

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)

** JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS **

MONDAY 9TH JULY TO FRIDAY 20TH JULY, 2018

The School Office will be open on Friday 20th July

from 9.00am - 1.00pm for Enrolment enquiries

School Begins on Monday 23rd July at 8.55am

FAMILY SURVEY FEEDBACK

Firstly our thanks for the 160 families, including children and parents who completed the survey at the end of the 2017 year. Also, our apologies for not getting back to you earlier with feedback. We have been working on a few ideas behind the scenes, especially in relation to the uniform.

Number of Surveys received: 160

What do you like about Te Totara? The main points that came up:

- **Teachers/Staff** - friendly, informative, passionate, lovely, nice & helpful
- **Principal** - caring, involved, present, friendly & approachable
- **School Environment** - nice atmosphere, community feel, STARS, inclusive, colourful, positive, organised, great communication, Senior Leadership
- **School** - PE gear, playgrounds, back field, pool, school app, ASC & BSC, library, seesaw, opportunities for senior students for leadership
- **PTA** - Ice block days, Discos

What could we do to improve and how would it help? Main points:

- More parking
- Change white shirt to red
- Another playground - may be a Year 5&6 playground
- EFL- needs to be longer ie 15mins minimum

Other suggestions:

More gear for PE shed, cleaner toilets, Learning Plan Discussions longer - too rushed at the moment

Of those that replied with a rating

- 99.3% (146/147) rated the School either Very Good or Excellent
- 0.7 % (1/147) rated the School as Ok/Not Good

What are we doing as a result of the survey?

Parking

There is little that we can do about the parking. Lately, we have tried a new way of students waiting at the front of the school, rather than under the Te Totara Primary School sign for pick ups. This seems to allow for a quicker flow and we appreciate the positive behaviour from motorists and students.

Uniform

We have been looking closely at the response to the uniform colour around the white shirts and have been liaising with our supplier on this.

The Board will survey families early in 2019 in relation to the colour of the shirts, when the current contract finishes at the end of 2019, ready for the 2020 school year.

Playground

Alongside our wonderful PTA we are in the process to get this done. Currently our Student Council are coming up with a design brief and are hopeful to go out to tender within the next few months. The playground would be located between Matariki (Hall) and Orion.

EFL (Eating for Learning)

Currently we allocate 10 minutes for this at morning tea and break, we do realise that it can take a little longer for some to eat. Each teacher is able to make provision for this to make sure they eat.

Learning Plan Discussions Longer

We do find that the current system works for most, if needed another time can be made to go over things that may not be covered. Our teachers are available in their rooms at 8.30am each day for a quick catch up and will respond within 48 hours by email on a query.

Gear for PE Shed

We do endeavour to keep enough stock on hand and will continue to monitor when there is a need to purchase more equipment. Our Student Leaders do a great job in helping with issues and returns. We did find about 50 balls in the drainage system and have now installed a grate so we get to keep them in circulation!

Toilets

We are delighted with our cleaners and their work, we do find that during the school day that with lots of use they can be in need of a clean. Our two wonderful caretakers now check these during the day and can spot clean if needed.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY - TUESDAY 14TH AUGUST, 2018

Once again it is that time of year when our children are training hard for our School Cross-Country. This is to be held on **Tuesday 14th August, 2018 (Week 4, Term 3)**.

Running is a fantastic sport to be involved in at any age. It brings many rewarding benefits, including the obvious physical, mental and personal development. It teaches children goal setting and helps build perseverance and resilience. **Regular physical exercise has also been shown to increase general well-being and reduce anxiety.** Our students are currently working on increasing their fitness with circuit training and various fun endurance games and activities where their heart rate is elevated for extended periods of time. Students at all levels of fitness will be catered for, as the focus is on improving fitness and increasing stamina for each individual student - from whatever their current fitness level is. Parents, like teachers and coaches, play a key role in determining the quality of experiences young people have. The importance of parents enabling and supporting their children can't be underestimated, so please encourage your child to fully participate in all the fitness activities to build up both their mental and physical strength. You can also help at home, just as Eddie the Penguin said (in our recent junior production - relating to walking, biking, scootering, etc), "It can make you fit; have you thought about it?", so think about choosing one of these options instead of taking the car when you can!



GIVE A KID A BLANKET, CAN YOU HELP PLEASE

Give a Kid a Blanket Waikato provides good clean bedding to local kids and their whanau who desperately need some extra warmth to help get them through the cold winter months.

Do you have any surplus blankets, duvets or sheets? All sizes, but only good usable supplies please. Care packages will be directly delivered to those in need through social workers and health advocates.

Jo Stewart, our Teacher in Milky Way 20 has agreed to be the collector at school, so you are welcome to give any donations directly to her.

TEACHERS STRIKE- WEDNESDAY 15TH AUGUST, 2018 FROM 1.30PM-4.30PM

The New Zealand Education Institute (NZEI) have just indicated after a ballot of members, that a strike has been called. This is in relation to a rejection of an offer made to members by the Ministry of Education over the collective contract.

Early next term we will update families on what this will actually mean for the school, as there are continued negotiations in place between now and the date of the strike, so please watch out for more information in forthcoming newsletters.

NZEI TE RIU ROA

LOST PROPERTY ON DISPLAY

Weather permitting; we will endeavour to display all lost property items on Thursday 5th July, 2018

Please check out our lost property bin. The BIG YELLOW bin is located outside the Earth building; there are LOTS of polar fleeces!

Please check to see if any items belong to your family as all unclaimed items (*other than school uniform*) will be donated to charity.

We ask ALL families to please check your child's uniform on a weekly basis to ensure they are wearing their own uniform, rather than someone else's.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 6th July, 2018 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.**

This week our Neptune and Ra children will be attending assembly and our Ra 33 children will be sharing.

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

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

NETBALL

Ferns	Alex Frater
Meteors	Sophie Skipwith
Shooters	Paige Freeman

HOCKEY

All Stars	Samantha Billingham
Cheetahs	Savannah Bourne
Strikers	Amelia Cullen
Shooters	Sophia Greenslade
Tigers	Lisa Bosman

BASKETBALL

Bouncers	Tayne Mael
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DATES COMING UP

Fri 6 July

END OF TERM 2, SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM

Mon 23 July

TERM 3, SCHOOL BEGINS AT 8.55AM

Thurs 26 July

BOT Meeting at 6.30pm

Tues 31 July

ICAS, English (*for those students who have registered*)

Wed 8 Aug

Photolife Class, Individual & Sibling Photos

Thurs 9 Aug

Photolife Class, Individual & Sibling Photos

Tues 14 Aug

School Cross Country

Thurs 16 Aug

School Cross Country - Postponement Date

Mon 13 Aug

ICAS, Mathematics (*for those students who have registered*)

Wed 22 Aug

2.15pm - 5.30pm - Learning Plan Discussions (**School Finishes at 2.00pm**)

Thurs 23 Aug

2.15pm - 6.00pm - Learning Plan Discussions (**School Finishes at 2.00pm**)

Tues 28 Aug

Fairfield Cluster Cross Country

Thurs 30 Aug

Fairfield Cluster Cross Country (*Postponement Day*)

Thurs 30 Aug
Mon 3 Sept
Tues 18 Sept
Thurs 20 Sept
Wed 26 Sept
Thurs 27 Sept
Fri 28 Sept

BOT Meeting at 6.30pm
Mid-Term Break - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
Fairfield Cluster Winter Sports (NO Postponement date)
BOT Meeting at 6.30pm
Senior School Production
Senior School Production
END OF TERM 3, SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM

*Kind regards,
Brian Sheedy*

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.



It's School Holiday Time!!
9th to 20th of July 2018

Check out our active and fun filled Holiday Programme
at our five fantastic venues:

Hamilton Girls' High, Southwell, Te Totara,
Bankwood and Leamington Schools

We are OSCAR/WINZ Approved



Programme and bookings www.kellysports.co.nz
Email: waikato@kellysports.co.nz
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Text 022 0532425

THE PEAK HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Small change goes a long way these school holidays at The Peak Recreation Centre. Grab a \$20 unlimited pass* to get entry between 9am and 5pm weekdays. Shoot hoops or come to one of our planned activities for family sport, badminton and basketball. www.thepeak.co.nz
*Per person under the age of 18 or pay just \$3 per visit.



KIDS SPEAK UP!

Kids shy? Won't speak up? Hate school speeches?

AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES: Kids gain real life skills!
RING Roz 027 248 2888
www.speak4success.co.nz

Cantando Choir presents Rossini's Petite Messe Solenne

Sunday 5 August 2018 at 4pm at the Gallagher Academy of Performing Arts, University of Waikato

Concert-goers fortunate enough to have attended Cantando's first 30th Anniversary concert – Ain't Misbehavin' – earlier this year, will hear the choir taking a more serious note in this August concert. This concert promises to be a memorable experience. Seating is limited, so be sure to secure your tickets early.

Ticket Prices (General admission): Adults \$30, Senior and Unwaged \$25, Student with ID \$20, Family (2 Adults and 2 Children) \$70 (additional children \$10, under fives free). Group Bookings (10 seats) \$200

Tickets are available by emailing info@cantando.org.nz, phoning our Ticket Hotline on 021 1393 796 (payment by internet banking only), from choir members or at the Academy.

This will be held at St Pauls Collegiate, Hukanui Road. Wednesday the 26th of September from 7.00pm – 8.30pm/9.00pm

Its free of charge, however spaces are limited.

Please visit the Waikato Police Facebook page, and go to the events to RSVP. Link here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/254276345327544>

Guest speakers include:

Pauline Spence – Educator from Netsafe NZ

Detective Reece Durston – Hamilton Police CIB

Constable Pete van't Wout – School Community Officer – Hamilton Police Youth Services



CYBERSAFETY
PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING
"HOW TO KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE"
netsafe NEW ZEALAND POLICE



**START DATE: TUESDAY
24TH JULY 2018 (6
consecutive Tues
Evenings)
7.30pm Cnr of Masters
START**

Ave & Morris Rd - Hillcrest Hamilton Course Costs:
\$50.00, Hillcrest Chapel
Ring the Number/s below, or Email your intention to
attend - Registration Forms can be filled out on the
first night - See you there! @drwhillcrest@gmail.com
Registration is essential

- Are you separated or divorced?
- Suffering shock?
- Disbelief? • Rejection, guilt, anger?
- Feeling alone?

021-965-006 07-856-4222

Puketehouse Neighbourhood House Exciting holiday programmes!

We run exciting holiday programmes for
5 - 14 year olds in school holiday breaks

7.00am - 6.00pm

Priced from just \$50 per day, all activities
and food included!

Heaps of fun filled activities, including;
Butterfly Creek, Movies, Rainbow Springs
and much much more

WINZ OSCAR Subsidy available

Visit our website for more info www.puketehouse.org.nz
Te Rapa Sportsdrome, 43 Church Road, Hamilton | Ph: 07 849 1115





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

Just 7 Spaces left for Term 3 2018 in the following sessions:

- **Monday 4.15 MiniJam (unisex class for kids aged 3 – 5 ½) 1 Space**
- **Monday 4.40 Jitterbugs Junior (ages 5 ½ – 7) 1 Space**
- **Wednesday 3.45 Jitterbugs Mini's (ages 3 – 5½) 3 Spaces**
- **Thursday 4.45 Jitterbugs Mini's (ages 3 – 5 ½) 2 Spaces**

Other Info:

- All sessions are held at Rototuna Junior High School
- Classes start Monday 30th July, Tuesday 31st July, Wednesday 1st August and Thursday 2nd August.
- Cost for the term is \$99, or \$192 for a family of two or \$287 for a family of 3. This cost 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.

JitterFit Holiday Sessions

Days/Times:

- **Monday 9th July 7.00pm** - JitterFit (Cardio/Conditioning Session)
- **Wednesday 11th July 7.15pm** - Stretch/Breathing/Relaxation Session
- **Monday 16th July 7.00pm** - JitterFit (Cardio/Conditioning Session)
- **Wednesday 18th July 7.15pm** - Stretch/Breathing/Relaxation Session

Other Info:

- JitterFit term time sessions are normally full with a waitlist, however over the holidays I put on extra sessions open to anyone.
- Limited spaces – let me know if you are keen to signup
- Cost: \$9 per session or signup to all 4 sessions for only \$32 if paid for by Wednesday 4th July. Payments after 4th July \$10 per session.
- Open to all fitness levels – run by a qualified fitness leader with over 20 years experience.
- All sessions held at Rototuna Junior High. Email or message me for more info or check out the JitterFit Facebook page.