

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 16TH JUNE, 2016

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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)

#### LEARNING PLANS AND GOAL SETTING

Earlier this year we implemented a revised version of Learning Plan discussions which involved a bigger focus on goal setting with students and families. We have been pleased with the response to this initiative so far.

To support a greater focus on students and their learning goals, we have revised our printed Learning Plan format. This new printed and on line version will be a more concise and focussed document.

The new format will be on one page which highlights achievements made and important goals going forward. In addition, families will be able to access all the testing information through the online portal that support the judgements made.

Our teachers are working on this now to get things right and we will have these <u>home to families on **Friday 8th**</u> <u>**July**</u>, which is the last day of the term. We have to make sure we get our process right to do the best by each child and our team are doing an admirable job so far!

We will be following up the printed version with discussions in August with families.

# **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Our new Board of Trustees take up their Governance role, this is an exciting time. I would like to thank the previous Board Members Iain Ings and Tracey Bremner for their governance work, they have overseen considerable growth and change in the school and initiated many new opportunities for the school.

It was impressive to see 12 candidates stand for positions at our school and meant that the the community have had a great choice.

The community have chosen to return the three existing Board Members, who stood for re-election: Rod Carpinter, Erika Pearson and Kevin King. Joining them are new members Terry Singh and Mark McMorran. Completing the Board are Anne Fraser, the staff elected member, and Principal Brian Sheedy.

The new Board have already begun their work in preparation for the first meeting on Thursday 30th June 6.30pm in the Southern Cross building (Administration).

# **ABOUT US**

On the coloured panels on the Matariki building, you will see a story about why our name is Te Totara. Thanks to our visual arts team and The Sign Crew for adding this special feature about our school...

# TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL derives its name from the large ToTARA Trees that used to be in this locality. The TREE symbolises leadership and mana. The BERRIES symbolise seeds of learning for future generations... ...and the STARS above guide and sustain the community. The name of our school is a name worthy of the past, symbolic of present aspirations and inspirational for taking us all forward into a bright future.

# \*\* URGENT \*\* URGENT \*\*

# SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY HELP TUESDAY 28TH JUNE, 2016

We always need additional family support as marshals on the day to help us successfully run this event. No experience required we can let you know what to do!

We are looking for parent help as marshals on the day, if you are able to help for any of the times below please advise the School Office or email Craig Roger craigr@tetotara.school.nz

9.00am-10.30am / 11.00am-12.30pm / 1.30pm-2.00pm

If the Cross Country is postponed we will do this by 8.00am. This will be posted on our school Facebook page and our website. The Postponement Date is Thursday 30 June 2016.

# TE TOTARA HOUSE COLOURS

• There are four houses, all named in line with our STARS theme and space expeditions:

"Apollo, Challenger, Discovery & Mercury"

• Children are placed in houses when they arrive at school. New Entrants with family members already at school will be placed in the same house.

- We will be able to use the houses for different school events and happenings e.g. Athletic Sports.
- Houses will provide our children with leadership responsibilities and provide good-natured competition.
- There are colours for each house.
- There will be a Lead Teacher looking after each house.
- Students will be meeting in house groups before the School Cross Country.
- Children are encouraged to wear an item of a colour associated with their school house.

HOUSE	COLOUR
Apollo	Yellow
Challenger	Blue
Discovery	Green
Mercury	Red

# INFECTIOUS DISEASES INFORMATION

We have this information on our school website which is really useful information regarding illness when your child is sick. These are guidelines form the Ministry of Health.

http://www.tetotara.school.nz/files/bce6224ad0395b3a/folders/31/MOH Infectious Diseases Chart - March 2016.pdf

# **OUTSTANDING IMMUNISATION RECORDS**

We still have a large number of families who have not returned Immunisation Records for their child/ren. Your URGENT attention to this matter would be appreciated; we require this documentation by Friday 24th June, 2016.

# SCHOOL LUNCH SERVICE, REAL GOOD FOOD

Our school lunch service is going very well at school and our children are enjoying great lunches from our school lunch supplier "Lunch Orders" who are based in Hamilton.

Lunch Orders can now also offer more yummy food items on their menu from the Real Good Food website. Log in to the website <a href="http://www.realgood.co.nz">http://www.realgood.co.nz</a> with your lunch orders account or set up a new one.

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.

# F HOW IT WORKS

- Visit us online at www.lunchorders.co.nz
- 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.



# **FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

This week's assembly will be held Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016, in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.

This week Orion, Kōpū, Earth and Marama children will attend assembly. This week our Kōpū 24 children will be sharing.

# SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS - CLOSES AT 9.15AM TOMORROW

Scholastic Book orders are due by **9.15am on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016**, to the School Office please. **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 new easy way to order and pay now, is to order and pay online with the Book Club loop.

Visit: mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

# TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

If you are a Coach or Manager, please email the POD to <a href="mailto:celestem@tetotara.school.nz">celestem@tetotara.school.nz</a>

**NETBALL** 

**BASKETBALL** 

Invaders Emily Cobby, Xanthie Jensen-Tamatea

**Shooters** Gwen Hathaway **Magic** Emilee Mehrtrens

DefendersHayley Taylor, Ashlee LobbStarsLauren Avery, Kayleigh Neville

**HOCKEY** 

LeopardsSophie DavieCheetahsSamantha WiltonAll StarsShnarah MarshallShootersArav DarshanLightningSummer WrightStrikersNoor MackyTigersAshleigh Varghese

Breakers Shiv Chopra

# DATES COMING UP

Thurs 23 June Tues 28 June Thurs 30 June

Thurs 30 June Thurs 30 June Sun 3 July

Thurs 7 July Fri 8 July Fri 8 July

Mon 25 July Thurs 28 July Tues 2 Aug Thurs 4 Aug Thurs 11 Aug Tues 16 Aug Matawhero Wheels Day School Cross Country School Cross Country (postponement day) Orion Wheels Day BOT Meeting 6.30pm Te Totara Invitation Netball Tournament Marama Wheels Day Learning Plans home TERM 2 FINISHES, 3PM

TERM 3 BEGINS, 8.55AM Milky Way Wheels Day ICAS, English Earth Wheels Day Ra Wheels Day ICAS, Mathematics Blend 400g can of chickpeas, 3 tbsp fresh coriander, 1 tsp cumin and 1 tbsp flour. Roll into patties and cook in a pan. Put inside pita bread or wraps with your favourite salad vegetables.

Developed by Sport Walkato 2016

Kind regards, Brían Sheedy

**Principal** 

# TE TOTARA PTA

# PTA Te Totara Primary School

# **DISCO THANK YOU**

What a great Disco we had on Friday last week. A really good turnout and the weather held off for most of the evening!

Our kids really got into the spirit of the "I wish I was.." theme and there were so many amazing and fantastic costumes! So much effort put into the costumes – and some really great ideas.

Thanks to Gavin for being DJ on the night – got some good feedback about the choice of music and the kids liked hearing their class songs on the night.

Thanks to all the people who helped with selling, and manning doors and counting money and setting up 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 22nd June, 7pm



Upstairs on the mezzanine floor, Good Neighbour, Rototuna

and cleaning up. We would not be able to successfully run these events without your offers of help.

Thanks to our photographers on the night – we have some great photos which will be getting put up on the PTA facebook page next week. Thanks for supporting the PTA.

# PTA AGM RESULTS

A big thank you to all those who came to our PTA AGM last night. It was great to see some new faces! The new committee was voted in and the results are:

Chairperson:

Deputy Chairperson:
Secretary:

Treasurer:

Communications Officer:

Congratulations to the new committee!

Scott Mehrtens
Anna Smart
Jasmine Cobby
Nalina Dheda
Vicki Jordan

We would like to say a **BIG thank you** to the outgoing members of the committee for all of your hard work and dedication to the PTA, and for all of your efforts in fundraising and the social events held throughout the past

year. Thank you for helping to make Te Totara the great place it is!

#### **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-Totara-Primary-School-PTA/30090011661692

# **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.



Te Horonuku - a family friendly ski club right on the snow at Mt Ruapehu, from just \$37 a night for members inc meals. 50% off all new memberships for 2016. See <a href="https://www.tehoronuku.org.nz">www.tehoronuku.org.nz</a> for more information or to organise a trial visit.

#### **EASTLINK SPORTS DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR - JOB VACANCY**

Eastlink Sports, a major sports not for profit hub located in Hamilton East along Wairere Drive is looking for an admin star with a passion for sport to join Eastlink Sports team on a part time basis (currently 1 day per week). The main role will be to drive forward Eastlink Sports strategic plan under the guidance of the Eastlink Sports management committee. Please contact TJ on 021 464 229 for further information. Alternatively you may email us at eastlinksportshub@gmail.com

# FOOTBALL/MULTI-SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Claudelands Rovers Football club has teamed up with Edventure to provide a brand new holiday programme"Football Skills/Multi-sport." Each day we have lined up skills, drills, games, and awesome activities. Kids are going to have
so much fun and be transformed into amazing sportspeople by the end of the week. Suits all ability groups aged 5-14. \$45
per day, or whole week \$200. OSCAR available. Enrol online at <a href="https://www.edventure.co.nz">www.edventure.co.nz</a> or ph 021 0224 1576

# **HAMILTON YMCA**

We have 7 different locations around Hamilton, with something for everyone. We will keep your children involved and active with organised games, sports, cooking, crafts, a trip to the movies, a trip to the theatre AND then onto tenpin bowling. We also have an extra optional MAXI day at Paradice ice skating. Check out our programmes on <a href="https://www.ymcahamilton.org.nz">www.ymcahamilton.org.nz</a> or give us a call on 07 838 2529. The YMCA is a local charity that is part of your community.

# **KELLY SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME - JULY 2016**

Our fantastic programme is full of exciting games, sports, art and craft activities that will guarantee your children have fun in a safe environment.

OSCAR/WINZ Approved, Te Totara School, Southwell School and Hamilton Girls High School 7.40am – 6.00pm Bankwood School and Leamington School, Cambridge 8am – 6pm Plus NETBALL & RUGBY CLINICS For more information or to BOOK ONLINE go to <a href="www.kellysports.co.nz">www.kellysports.co.nz</a> Email: <a href="waitato@kellysports.co.nz">waitato@kellysports.co.nz</a> Tel: 07 839 9017

### **NETBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

Trust Waikato Hamilton City Netball Centres Holiday Programme for Year 1-8 students to be held at the Minogue Park Netball Courts on Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 July (9-1.30). To register or find out more information, look onwww.netballhamilton.org.nz or email admin@netballhamilton.org.nz



