Thurs 24 Nov

Tues 29 Nov

Tues 6 Dec

Mon 12 Dec

Fri 16 Dec

BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm

School Disco "Glitz & Glamour"

Years 0-2 from 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Years 3-6 from 6.45pm – 8.00pm

Senior Athletics

Senior Athletics Postponement Date

Muffi Day to Support Covered Courts Project

PTA Lemonade Ice-block Friday

Fairfield Cluster Athletics Yrs 4-6

Y6 Orientation at RJHS from 9.30am – 12.30pm

BOT Meeting @ 6.00pm

Fairfield Cluster Athletics Postponement Date

Year 6 Leavers Supper @ 6.30pm

End of Year Celebration

SCHOOL FINISHES FOR 2016 @ 3.00PM

Kind regards,

Brian Sheedy

Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

Hi everyone, hope you all had a happy Labour weekend. Lots happening this term, the best way to keep up to date with all our upcoming events is via our Facebook page: please 'like' it to ensure you are kept in the loop: www.facebook.com/TTPTA

We had a great result from our Ice Block Friday last week; it was great to see so many happy children. It resulted in a profit of approximately \$600 – this money will go directly towards the fundraising for covering the tennis courts. Huge thanks to parents Lorraine, Kylie, Blair, Nikki and Fran for helping on the day, plus the wonderful Year 6 team of kids who helped ensure everything ran smoothly. You rock!

SCHOOL DISCO – this Friday, 28th October

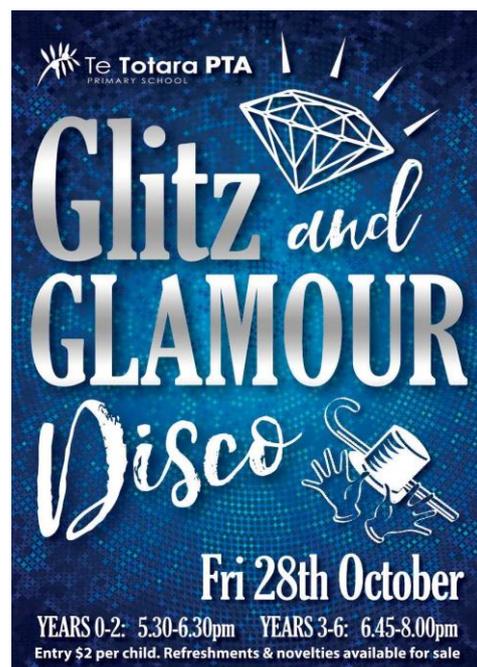
The School Disco is on Friday night, please see poster for session times. The theme this time is 'Glitz and Glamour' so break out your best clothes and come along for dancing fun! **\$2.00 entry**, plus there will be lollies, light sticks etc. available for purchase.

As parents of Te Totara children, you are all members of the PTA as well. Please help by volunteering whatever time you can spare. Our children are so lucky in being part of a school that is able to offer such a wonderful range of activities and events. All parents work hard, but we believe that if we can all do a little something to help, then it benefits everyone.

Please get involved - It's all about our kids!

Till next time, have a great week. Your friendly PTA committee:

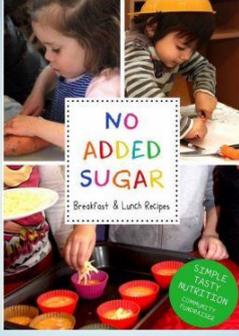
Scott, Anna, Jasmine, Nalina, Vicki & Liz



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.

**"NO ADDED SUGAR"
BREAKFAST & LUNCH RECIPES**



Visit www.simpletastynutrition.co.nz to purchase your copy,
or contact Sara on sara@simpletastynutrition.co.nz

- Over 40 pages of breakfast, lunch and treats recipes designed by a Nutritionist, Sara Evans.
- Healthy tasty food for both children and adults.
- Easy and quick to make!
- Every recipe is refined sugar free, nutrient rich and allergy conscious.
- 100% of profits go to St Albans Community Preschool.
- A printed copy is \$20 or ebook version is available for only \$10.

Edventure Surf/Outdoors Summer Camps.

Hi again, I hope you have had a great year and are looking forward to a well deserved summer break.

We have planned two awesome Summer Camps and would really appreciate your help by placing the following advert into your next school newsletter and/or on your any social media.

Thanks you so much we really appreciate it.

Edventure Summer Camps

This summer we are running two amazing school holiday camps.

- Edventure Surf Camp, 16-20 Jan.

- Edventure Outdoors Camp, 23-25 Jan

Planned and run by teachers, safe and FUN! Surfing & SUP, fishing, kayaking, sailing, tramping, camping and much more. OSCAR available. Various pick up points in Waikato, More info and enrol at www.edventure.co.nz



DESIGN YOUR OWN HELMET COMPETITION

The Hamilton City Council is running a Helmet Colouring in Competition, there are 5 different age categories.

There are 2 winners in each category with the winning designs been printed by an artist on actual helmets and then given to the winners.

Completed designs can be sent back to the Hamilton City Council by 18th December 2016.

A copy of the design page is available on the Te Totara School website under the "newsletters" tab.



AFTER SCHOOL DUATHLON!
3.30 - 4.30PM
Monday 31 October,
7 November & 14 November
Hilicrest Stadium
(accessed from Cambridge Road)
Ages 8 - 12
Bring a bike, helmet, covered shoes, drink bottle and light tight clothing

Club Energize After School Duathlon

Supported by Taryn from CYCLING NEW ZEALAND
CLUB ENERGIZE TERM 4
www.projectenergize.org.nz

ASSISTANCE DOGS NEW ZEALAND TRUST - PUPPY RAISERS NEEDED

ADNZ has just recently welcomed a new litter of Labrador puppies into the world and are needing loving and secure volunteer family homes to be raised in. If you are able to help please contact Robyn ph 027 779 1488.

For more information please visit our website www.assisteddogtrust.org.nz

HUKANUI PRIMARY SCHOOL GALA – SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER, 10.00AM – 2.00PM, RAIN OR SHINE!

A fun day out for all the family including facepainting, dog cart rides, car smash, talent show, bake sale, white elephant, sausages, candyfloss, Mamas Donuts and lots more! Follow the gala on Facebook (search Hukanui Gala) for updates and we'd love to see you at Hukanui School in Pickering Crescent on Saturday 5th November from 10am-2pm.

REFUGEE FAMILIES - DONATION OF GOODS

I would like to say a big "thank you" for the School Community for the donation of the household items to the refugee families who have recently settled in Hamilton. We have enough items for now, I am overwhelmed with everyone's generosity and it is times like this that make me proud to belong to this lovely School Community.
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LOST CLOTHING

There was a mix up of Year 5 and 6 girls polo tops during the School Production last term. Could people please check they have the correct polo shirts at home as there are two missing; could whom has the one named "M Bennett" please contact Julie, Phone (021) 256 0831.