

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)

This term is one with lots of events and happenings to support our children “Growing and Learning Together”

BOOK WEEK (WEEK 3 FROM 14th - 18th MAY) AND READ-A-THON

We value reading at our school and the early part of this term has a heavy focus on building up to this. We have lots of events for book week:

- *Class activities*
- *Parent sessions*
- *Visit from our patron of reading - Dawn McMillan*
- *Read-a-thon organised by our PTA to help support building of a new playground*
- *Pyjama Day on Friday 18th May*
- *Pyjama Disco on Friday 18th May - organised by the PTA*

COMMUNICATING WITH YOU

We do like to keep everyone up-to-date. As well as our newsletter, Facebook page and School App we are increasingly using [Seesaw](#) as a tool for teachers to communicate with homes as well as our children sharing valuable learning. The School has purchased a licence for each child so that all the previous information is kept and not lost at the end of the year. We have been delighted with the uptake and encourage families to keep using this tool.

To further help and support the use of Seesaw, we are updating our guidelines for how/what/when it is used, so that students, families and school staff all know. We are aiming to get these guidelines completed by the end of the term and published for everyone. I'll keep you posted on this.

NZCER RESEARCH PROJECT

Kia ora, Kia orana, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Taloha ni, Ni sa bula vinaka, Fakaalofa atu and greetings from the New Zealand Council for Education Research.

Early in Term 2, our school will be participating in a research project lead by NZCER and The Marie Clay Literacy Trust. The project aims to establish up to date statistics about the reading and writing of 5-7 year olds in New Zealand. Many teachers use this information to help guide their teaching.

This research will involve 10 of our students (selected randomly) completing some reading and writing tasks with a visiting research assistant.

The research assistants are all registered senior teachers or reading recovery teachers

The research assistant will be working one on one with each child and are all experienced at working sensitively with students on the tasks that will be part of this study. The tasks will take about 50 minutes to complete but students can ask to stop any time if they need to.

The research results are anonymous

Your child's name and our school will not be identifiable in the research information or any reports created from this project.

You can choose to opt your child out of this study

If you have a child at school, between 5-7 years old, and you **do not** want him/her to be part of the research project, please contact the School Office.

NZCER and the Marie Clay Literacy Trust appreciate the valuable contribution you are making to this project.

Nga mihi, and many thanks.

SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS

In the latter part of the term there will be School Productions for our children involving all our children, a big logistical challenge but so rewarding. There will be opportunities for parents to come along so keep watching out for further details.

** HELP NEEDED ** FOR OUR JUNIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th June, 2018

We are looking for some help with sewing costumes for our Junior School Production. We need to sew together a class set of elastic-waisted pants. If you are able to help with this could you please contact Suzanne Newrick at suzannen@tetotara.school.nz. Thank you in advance.

OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS PERIOD FOR 2018

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available on our school website www.tetotara.school.nz

The Board has determined that **5 places for Year 1 students** and **15 places for New Entrant (Year 0) students**, whose 5th Birthday falls within the enrolment period of **1st July 2018 - 14th December 2018**, are likely to be available to out-of-zone students

The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

The deadline for receipt of out-of-zone applications is **3.00pm on Friday 4th May, 2018 (tomorrow)** and should be addressed to:

*Te Totara Primary School
PO Box 28134
Hamilton 3256*

Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately for this year. Students who live in the home zone are entitled to enrol at the school.

Applications from out-of-zone students will be processed in the following order of priority:

- a) **First priority** must be given to students who have been accepted for enrolment in a special programme) run by the school and approved by the Secretary of Education*.
** This priority is not applicable at this school because the school does not run a special programme approved by the Ministry of Education*
- b) **Second priority** must be given to any applicant who is the sibling of a current student of the school.
- c) **Third priority** must be given to any applicant who is the sibling of a former student of the school.
- d) **Fourth priority** must be given to any applicant who is a child of a former student of the school.
- e) **Fifth priority** must be given to any applicant who is either a child of an employee of the Board of the school, or a child of a member of the Board of the school.
- f) **Sixth priority** must be given to all other applicants.

If the number of out-of-zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot supervised by a Justice of the Peace, a Practising Lawyer or a Police Officer in accordance under Section 11G (1) of the Education Act 1989.

If a ballot for out-of-zone is required, it will be held on **Tuesday 8th May, 2018**. Parents will be informed of the outcome by **Friday 11th May, 2018**.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by **Friday 11th May, 2018 @ 9.15am**, to the School Office. 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 quick easy way to order and pay now, is to order and pay online with the book club loop.

SCHOOL LUNCH SERVICE

Our school lunch supplier is "Lunch Orders" who are based in Hamilton. School lunches will be delivered to our school every day for children's lunches at 12.15pm if ordered by 8.30am daily.

How it works:

- Order online anywhere, anytime on any device.
- Healthy food made with love from a team of experienced chefs.
- Affordable solution providing nourishment for your child with ease.

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- Sign up for a free account and select your school
- Top up your account using a credit card or direct credit
- Place your order and select delivery date
- Sit back and relax while your order is freshly made and delivered to your school

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



BOOK WEEK - MONDAY 14TH MAY TO WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY

From 14th May to 18th May we will be holding our Book Week! We have a number of fun activities planned for the week, including visits from two fabulous authors, Angie Belcher and Dawn McMillan, and illustrator Ross Kinnaird. We are pleased to announce that we have arranged an event for parents. On Friday 18th May, from 9.00am-9.45am, Dawn McMillan and Ross Kinnaird will give a talk called "Read, Write, Draw - fun things to do with your kids". There will be Q&A time at the end.

HEALTH WAIKATO HEARING & VISION TESTING FOR STUDENTS THAT HAVE NOT COMPLETED ROUTINE TESTS

A Vision & Hearing Technician will be visiting our school, Monday 28th May 2018 to complete routine tests for those students who have missed their pre-school or prior school checks. For further information, please contact Health Waikato direct on (07) 838-3565.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 4th May, 2018 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.** This week our children from Neptune and Ra will be attending assembly.

DATES COMING UP

Tues 8 May	ICAS Digital Technologies
Fri 11 May	Scholastic Book orders close 9.15am
Mon 14 May	Book week starts
Fri 18 May	Book week ends
Fri 18 May	PJ Day at school
Fri 18 May	9.00am - 9.45am, Read, Write, Draw... fun things to do with your kids Parent event by author Dawn McMillan & illustrator Ross Kinnaird
Fri 18 May	PTA Disco - "Pyjama Party Theme"
Mon 21 May	Read-a-thon starts
Mon 28 May	Routine Vision & Hearing Checks at school
Tues 29 May	ICAS Science
Thurs 7 June	Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge
Wed 13 June	ICAS Spelling
Wed 13 June	Junior School Production (1.30pm & 6.00pm performances - TBC)
Thurs 14 June	ICAS Writing
Thurs 14 June	Junior School Production (1.30pm & 6.00pm performances - TBC)
Fri 6 July	END OF TERM 2, 2018

YEARS 4-6 ICAS EXAM DATES

(For those students who have registered):

English	Tuesday 31 st July, 2018
Mathematics	Monday 13 th August, 2018

Kind regards,
Brian Sheedy

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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READ-A-THON

By now all students should have received their Read-a-thon Forms. 'What is this all about?' you may ask.

The PTA and library staff devised the Read-a-thon to coincide with the upcoming Book Week in week 3, and felt that it was a great way to encourage the kids in their reading whilst tying it into the fun reading activities that will be happening. It is very similar to a Spell-a-thon which has been a staple of primary schools for many years.

The PTA and school staff try very hard to make activities as inclusive of as many students as possible. The sponsorship element is purely another way in which we are raising funds for the new school playground - we cannot do it by ourselves and it takes many hands to make it happen! The playground will benefit all current and future students, and we are proud of the legacy we are building. Please feel free to have a chat to your children to describe why we are doing this activity and why they should take part. Reading should be fun - and we certainly hope that they participate! Thank you.

PYJAMA DISCO TO CELEBRATE BOOK WEEK FRIDAY 18TH MAY, 2018

We're looking for lots of awesome helpers to help run our first School Disco for the year. Without your help and support, we won't be able to hold the School Disco - so please sign up by messaging the PTA or contacting Rae Gunn via our Facebook page.

All helpers are invited to drinks and nibbles after the School Disco so who can say no to that?!

ICE BLOCK FRIDAY NEXT WEEK - FRIDAY 11TH MAY, 2018

Lemonade ice blocks will be on sale next Friday 11th May at lunchtime for \$2.00 each. We have had quite a number of children in the past turn up with 10c, 20c, 50c... please help us avoid any sad little faces by supplying them with a \$2.00 coin (or the correct amount of change!).

Put these events on your calendar now!

- Ice Block Day - Friday 11 May
- Pyjama Muffi Day - Friday 18th May
- Pyjama Disco - Friday 18th
- PTA AGM - Wednesday 20th June. Election of new PTA executive committee: Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Communications Officer, Events Co-ordinator. All welcome to attend and nominate. Refreshments provided.



Thanks everyone, have a great week. *Scott, Liz, Nalina, Jackie, Vicki and Rae*

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.

HAMILTON BMX CLUB

Our Club nights are Wednesday's register from 5.15pm, racing @ 6pm so look forward to meeting more families & having a great night, Contact Mary Lyall-Brennan, Hamilton BMX Club, Mobile: 021 266 0790

MUSIC CLASSES

Enrolments are now open for Term Two 2018 at the Waikato Community School of Music (formerly Hamilton Community Centre of Music). The first session is on Saturday 5th May. The centre caters for all ages (3 to retired) and ability levels, offering group-format music tuition in a range of instruments. The centre is located on the University of Waikato campus in Hillcrest. Contact us via our website <http://www.hccm.ac.nz/> or on 07 838 4611



Jitterbugs
Dance Lessons

Jolie Hopping Ph 021 117 9633 ♥ Email jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz

Last Chance to enrol for Term 2 2018 with just 9 spaces left:

Tuesday (Rototuna Junior High School Dance Studio)

- 4.15 Jitterbugs Junior (ages 5 ½ – 7) **2 Spaces**
- 4.45 Jitterbugs Junior Plus (ages 6 ½ - 8) **2 Spaces**

Thursday (Rototuna Junior High School Dance Studio)

- 3.45 Jitterbugs Junior (ages 5 ½ – 7) **2 Spaces**
- 4.15 Jitterbugs Intermediate (ages 7 - 12) **3 Spaces**

Other Info:

- Cost \$95 for the term which includes the use of a shirt/outfit for the end of term show and access to videos for your kids to dance to at home.
- All lessons held at Rototuna Junior High
- Check out my Facebook page or website for more details

KIDS SPEAK UP!

Confidence – school speeches - public speaking AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES: All ages. Kids gain real life skills! RING Roz 027 248 2888 roz@speak4success.co.nz www.speak4success.co.nz

Sport Opportunity After School for young people with a disability



Life Unlimited is pleased to offer another Sport Opportunity initiative designed to provide sporting opportunities for children and young people with disabilities and their families.

By utilising clubs within the community, we will provide an environment that will allow children and young people with a disability the opportunity to participate and develop skills in **basketball, indoor golf, ultimate frisbee and indoor rowing.**

TUESDAYS	<h4 style="margin: 0;">BASKETBALL</h4> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">Dates: Tuesdays from 1 May - 29 May, 4-5pm Location: UniRec, University of Waikato, Gate 2B, Knighton Rd, Hamilton</p>
TUESDAYS	<h4 style="margin: 0;">INDOOR GOLF</h4> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">Dates: Tuesdays from 5 June - 3 July, 4-5pm Location: UniRec, University of Waikato, Gate 2B, Knighton Rd, Hamilton</p>
THURSDAYS	<h4 style="margin: 0;">ULTIMATE FRISBEE</h4> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">Dates: Thursdays from 3 May - 31 May, 4-5pm Location: UniRec, University of Waikato, Gate 2B, Knighton Rd, Hamilton</p>
THURSDAYS	<h4 style="margin: 0;">INDOOR ROWING</h4> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">Dates: Thursdays from 7 June - 5 July, 4-5pm Location: Hamilton Rowing Club, 154 Grantham St, Hamilton</p>

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OPEN DAY

10AM - 2PM, 12 MAY 2018

KIMBRAE DRIVE, ROTOTUNA HIGH SCHOOL

FREE

10.00AM
MAGIC NETBALL TEAM
Meet the players, watch them train and get selfies afterwards

12.00PM
BURGER FUEL BASKETBALL SHOOT OUT
Shoot into the hoop to win Burger Fuel prizes. Anyone can give it a go!

1.00PM
FUTSAL COACHING SESSION
Head along for a futsal session with Brayden Lissington, a key member of the NZ Men's national futsal team (Futsal White)

10AM-2PM: ALL DAY FUN
Demonstration and have a go basketball, badminton, netball, volleyball sports, bouncy castle, face painting, bumper balls, BBQ, Peak-A-Boo Playtime.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE TO COME AND TRY!

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