

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER, 2016

Te Totara Primary School PO Box 28134 Rototuna, Hamilton 3256

31 Hector Drive Rototuna North, Hamilton, 3210 Ph: (07) 853-0039 www.tetotara.school.nz

principal@tetotara.school.nz https://www.facebook.com/TeTotaraPrimarySchool230374533681330/

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 (Hebre

LAST NEWSLETTER OF 2016

This is the last newsletter of the 2016 school year, so has lots of information for the remainder of this year as well as for the beginning of 2017.

If there are any further updates for this year we will communicate these through our Facebook pages, app or our School website.

OUR TEACHING ORGANISATION FOR 2017

MATAWHERO TEAM - YEAR 0/1	ROOM	EARTH TEAM - YEAR 3 & 4	ROOM
To start during 2017	1	Levi Knudsen	34
To start during 2017	2	Suzanne Robertson (Leader)	35
Bridie Carr-Neil (Leader)	3	Emma Cathcart	36
To start during 2017	4	Sharon Hatherill	37
		Natalie Gillies	38
ORION TEAM - YEAR 1			
Julianne Wink	7	RA TEAM - YEAR 3 & 4	
Caron Ace (Leader)	8	Karen Langley	29
Jemma Shannon	9	Krissy Tantrum (Leader)	30
Chris Chase	10	Jemma Campbell	31
Casey Frew	11	Logan Ganley	32
		Kristy Hanks	33
KŌPŪ TEAM - YEAR 2			
Suzie Goile	22	MILKY WAY TEAM - YEAR 5 & 6	
Cyra Wells	23	Angela Sweeney	18
Cath Glyde (Leader)	25	Mark Macleod	19
		Jo Stewart (Leader)	20
		Lauren Loye	21

NEPTUNE - YEAR 2		MARAMA TEAM – YEAR 5 & 6	
Komal Kumar	26	Inge Alferink	12
Jennifer Dalton (Leader)	27	Becky Somerville (Leader)	13
Brenda Wollen	28	Rebecca Griffin	14
		Renee Morgan	15



STAFFING

We have finalised our staffing for 2017 and are delighted with the wonderful team we have to support our children. To find out more about our team, please visit http://www.tetotara.school.nz/5/profile areas/1-staff

HELPING TRANSITION STUDENTS TO THEIR NEW 2017 CLASSROOMS

Tomorrow, our teachers will go over the classes for 2017, clarify any queries and help our children with their move for next year.

HOW TO FIND YOUR CHILD'S 2017 CLASSROOM VIA THE PARENT PORTAL Tomorrow from 4.00pm, we will liven up the Parent Portal with the room your child is in for 2017. You will need to have the same Login and Password details used for viewing your child's Learning Plan online. These were included inside the Learning Plan folder. Please

follow the below instructions:

Log onto your @school Parent Portal http://www.atschool.co.nz/

Enter your user ID and Password (these were sent home with the Learning Plan or by separate letter)

- Go to My Child
- Click on General Records
- Click on Other Details

On Wednesday 14th December from 1.30pm-2.00pm students will visit their new class and teacher. This helps our children know what is happening and to ask questions and build rapport with their teacher ready for 2017.

STAFFING NEWS

Congratulations to three of our wonderful teachers for gaining their full registrations as teachers. They have all participated in our Provisionally Registered Teachers Programme overseen by Michele Gordon, who has led over 20 teachers in our school in gaining this qualification. Well done to:

- Inge Alferink
- Komal Kumar
- Logan Ganley

STAFF APPOINTMENTS:

We are delighted to announce the following staff appointments:

Leadership Roles

- Cath Glyde has been appointed as Team Leader in the Kōpū (Year 2) Team. Cath is an existing staff member who has had very successful experience in teaching at this year level and other leadership roles in the school
- Caron Ace has been appointed as the Team Leader of the Orion (Year 1) Team. Caron has a wealth of successful experience in this area of the school as an existing teacher of this team

Both our new leaders have been busy already attending leadership meetings and preparing for their new roles and we are excited to have them continue their careers with us.

Teaching Roles

We welcome a further three teachers to our school next year:

- **Karen Langley**, who is an experienced teacher who has taught locally and overseas and brings considerable skills across the curriculum. Karen has already been with us as a guest teacher in our school and has made a very positive impression with the children and staff alike.
- Levi Knudsen comes to us from the Hauraki Plains area originally and has been in our school already in Earth 35 as a student from the University of Waikato. Levi is beginning her teaching career with us and she will be one of over 20 teachers we have successfully supported to start their careers at Te Totara through our Provisionally Registered Teachers Programme.
- Lauren Loye joins us as a local and has been with us last year as a student teacher, she will be starting her teaching career with us next year.

Staff Leaving Te Totara Primary School

We congratulate these teachers who have won teaching positions in other schools and thank them very much for their wonderful service; they all leave with our very best wishes for their futures:

Naomi Courtney-Tennent who is moving back to Whakatane, we thank her for her wonderful work; she will be missed with her wonderful skills as one of our Sports Team leaders and across the curriculum.

Ryan Jordan who is moving to our good neighbours Bankwood School, to further his professional learning journey and career. He has contributed much during his four years not only in the classroom but also Tikanga and Kapa Haka in our school.

Sarah Rasmussen who leaves us to further her career at Hamilton East School after two years with us. As well as her curriculum and teaching skills, we have been fortunate to have Sarah help with our digital communications i.e Facebook page and photos that you see each week.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS SUPPER

On Tuesday evening we were able to celebrate the achievements of our Year 6 Leavers, who have been a fantastic group, so talented and have been wonderful role models for our other students. We look forward their last public performances as students at our school on Monday 12th December at the End of the Year Celebration.

OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS PERIOD 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 3 places for New Entrant (Year 1) students are likely to be available to out-of-zone students whose 5th Birthday falls within the enrolment period of 1st March 2017 – 30th June 2017. 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 Tuesday 31st January**, **2017** 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>Friday 3rd February 2017</u>. Parents will be informed of the outcome by **Thursday 9th February**, **2017**.

WEET-BIX KIDS TRYATHLON – SUNDAY 19^{TH} FEBRUARY, 2017 Juniors aged between 7-10 years OR Seniors aged between 11-15 Years

If your child is interested in participating in the Weetbix TRYathlon as part of our Te Totara Primary School group, registrations are done online for each entrant by parents/caregivers – they are not done through the school. However, to be acknowledged as part of our school group, please ensure when registering your child that when you come to "Which School do you attend", you choose the school group "Te Totara Primary School" in the drop-down box, and then check the small box underneath to confirm you want to be linked to our school group.

We'd love to win "biggest school group" again but if you don't check the box to link to the school group, it won't recognise you as being part of it! All the information you need is on the Weet-Bix Kids Tryathlon website http://try.weetbix.co.nz/ but for your information, the TRYathlon is on **Sunday 19th February, 2017** and it is held at the Waikato University grounds. Please check the website for any other information you need.

Nothing needs to be returned to school, we are just trying to get some information to you before the school holiday break so that you have time to check out the website and get your registrations in! Don't forget to start swimming, biking and running!!

Megan Reid (for the Sports Team) meganr@tetotara.school.nz

SCHOOL STATIONERY ORDERING FOR 2017

We have teamed up again this year with OfficeMax MySchool so that you can buy all your school stationery needs for 2017 over the internet. If you do not have access to the internet, you can purchase stationery direct through Office Max (cnr Victoria St & Princes St, Hamilton) Ph: (07) 838-8604. Advise them that you are from Te Totara Primary School and the year level your child(ren) will be in 2017. They will have hard copies of stationery lists available at the shop.

Many of our families used this online system last year and will be familiar with the ordering process. This website is available from today for ordering at:

www.myschool.co.nz/tetotara

Instructions on ordering stationery will be placed on our website under "Newsletters" and also on the "Enrolment" section.

My School Stationery Information, 2017

Please note: You do not need a Student ID, please leave this field blank. If you have a new entrant (5 year old) starting in Term 1, 2017 your child will be classified as a Year 1.

Please ensure you have placed your order no later than <u>Thursday 26th January, 2017</u> to ensure delivery before school starts on <u>Tuesday 31st</u> January, 2017. Please ensure your child/ren

have all their school stationery items before school begins for 2017.



STUDENTS LEAVING TE TOTARA

If you have not already notified the school and are planning to leave our school at the end of 2016 (other than Year 6 students), it would be appreciated if you could please urgently advise us by **emailing** Marise Crow at receptionist@tetotara.school.nz. If you have a child coming to Te Totara in the future, we would love to have an Enrolment Form - it would be much appreciated and certainly help with our future planning.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL DONATION FOR 2016

If you wish to pay your voluntary School Donation for 2016 we are happy to accept payment by cash, cheque or EFT-POS at the School Office. You may also pay by internet banking, our ASB account number is 12-3171-0270973-00. Please ensure you put your family name and what the payment is for in the reference columns.

Payment can be made at the beginning of the year or throughout the year; the funding will be used for resources for the children.

A GST receipt can be issued upon request. A % of your donation may be claimed as a tax rebate using a "Rebate Claim Form" – please refer to Inland Revenue for further details.

Note: The Board of Trustees has set our **2016** Voluntary School Donation as follows:

First and eldest child		Second and subsequent children		
Term 1 (whole year)	\$120.00	Term 1 (whole year)	\$60.00	
Term 2 onwards	\$90.00	Term 2 onwards	\$45.00	
Term 3 onwards	\$60.00	Term 3 onwards	\$30.00	
Term 4 onwards	\$30.00	Term 4 onwards	\$15.00	

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

Invoices were emailed to families recently. We would appreciate it if outstanding invoices are paid by the end of term. You are welcome to pay through the School Office either by EFT-POS (sorry, no credit card), cash, cheque or internet banking. ASB internet banking details are:

Te Totara Primary School

12-3171-0270973-00

Please indicate what the payment is for i.e. hockey fees, swimming etc., plus the name of your child. Any queries regarding your invoice, please e-mail Wendy Bulloch, our Executive Officer at executive-officer@tetotara.school.nz

LOST PROPERTY ON DISPLAY

Weather permitting; we will endeavour to display all lost property items EVERY Friday until the end of term.

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.



2016 YEAR BOOK THANKS

Every year we put together a Yearbook to showcase our children and the wonderful learning that takes place during the year. As you may understand this takes a lot of time and effort to put together and also costs a bit to produce. We ask within our community for people that would advertise in the book so that the cost of the book to you is not too high. We do this so that every family can get one as the children love it so much.

We would like to thank our community for choosing to support us.

Many thanks to: Ollington Electrical, Direct Group, Noel Leeming, Bremner and Associates, TKMA Martial Arts. Please support them if you can.

ALL LIBRARY BOOKS DUE BACK

All library books should have been returned to the library by Monday this week, however we still have **532 books still outstanding**. Could you please have a good look for any library books around the house, no students should have any books at home.

HOLIDAY READING

Over the holidays students can experience the "summer slump." This is a loss in reading achievement over summer if children stop reading.

Providing some fun reading experiences during the holidays can help prevent the summer slump. Here are a few ways to get children reading:

- Read aloud to your child. It is the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for their own success in reading. It stimulates their imagination and improves their language and listening comprehension skills.
- Encourage your child to read anything the TV guide, magazines, joke books, recipes, travel guides, video game instructions...
- Find a series for your child to get hooked on. This will make choosing the next book to read easier. A recent survey showed that the primary factor in choosing a book for 7 12 year olds was a familiar character or series.
- Find books that match your child's interests arts and crafts, skateboarding, cooking, animals...
- Read graphic novels. These comic books can be really appealing for children.

SUMMER READING PROGRAMME

Once again Te Totara's Library is part of Hamilton City Libraries' Summer Reading Programme. This means that you can sign up for the programme, report in to our librarians, and receive an incentive straight from our library. This year the programme is called "Who's Your Hero?" It is free and is for children aged 5-12 years. It is a great way to encourage children to keep reading through the holidays. Please ask one of our librarians, Michelle or Esther, if you would like to know more. If you would like to sign up you can do that any school day from 8.30am - 9.00am. Places are limited so be in quick.

LIBRARY OPEN DATES

We are happy to confirm that our Library will be open **every Wednesday** in the school holidays from **1.00pm – 4.00pm**.

In order to be able to issue books during the holidays students must be accompanied by a parent, have no outstanding invoices or overdue library books and be returning to Te Totara next year. We will be increasing our lending limits to a maximum of **six books** per student, and each parent can also borrow up to ten books in their name. All books will be due back by 10 February (the end of the second week back at school). This means that if you are away for some of the holidays you don't have to worry about your books being overdue.

If you are staying in Hamilton we would love to see you. It is a nice way to meet up with friends, while the kids have a play on the playground and then take home some new books to read. On Wednesday 18th January we have the Hamilton Libraries team coming in from 2.30pm to run some activities.

READING WONDERLAND COMPETITION

To celebrate our first year in the Reading Wonderland, the Library is holding a special Reading Wonderland Summer Holiday competition. Students are invited to come up with a story, play, comic strip, poem or rap, picture, video, or anything else creative. Whatever they choose it must have something to do with the Reading Wonderland. We'll choose some of the entries and put them into a special book about the Reading Wonderland that will be able to be borrowed from the Library (we'll include QR codes that link to any videos). The competition is open to everyone, including the Year 6's who are about to leave us and our new Year 1's who are about to start in 2017. To find out more have a look at the poster on the library window, or on the homepage of the school website.

2017 TERM DATES FRIDGE MAGNETS

Thank you to Kaimai Cycles in Morrinsville for supporting our school and supplying us with some wonderful 2017 fridge magnets with our term dates on.

These will go home with the oldest child in the family today. For new bicycles, parts & accessories and all bicycle servicing and repairs, give them a call on 07 889 6210.

Pop in store and mention you are a Te Totara School family and receive a 10% discount off your next purchase (sorry does not apply to sale items or gift vouchers)

BELLA GOFF

As many of you know one of our students, Bella Goff, has been undergoing treatment for Leukaemia over the past year. Bella's family set up a "Givea-Little" Fundraising page earlier in the year to raise money towards fulfilling Bella's dream of going to Disneyland at the end of 2016. Well.... I am delighted to say that she and her family left for Disneyland last weekend.

Our school supported Bella with a Mufti Day back in February and we are thrilled to advise that Bella has now finished her treatment, is back at school part-time and is well enough for her dream to finally come true.... she is very excited!

The below extract is from Bella's Give-a-Little Page (February 2016):

"Our brave, sweet 7-year-old daughter Bella is fighting a rare type of AML Leukaemia (cancer in the blood + marrow). She is enduring intensive chemotherapy treatment for over 6 months and her dream is to visit Disneyland this Christmas 2016, once she has kicked this disease in the butt!! (her words).



PIANO EXAM CONGRATULATIONS

Two students who currently take piano lessons at school recently sat Piano Exams. Congratulations to **Emily Cocurullo and Da-Young Kim** who both scored 98% in their Trinity College of London, Grade

Initial piano exam. These are outstanding results. Well done!!!

WEDDING BELLS

Our warmest congratulations go to one of our teachers, Miss Leitch, who was recently married to Martin. Megan will now be known as **Mrs Megan Reid**.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held Friday 9th December 2016, in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.

This week the Matawhero, Neptune, Ra and Milky Way children will attend assembly where End of Year Class Awards will be presented. We also have a dance from the Punjabi Dance Group.

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

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

TOUCH

Rockets Mathew Blignaut, Emily Cobby

CRICKET

Strikers All Team Members



TUESDAY 31ST JANUARY @ 8.55am
The School Office will be open to take enrolments on
Thursday 26th and Friday 27th January 2017
from 9.00am – 2.00pm

DATES COMING UP

Mon 12 Dec End of Year Celebration @ 5.45pm

Mon 12 Dec PTA Raffle drawn at the End of Year Celebration
Tues 13 Dec End of year Celebration Postponement Date

Fri 16 Dec PTA Lemonade Ice-block Friday

Fri 16 Dec SCHOOL FINISHES FOR 2016 @ 3.00PM

Term 1, 2017 Starts Tuesday 31st January @ 8.55am

Kind regards, Brían Sheedy

Principal



TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

RAFFLE TICKETS

We need to get all sold and unsold raffle tickets back <u>TODAY</u> please (Thursday 8th December), so we can get the raffle finalised ready for the draw on Monday at the end of year celebration. Thanks also to all the wonderful businesses who have donated prizes.

ICE BLOCK FRIDAY NEXT WEEK

We're celebrating the last day of school with an ICE BLOCK FRIDAY, next week. \$1.50 – you know the drill! Let's end the school year on a 'sweet' note, LOL;)

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR GALA FOOD STALL HOLDERS

We'd like an expression of interest by any members of the public who would like to be included in our Gala food stalls next year – if you have a food or catering business, or if you'd like to have a stall selling your refreshments, please get in contact with us ASAP via email: tetotara.pta@gmail.com One more week to go in the school year, who can believe it!

Your exhausted but happy PTA team, Scott, Anna, Jasmine, Nalina, Vicki & Liz



★ FUNDRAISING RAFFLE SPONSORS ★

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the fantastic support of these businesses that have generously donated prizes for our 2016 PTA raffle.

























We really appreciate your support, thank you!

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.

SPEECH & DRAMA CLASSES AT TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Fun classes where students learn to communicate effectively with other people, express themselves with clarity and confidence, use eye contact, practise active listening skills, develop an appropriately projected voice, develop a vocabulary rich enough to express thoughts and ideas with clarity and imagination, plus lots more!! Above all, promotion of self-esteem and self-confidence is paramount.

Classes start February - spaces are limited so be in quick to secure your place for next year.

For further information and enrolments, please contact Gaylene Lonergan gaylene.teacher@gmail.com before 20th December, 2016

JITTERBUGS DANCE LESSONS TERM 1, 2017

- Enrolments are now open for Term 1, 2017
- Lessons held on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- Lessons held at Te Totara Primary School and RJHS
- Cost: \$90 for the term which includes a show and access to video's for your kids to practice to.
- For girls and boys ages 3 and up
- Email <u>jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz</u> for more info, visit <u>www.jitterbugsdancelessons.co.nz</u> or checkout the Jitterbugs Facebook page

JITTERFIT TERM 1, 2017

- FREE TRIAL!!
- At this stage it is looking like I will have 4 spaces available at JitterFit for Term 1, 2017
- You are welcome to come for a free trial sometime over the next couple of weeks.
- Ladies aerobics/conditioning class. Guaranteed workout and great for those wanting to increase their fitness and tone their body.
- Sessions held on a Monday night at RJHS at 7.30pm
- Cost: \$80 (plus you will need to purchase a swiss ball for around \$8)
- For all levels of fitness.
- Email jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz for more info, visit the JitterFit Facebook page

YMCA SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

The YMCA has something fun, and exciting to do every day these holidays! We run 9 different programmes at 7 locations across Hamilton. Programmes run $16^{th} - 23^{rd}$

December and the 4th – 27th January. Come and try something new, like berry picking, and Frisbee making or join us for your old favourites; trips to the beach, pools, cooking, crafts and more! Come and join us for some fun in the sun!

Check us out at www.ymcahamilton.org.nz or call us on 07 838 2529

EDVENTURE HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES & CAMPS

Edventure has a huge range of school holiday programmes and camps. Central Hamilton, 5-13 yr olds, OSCAR. To enrol or for more details visit www.edventure.co.nz

- Edventure Everyday
- Edventure Sports
- Edventure Outdoors
- Edventure Summer Camps





FOUND SCOOTER

This scooter was found at Te Totara Primary School last week, if it belongs to your family please see our Caretakers, Barnie and Ian, and they can retrieve it for you from their shed.



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

BRAND NEW HOUSE AND LAND PACKAGES! GREAT LOCATION! READY FOR YOU RIGHT NOW

GJ Gardner have 6 completed homes available now close to all the sought after amenities the area has to offer, Have you wanted a brand new home in Flagstaff but didn't think you could afford it? Looking for a change in location?

Dream no more! Don't delay as these will not last long call G.J.Gardner consultant Mike Gregan on 021 381318 or 07 850 9950 to see how you can own your own home today!



The Summer Holidays remain almost here!!

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: <u>waikato@kellysports.co.nz</u> Phone Kim, Mark or Liam **07 839 9017** Text **022 0532425**