

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

START OF OUR SCHOOL YEAR

Our school year has started well, with this being our first full week of learning. We enjoyed the opportunity of meeting with families last night for the **Meet the Teacher** evening, to help support that important home and school partnership. Please get in touch with teachers as soon as there is a query, it does mean we can work together quickly. You can find out more about our team and contacts at...[Te Totara staff](#)

At the *Meet the Teacher* evening our team passed on important PTA information and I would urge you to consider taking up the opportunity to be a part of the team. You will find more details at the end of the newsletter or by clicking... [TE TOTARA PTA NEWS](#).

LIBRARY OPEN FOR PARENTS

In addition to being open for our parents from 8.00am-9.00am on Fridays, our Library will now also be open after assembly until 3.30pm. Parents can borrow up to six books for any of their children, including preschoolers.

BOOK FRIDGE

If your child received chapter books over the holidays that they have read and no longer want, remember that they can bring them in to swap them for different books in our Book Fridge. They will need to ask a librarian to open the fridge for them.

MIGRANT FAMILY RESOURCES

We have a selection of resources available at our School Office that may be of interest to our migrant families. These resources, along with many more, can be obtained from the Waikato Migrant Resource Centre, Boundary Road, Hamilton Ph: 853-2192... www.wmrc.org.nz



WEETBIX TRYATHLON

WELL DONE to all our students who have registered to do the Weetbix TRYathlon on Sunday! You are all STARS for signing up to give it a go and we are looking forward to watching you compete, supporting you at the event, and hearing about your exciting day! Look out for the Te Totara Primary School gazebo which will be on site. Good luck! Do your best and have fun :)

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 17th February, 2017 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm**. This week the Matawhero, Neptune, Ra and Milky Way children will attend assembly. This week our Milky Way 18 children will be sharing. Everyone is welcome.

CHICKENPOX

We have begun the term with a number of students away with chickenpox. According to the Ministry of Health Infectious Diseases Guidelines:

- Early signs are a fever and spots with a blister on top of each spot.
- The child is infectious from up to 5 days before appearance of the rash until lesions have crusted (usually about 5 days).
- Time between exposure and sickness is 13-17 days.
- This disease is spread by coughing and sneezing and by direct contact with weeping blisters.
- Exclusion from school is approximately a week from the date of the appearance of the rash.

If you are unsure whether your child should return to school, please see to your family doctor. A copy of the Infectious Diseases Guidelines can be found on the school website by clicking ...[Health Information](#)

PRINCIPAL AWAY NEXT WEEK

Next week I will be working with the Education Review Office(ERO) reviewing another school. This is very useful professional development and helpful in looking at our own school as we always look to develop. Anne Fraser, our Deputy Principal, will be leading the school next week.

SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAMME

Just a reminder to the families of Kopu 22, 23 and 25 that your swimming programme begins tomorrow (**Friday 17th February, 2017**). The programme consists of 10 lessons and finishes on Thursday 2nd March, 2017. Our Year 3-4 classes will follow on from our Year 2 classes. More details will be in next week's newsletter and on the school website www.tetotara.school.nz

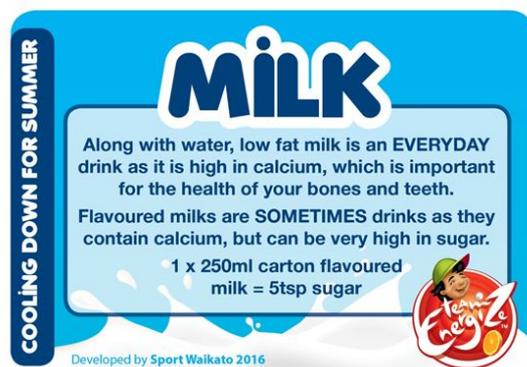
DATES COMING UP

Sat 1 April School Gala & Colour Run
Thur 13 April TERM 1, 2017 FINISHES @ 3.00pm

Kind regards,
Brian Sheedy
Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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FUNDRAISING FOR A COURT COVER, WHY?

- Allows for the whole school to meet together for assembly, school and team events.
- Provides a covered sports area all year round for class, team and school activities.
- Can be used when wet and allow children to play at morning tea and lunch.
- Used as an outdoor learning space with children.
- Eases the pressure on the Matariki Hall, which is used for Sports and Arts, gives us two covered all year round areas for 800 children.
- Provides a shaded play area for all the children during summer months.



- Outdoor training area for our school sports teams i.e. Hockey, Netball etc.

COLOUR RUN & GALA

First and foremost is our magnificent **GALA**, which we are combining with a **COLOUR RUN** this year. Not sure what that is? Check out this YouTube link:

[2016 Nativity Elementary School Color Run](#)

PTA CLASS CO-ORDINATOR

This is a PTA initiative to enhance communications within the class environment. The Class Co-ordinator's role is to be the point of contact for your classroom and liaise with the PTA. They can also do the same for the classroom teacher and organise class social events - it's yours to make what you'd like! Your classroom teacher spoke about this new initiative during the "Meet the Teacher" evening held at Te Totara last night. Any details collected on the Class Co-ordinator's list will only be shared to families within your child's class and won't be handed onto anyone else.

Have a super happy week :)

Your PTA: Scott, Anna, Nalina, Jasmine, Vicki, Liz

Welcome to the Te Totara PTA

The PTA is the Parent and Teachers Association of Te Totara and our main priorities are linking the parent community and the school community; and to raise funds for projects that benefit the children of Te Totara.



Who is the PTA?

The PTA is the parents and teachers of Te Totara - so in a word, You!

It's parents of the kids. There are some members who turn up regularly and others who come when they can. There are also two teacher reps and Brian Sheedy attends as well.



What fundraising initiatives does the PTA do?

We do Iceblock Fridays, Discos, Mufti Days and the school Gala/Colour Run on April 1st.

How do you become a part of the PTA?

You already are a member, so really all you need to do is turn up! Meetings are held twice a term, where we discuss and organise upcoming events. Events themselves tend to be organised by sub-committees.

How can I help?

If you can't make it to the meetings we are always looking for volunteers at each event. For fundraising we are also really keen for businesses who might like to donate product/time/anything towards our various events.

What's in it for me?

Well, there's the joy on the children's faces of bettering their school... also, it's a great way to meet other parents, stay in touch with what's happening in the school itself and the school community.

Sounds good, what now?

Hop onto the Facebook page, keep an eye out for meetings in the school calendar. Even better, hit up a few of your favourite parent friends and all come along to the next meeting!



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.

NORTHERN UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB ENROLMENT

Registrations for the upcoming football season are available at:

www.northernunitedfootball.com

Look under the 'Registrations' tab for the link to register for the 2017 Football/Soccer season.

Information about the club, and the season, can be found under the 'FAQs' section of the website.

You can also find us on Facebook (search for Northern United Football Club).

Registrations will start to close towards the end of February so get in quick! All age groups are welcome, so that includes mums and dads if they are keen!

NZTA ROAD PLANNING

Four state highways run through Hamilton, passing near neighbourhoods and community facilities such as schools. The NZTA transport planners want to better understand how they affect the local trips - to work, to school or the shops for instance. An assessment of the accessibility of the state highways is led by NZTA, along with HCC, with a special focus on walking and cycling. The insights of those who live, work or play near these highways will be an essential input, and therefore they organize 3 neighbourhood meetings, on February 14, 21 and 22. Neighbourhood meetings: The meetings will be drop-in sessions open to everyone. NZTA planners will be accompanying the participants through 4 topics/ questions, to understand their everyday mobility, the ways the state highways influence it, and the possible barriers to getting around on foot or by bicycle. The planned meetings are:

- Tue Feb 14th 2.00pm – 7.00pm, Western Community Centre
108 Grandview Front House
- Tue Feb 21st 1.00pm – 6.00pm, St Francis Church, 92 Mansel Avenue, Hillcrest
- Wed Feb 22nd 1.00pm – 5.30 pm, Glenview Community Centre
12 Tomin Rd (Corner of Glenview Terrace)

For further enquiries contact phone, 07 958 7849 / tamara.bozovic@nzta.govt.nz

WAIKATO SHOW 7th-9th APRIL 2017

Kids competitions, vegetable growing, apple pie bake and lots more.

Lots of competitions will be held at the Waikato Show this year, for more information email marketing@waikatoshow.co.nz