

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 23rd 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)

STAFFING UPDATE

We are delighted to announce three new teachers who will be joining us between now and the end of the year, to start three new entrant classes. We are delighted to have attracted highly experienced and competent teachers to these positions.

We welcome Julia May, who will be starting our next new entrant class early next term in Room 26. Julia comes to us as an experienced New Entrant teacher from Tamahere School where she has been teaching New Entrants.

Later in the year, we will be adding Lisa Cameron to the team. Lisa comes to us after successful experience in NZ schools, including training as a Reading Recovery teacher. Lisa has also taught in an International School in Hong Kong.

At the very end of the school year we will welcome Rachel Corbin to the school. Rachel comes to us with a wealth of successful experience in NZ schools as well as being a trained Reading Recovery teacher.

We are currently in the process of appointing a teacher for Kōpū 22 for Andrea Johns. Andrea has been with us for eight years and is now turning her focus to her family. We wish her all the best and thank her so much for wonderful contributions to the school during her time here. We will update the families of Kōpū 22 of the transition arrangements to the new teacher as soon as we are able.

NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES FIRST MEETING

Next Thursday, 30th June at 6.30pm, our new Board meet for the first time. On the agenda is an election of positions, including a Board Chairperson. Over the last few weeks our new Board have been active in coming along to school, seeing our place in action and being updated on school happenings. We will keep everyone informed of any updates.

WHOLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY-TUESDAY 28th JUNE, 2016

Year 5 & 6 children may arrive in their running gear in their house colours and change into their school uniform after their race has finished. All other students please come to school in your school uniform and bring your running gear in your house colours to change into before you race.

The first group of races will start at 9:20am and finish at 10:25am. To avoid disappointment, we suggest you arrive at the start of this block at 9:15am.

8:55am Roll taken, Meet on courts and assemble in house teams for cheers

9:15am Children return to teachers, first runners get organised

9:20am Year 6 Girls 9:25am Year 6 Boys 9:50am Year 5 Girls 9:55am Year 5 Boys

10.25am - 10.55am MORNING TEA

The second group of races will start at 11:00am and finish at approximately 12:30pm. Again, we suggest you arrive at the <u>start</u> of this block.

 11:00am
 Year 4 Girls

 11:05am
 Year 4 Boys

 11:30am
 Year 3 Girls

 11:35am
 Year 3 Boys

 12:00pm
 Year 2 Girls

 12:05pm
 Year 2 Boys

LUNCH

The last group will start at 1:30pm and finish at approximately 2.00pm.

1:30pm Year 1 Girls Orion 1:35pm Year 1 Boys Orion 1.45pm Year 1 Girls Matawhero 1.50pm Year 1 Boys Matawhero

2:00pm Certificates written. Children back to classrooms, bags packed etc.

2:15pm Year 1-2 certificates in Matariki Hall. 2.35pm Year 3-6 certificates in Matariki Hall.

LOOK out for the Coffee van in front of the Earth Pod, Thanks to our PTA who have kindly arranged this for our Cross Country.

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, Cross Country.
- 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

ARBOR DAY, FRIDAY 3RD JUNE 2016

Approximately 87 students, 25 parent helpers and 5 staff members attended the yearly Arbor Day planting at Waiwhakareke Natural Heritage Park. The Hamilton City Council provided a free bus for this community service but with the increase of interest from students we had to ask parents to provide transport. This year we were set the task of helping to dia and successfully plant 22,000 native trees. We were fortunate to have an absolutely stunning, warm day and the task was completed by around 12.30pm. We would like to thank all participators in this community service and we should all feel very proud of taking care of our environment. I'm looking forward to seeing a repeat performance next year. Thanks to all once again. Sue Robertson



FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held Friday 24th June 2016, in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm. This week Matawhero, Neptune, Ra and Milky Way children will attend assembly. This week our Matawhero children in Room 3 and 4 will be sharing.

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

We have families with outstanding payments for various activities including Swimming, Mathletics, voluntary School Donation, Sports Fees etc. **We would appreciate your urgent attention to the payment of these outstanding monies.**Payments and be made through the School Office either by FET POS each chaque or internet banking.

Payments can be made through the School Office either by EFT-POS, cash, cheque or internet banking. Details are:

Account Name: Te Totara Primary School Bank: ASB Bank Chartwell Account Number: 12-3171-0270973-00

Please place your child's name, (or surname only if making payment for more than one child and what the payment is for, in the reference boxes).

PAYMENT OPTIONS

We are mindful of costs for parents and are now able to offer families several payment options i.e. automatic payment. You are welcome to discuss your options with Wendy Bulloch, our Executive Officer on (07) 853-0039 or e-mail: executiveofficer@tetotara.school.nz

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

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

BASKETBALL

Breakers Daniel Hodgson

NETBALL

Shooters Tayla Read Ferns Teia Benefield Keepers Chloe Von Weichardt
Invaders Frankie Waldron
Defenders Paige Hopping
HOCKEY

Leopards Lisa Bosman
Lightning Katie MacKenzie
Strikers Camryn Harker

Tigers Katie Li

Thunders Paige Hopping, Tejveer Singh-Randhawa

Stormers Emilia Weatherell, Yuma Fielder

Shooters Jaimee Lucas **Cheetahs** Sasha McKay

DATES COMING UP

Tues 28 June School Cross Country
Thurs 30 June School Cross Country

(postponement day)

Thurs 30 June Orion Wheels Day
Thurs 30 June BOT Meeting 6.30pm
Sun 3 July Te Totara Invitation

Netball Tournament Marama Wheels Day Learning Plans home

Fri 8 July Learning Plans home Fri 8 July TERM 2 FINISHES, 3PM

Mon 25 July TERM 3 BEGINS, 8.55AM Thurs 28 July Milky Way Wheels Day

Tues 2 Aug ICAS, English
Thurs 4 Aug Earth Wheels Day
Thurs 11 Aug Ra Wheels Day
Tues 16 Aug ICAS, Mathematics

Kind regards, Brían Sheedy

Principal

Thurs 7 July

TE TOTARA PTA

CROSS COUNTRY AT SCHOOL, COFFEE VAN COMING Tuesday 28th June, 2016

The PTA has kindly organised a coffee van to be at school on the day. It will be situated in front of the Earth Pod. Grab yourself a coffee and maybe shout your hard working runners a hot chocolate!

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.

GYMSPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Gymnastics, Trampoline, Cheerleading, Theme Days, Obstacle Courses, Tabloid Sports, Gymnastics Crafts, Gymnastics Theatre, FUN!!! Please visit our website for further information and enrolment forms.

www.hamcitygymsports.co.nz (07) 849 4546 office@hamcitygymsports.co.nz

LOVE ACTING SINGING OR DANCING OR ALL OF THE ABOVE?

Join us for the July School Holiday Performing Arts Programme In a week of drama, dance and music students will learn valuable performance skills in a programme designed to be educational, intense and most importantly.... Fun. For more information or to secure your place: www.theperformanceguild.org or Email: theperformanceguild.com

EDVENTURE HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

These holidays we have got 3 different action filled programmes running...

- Edventure Sports- Football/multi-sports
- Edventure Outdoors
- Edventure Everyday

Central Hamilton, OSCAR, 5-14 yr olds enrol online at www.edventure.co.nz

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

- JOIN CHILDREN'S WINTER ART SCHOOL AT WSA

Once again our tutors have prepared an exciting school holiday programme for our young artists – please find details on the programme on our website: wsa.org.nz/school or email Sybille at artschool@wsa.org.nz to book.

SQUIGGLE HOLIDAYS ARE HERE

Squiggle holiday programme is OSCAR approved and is great for kids aged 5-13 years old. Squiggle will run from Waikato Diocesan School (Fairfield) during week one and Tai Wānanga School (Ruakura) during week two of the holidays.

To enrol, please go online -<u>www.squiggle.org.nz</u>.

PRECIOUS BAMBINOS

The next market will be held on Sunday 17 July, 10am-1pm at the Pavilion Rooms at the Hamilton Gardens.

The market is for new items for maternity, babies and kids. Stalls will be selling a variety of goods and products, including face painting, bake stall and a sausage sizzle. Please see facebook for further information

www.facebook.com/PreciousBambinosMarket





Junior High Information Evenings 7 July 7pm & 27 July 7 pm

The purpose of these evenings is to provide information to prospective families about our school, our curriculum, and learning at RJHS. This evening is aimed at current Year 6 and Year 8 students who are within our enrolment zone.

The same information will be presented on both evenings.

Senior High Information Evenings

27 July 6:30 pm & 17 August 7 pm

The purpose of the first meeting will be pre-enrolment information and the second meeting will cover updated information about the structure of our curriculum.

There will be no out of zone enrolments for 2017.