

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER, 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)

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School closes Friday 23rd September at 3.00pm

Term 4 begins on Monday 10th October, 2016.

The School Office will be open on Friday 7th October from 9.00am – 12.00 noon for enrolment enquiries.

BEST FOOT FORWARD PRODUCTION

This week has seen 502 students perform in the "Best Foot Forward" production, as part of our Arts Programme. A special mention to our two Directors, Cath Glyde and Jemma Campbell for their efforts.

We have been delighted with how the four shows went and the huge commitment from so many people to make it happen.

During this term, over 800 children have performed in our two productions, providing a tremendous learning opportunity for them. Events such as these are a big undertaking, so I would like to acknowledge and thank our staff for their efforts. Also, our community for their help with costumes, rehearsals and making sure the children were able to perform.

BEST FOOT FORWARD DVD's

Both the Ra/Milky Way & Earth/Marama Performances have been filmed on separate DVD's. If you wish to purchase a copy, please order and pay for your DVD's via the School Office by tomorrow, **Friday 23rd September, 2016**. DVD's cost **\$15.00 each**. Next term, you will be advised through the newsletter when the DVD's will be available to collect.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Last week we had hundreds of Grandparents come along to visit our Year 0-2 students. They were treated to a display of our talented children in Matariki, followed by activities in their classes. It was a great occasion and it was wonderful to see the positive interactions between all.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS, PARKING AND DRIVING

The new traffic lights on Borman Road and Moonlight Drive have been in place for a day and it seems to to have made crossing for our children much safer. We have noticed already that there seems to be a backlog of traffic down Hector Drove, so please take extra time, care and patience around this.

Midway through next year Borman Road will be extended by around 400 metres, meaning traffic can turn left coming out of Hector Drive, easing the pressure on the traffic lights.

Lately, I have noticed that the school car park has been used a drop-off area for some children. Please use the pick-up and drop-off zone. It offers a quick and safe option and prevents the clogging of the school car park. From time-to-time we do get queries around car parking and drop-off zones, so it is useful to clarify that any car parking and pick-ups within the school are under the control of the school. Staff are there to ensure that everyone is safe so please keep supporting them, to ensure safety for all.

END OF TERM

Tomorrow is the end of the third term; it has been a busy term at school with many highlights, including Grandparents Day and the "Best Foot Forward" and "Tell Me Your Story" Productions. We do look forward to everyone having a restful holiday ready for the last term of the school year, which starts on Monday 10th October 8.55am.

SHOOT KEYS - PHOTOLIFE SCHOOL PHOTOS

The Shoot Keys have arrived and were sent home with each child last Friday with details on how to order **INDIVIDUAL**, **CLASS & SIBLING** photos online.

If you do not have a computer, please collect an order envelope from the School Office.

Families who have a shared care arrangement can still use the same Shoot Key to order online. If you have any queries, please phone Photolife direct on 0800 501040.

"Free Delivery" to the school will apply to orders prior to 8.00am on Tuesday 25th October, 2016.

LOST PROPERTY ON DISPLAY

Any property left at the school at the end of term e.g. clothing, shoes, socks etc. will be on display outside the Earth block (weather permitting) on **Friday 23rd September**, **2016**. If the weather is bad, it will be on display inside the Earth Pod.

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 will endeavour to return named school uniform items of clothing to their rightful owner however; any unnamed school uniform will be given to the School Office and sold, with the proceeds returned to the school. As you can imagine, with 824 students at our school now, it doesn't take long before the Lost Property Box is full. The below items are held at the School Office, if anything belongs to your family please pick it up before the end of term.





READING OVER THE HOLIDAYS

The school library will be shut over the holidays, so please visit us before school on Friday 23 September if you want to take out extra books for your children. Access to our online eBook library is available throughout the holidays. You can find out more about how it works here, or just type in 'eBooks' in the search box on the school's website.

We have just signed up to ePlatform One, which gives our students access to over 1,000 eBooks, so they have plenty to choose from! We have already provided our senior students with their username and password, but if these have been misplaced or you have a junior student who would like to use this service, please email <u>librarian@tetotara.school.nz</u> to request new login details.

Happy reading everyone!

STUDENTS LEAVING TE TOTARA

If you have not already notified the school, and are planning to leave our school at the end of this term, it would be appreciated if you could please let us know <u>in writing.</u> This will help with future planning. You are welcome to e-mail me at <u>principal@tetotara.school.nz</u> and c.c. <u>receptionist@tetotara.school.nz</u>

CHANGE OF DETAILS/ADDRESS

Just a little reminder that if you have changed any of your details i.e. phone, address, e-mail etc; to please advise the School Office so we can update your records accordingly.

We encourage our families to check your contact details are correct through the parent portal at www.atschool.co.nz using the User ID and Passwords that were provided with your child/ren previous Learning Plan.

If you do not have access to a computer, you are welcome to check your details with the School Office on (07) 853-0039

OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS PERIODS FOR 2017

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 <u>2 places for New Entrant (Year 1) students</u> are likely to be available to out-of-zone students for the first enrolment period of 16th December 2016 – 28th February 2017.

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

There will be three 2017 out-of-zone enrolment periods:

The First enrolment period runs from 16th December 2016 - 28th February 2017

The Second enrolment period runs from 1st March 2017 - 30th June 2017

The Third enrolment period runs from 1st July 2017 - 15th December 2017

For students seeking enrolment within the **first enrolment period of 16th December 2016 – 28th February 2017**, the deadline for receipt of out-of-zone applications is <u>3.00pm on Wednesday 12th October</u>, 2016 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 next 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(s) 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 Practicing 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 <u>Monday 17th October 2016</u>. Parents will be informed of the outcome by Thursday 20th October, 2016.

SCHOOL SWIMMING, CLASS LESSONS FOR TERM 4 2016

Our school swimming programme has been going very well this term and we will be continuing class lessons in Term 4.

In Weeks 1 & 2, Rooms 20 & 21 and the remaining Year 2 class from last term, Room 25, will be swimming. We then will start working with our Year 1 Orion classes followed by our Matawhero classes throughout the remainder of the year. The timetables will be updated and online on our website in Week 1 of Term 4.

TE TOTARA BUCKET SUN HATS COMPULSORY – TERM 4 2016

From the beginning of Term 4, 2016 **ALL** children will need to wear their Te Totara Primary School Red Bucket Hat when outside. Bucket hats can be purchased through our uniform supplier - Direct Group (07) 847-6664. Summer school sandals can also be worn from Term 4.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held Friday 23rd September 2016, in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.

This week Orion, Kōpū, Earth & Marama children will attend assembly.

This week our Earth 34 children will be sharing.

TERM DATES FOR 2017

Term 1 Tuesday 31 January - Thursday 13 April

Term 2 Monday 1 May - Friday 7 July

Term 3 Monday 24 July - Friday 29 September Term 4 Mon 16 October - Friday 15 December

Holidays During the 2017 School Term

Term 1 Monday 6 February Waitangi Day
Term 2 Monday 5 June Queen's Birthday
Term 3 Monday 4 September Mid-Term Break
Term 4 Monday 23 October Labour Day

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

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

NETBALL

Magic

Most Valuable Player Mya Chee
Most Improved Saanvi Prasad
Team Member Samantha Cooke



DATES COMING UP

Thurs 22 Sept BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm

Fri 23 Sept End of Term 3, 2016 – <u>School Finishes at 3.00pm</u>

Mon 10 Oct Term 4 Begins @ 8.55am

Fri 14 Oct Hearing and Vision Checks at school

Mon 17 Oct Photolife Photos (Cluster Sports Teams, Cultural, Y6 Leavers etc.)

Mon 24 Oct Labour Day Public Holiday – School Closed

Tues 25 Oct Junior Athletics "Have A Go" Day

Wed 26 Oct KIDS for KIDS Choir Performance @ Activate Church Thurs 27 Oct Junior Athletics "Have A Go" Day Postponement Date

Thurs 27 Oct BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm

Fri 28 Oct School Disco
Tues 15 Nov Senior Athletics

Thurs 17 Nov Senior Athletics Postponement Date Tues 22 Nov Fairfield Cluster Athletics Yrs 4-6

Thurs 24 Nov BOT Meeting @ 6.00pm

Tues 29 Nov Fairfield Cluster Athletics Postponement Date

Kind regards,

Brían Sheedy

Principal



TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

Another week has flown by, congratulations to all those involved in the production, you should be very proud of yourselves!

ICE BLOCK FRIDAY went well last week, keep a look out for the next one early next term.

'LITERACY AND OUR CHILDREN' EVENING

Our next POP-UP PTA meeting is on Wednesday 2nd November, with a Literacy talk presented by Anne Fraser and Jennie Brook-Watt. Definitely one to put in your diaries, it will be well worth coming along.

SCHOOL DISCO - 28 OCTOBER

Thanks for all the ideas of themes for our term 4 disco – we are currently going through them and will announce

the theme early next term.

As always, we would love to see as many parents and caregivers attend our friendly PTA meetings, where we can discuss ways to improve our school community and benefit our children. Whether you can help for just a couple of hours – or more – we would love to see you for a drink and a chat. You don't have to commit to coming to all the meetings but you will be informed about what is going on & what we need help with. If it happens that you have the skills, time, contacts or resources you can simply let us know by email how you are able to help. No pressure!



Please make sure you 'like' our PTA Facebook page, to be kept up to date with all the upcoming events we'll be running:www.facebook.com/TTPTA http://www.facebook.com/TTPTA>

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

Te Totara Primary School PTA Account: ASB 12 3171 0277833-00

Please ensure your name is used as a reference.

EMAIL: tetotara.pta@gmail.com http://tetotara.pta@gmail.com

Thanks for reading, have a wonderful week!

- Your friendly PTA team: Scott, Anna, Nalina, Jasmine, Vicki & Liz

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.



JITTERBUGS DANCE LESSONS TERM 4

- Now taking names for the waitlist for Term 4.
- · Lessons held on a Monday,

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

- · Lessons held at Te Totara Primary School and RJHS
- \cdot \$90 for the term which includes a show at the end of the term
- For girls and boys aged 3 12
- · Email <u>jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz</u> for more info, visit

www.jitterbugsdancelessons.co.nz

** KELLY SPORTS

KELLY SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2016

Our fantastic programme is full of exciting games, sports and art & 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

Half Days available

For more information or to BOOK ONLINE go to www.kellysports.co.nz

Email: waikato@kellysports.co.nz Ph: 07 839 9017

JITTERFIT HOLIDAY SESSIONS

- · Monday 26th September 7.00 pm JitterFit aerobics/conditioning session
- Monday 3rd October 7.00pm Stretch/Relaxation/Breathing/Yoga style Session
- · Cost \$9 per session
- · Limited spaces so get in quick.
- · Sessions held at Te Totara Primary School
- Cost per session is \$10 per session or two from the same family for \$18.
- · These sessions are open anyone including kids over the age of 8 who are into exercising.

WAIKATO FOOTBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

3-6 October, 2016 @ Inzone Indoor Sports Venue Hamilton To Book, contact Andrea Marden waikatofootballacademy@gmail.com

HOLIDAY ART WORKSHOPS

Come join in the fun, get creative & learn new techniques at Escape & Create Holiday Art Workshops. Based in Rototuna, we run for the first three days of both weeks from 8:45am-3:30pm. Ages 5-13. Cost: \$40/child with a reduced rate for siblings. For more details & enrolment forms, contact Nikki Thompson 021 143 9023 or email nthompson@slingshot.co.nz

EQUIDAYS

We are holding Equidays on 14-16 October 2016. Equidays is New Zealand's premier equine event, with a primary focus on education.

More information is on our website http://www.equidays.co.nz/colouringcomp/

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INLINE HOCKEY

The Inline Hockey National Championships are being held in Hamilton at the inline hockey rink at Lugton Park off Old Farm Road. We offer free entry, an exciting indoor team sport with teams from all over NZ. Hamilton teams are also involved and entered in all grades. Range is from Under 10 to adult teams. Start Date is Sept 24 @11am through to October 2, every day all day. Families are welcome to come along and watch.

GYMSPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Gymnastics, Trampoline, Cheerleading, Theme Days, Obstacle Courses, Tabloid Sports, Gymnastics Crafts, Gymnastics Theatre, FUN!!! Suitable for 5-12 years. All abilities catered for.

BABYSITTING AVAILABLE. Hamilton City Gymsports is OSCAR approved!! Please visit our website for further information and enrolment forms. www.hamcitygymsports.co.nz (07) 849 4546 office@hamcitygymsports.co.nz

ARTS FOR HEALTH COMMUNITY TRUST

Just a reminder that Opening Night and announcement of prize winners of the 2016 Arts for Health Art Competition will be held this coming Friday night (23rd September). This will be held at David Lloyd's gallery, 78 Lake Crescent Hamilton between 5.30pm and 7pm. The gallery will also be open on Saturday and Sunday (24th and 25th September) between 1pm and 4pm. All art entered in the competition is for sale at great prices. http://www.artsforhealth.co.nz/

PUKETE KINDERGARTEN – ENROLMENTS WELCOME

We are currently seeking enrolments at our wonderful kindergarten. Are you or someone you know looking for quality care and education for your child? At Pukete kindergarten we offer a fantastic learning environment with a wide range of stimulating educational experiences for your child. We offer sessional hours (am and pm) as well as extended day options and have 20 ECE hours available. Our fully trained team is warm and caring and would welcome your enrolment. Please phone us on 8493 718 to find out more, email us at pukete@kindergarten.org.nz or drop in for a visit at 13 Cullimore Street, pick up an enrolment pack, meet the team and see our large environment in person. We look forward to hearing from you, The Pukete Team

CHARTWELL CHURCH are once again having their awesome FAIR & SUPER SALE
Saturday 8th Oct from 9am-12pm, Cnr Comries Rd & Bellmont Ave, Chartwell
Something for everyone! New & recycled! Thousands of plants!! Food stalls! Homewares, electrical, sports, toys, furniture, tools and so much more. Come along and grab a bargain.

NEWS FROM BARNARDOS EARLY LEARNING CENTRE NEW OPENING HOURS 7.30AM TO 6.00PM

Barnardos is delighted to announce our new hours. As well as full time care, we offer afternoon and morning sessions along with 20 ECE hours free for over three year olds. Barnardos enjoys a close relationship with Te Totara School. If you would like future information contact 07 852 5759 or email TeTotara.ELC@barnardos.org.nz, or just pop in and see us.







