

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER, 2017

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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)

Welcome back to Term 4, it is a very quick nine weeks until the end of the school year, with many school activities. To keep up to date we suggest you use one of our communication methods:

Online school calendar Online School Calendar

School App Download the School App

School Web site Te Totara Website

Weekly notices Weekly Notices

Facebook Page

We have a great team at school who keep these all updated in real time.



CONGRATULATIONS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE!

A big well done to Anna Herbert & Katrina Strong and their wonderful team. They recently underwent a review from the Ministry of Social Development to continue to qualify as an approved out of school provider. The team passed with flying colours in all 10 areas, which is a wonderful endorsement of the service.

The service was set up to provide support to our families and has been very successful in providing a quality service for children and families. Any profits made are used to benefit all our children at school. Initiatives such as air conditioning for all our teaching spaces as well as irrigating the school field have been supported by the service.

For more information on the service visit... Before and After School Care

SCHOOL CLOSED - MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER, 2017

A reminder school will be **CLOSED** for this Labour Day Public Holiday. School opens again on Tuesday 24th October, 2017

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE (ERO) VISIT

ERO is the Government agency that reviews each NZ school around every three years. They will be visiting our school over a two week period from 13th November. This is an opportunity for our school to have what we do reviewed, and helping to look at our next steps as we strive to continually improve what we do. From the **ERO** website...

An ERO review looks at how an early learning service or school reaches positive learning outcomes knowledge, skills, attitude and habits - for all children and young people. We're interested in what's working well and where improvements can be made.

Our review process works with an early learning service or school's own evaluation processes. It also supports a culture of ongoing improvement.

We will keep everyone updated of the arrangements in place for the visit.

KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE PROGRAMME - TERM 4, 2017

During Term 4, throughout the school, we will be teaching the "**Keeping Ourselves Safe**" Health Education Programme. We have made a commitment as a learning community, within our Board of Trustees Policies, to teach this programme every two years.

This is a comprehensive personal safety programme that has been developed by the Ministry of Education and the New Zealand Police to meet current best practice in education and child protection. Students will learn and apply a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others.

Our Year 0-2 classes will be teaching the unit titled "Knowing What to Do Me Mōhio Kia Pēhea".

Our Year 5-6 classes will be teaching the unit called "Getting Help: Te Whiwhi Āwhina".

Our Year 3-4 classes will be working with a programme that uses aspects and suitable resources from both programmes.

Keeping Ourselves Safe has been designed to give our children the skills to cope in situations involving abuse. It has three overall aims:

- · to develop and strengthen children's skills to keep themselves safe with other people;
- · to support and encourage abused children to get help from caring adults;
- to make teachers and parents more aware of the need to keep children safe from abuse by adults or other children.

The programmes will be taught by your child's teacher, with guidance from our Police Education Officer as required.

To be successful, **Keeping Ourselves Safe** needs your help and support. Your child will have some home activities to work on with you.

Click on the below link to find some excellent resources about the programme and to have any questions you may have answered. **www.police.govt.nz**

It is important that you participate as much as possible and talk to your child about what they have been learning. This will reinforce the message the school is giving, and help your child to use his or her new skills with confidence.

For further information, check out the New Zealand Police Education website school portal Information Guidelines for Parents. Please don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher if you have any further queries or contact myself, Mr Sheedy or Mrs Brook-Watt, available through the School Office.

Anne Fraser

Deputy Principal & Curriculum Manager

AVAILABLE TO PAY NOW THROUGH KINDO...

Aquatics
Mathletics
School Donation
Lost Library Books

2017 Yearbook (coming soon)

2018 Year 5&6 School Camp (coming soon)

Register for Kindo using our App or via our School Website www.tetotara.school.nz then select the "Fees & Donations" tab.

Questions? If you need help, please pop in and see us at the School Office OR give us a call on (07)

853-0039 OR call the Kindo Helpdesk on 0508 454636 (toll free)

If access is denied, it is most likely that our school does not have your current email address recorded on your child's file. Please do not hesitate to contact the School Office on (07) 853-0039 to amend.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by **9.15am**, **Friday 27th October**, **2017** to the School Office.

Sorry <u>NO</u> 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 quick easy way to order and pay now, is to order and pay online with the book club loop.

KIDS FOR KIDS CHOIR (Selected Pupils Only)

On **Wednesday 25th October** the Kids for Kids Choir will be attending a daytime rehearsal for the evening concert.

The children will be travelling by bus, the cost of the bus is being covered by the school. The practice will take place at:

Venue: The Activate Church, 11 Bisley Ave, Enderley

Time: 9.00am - 12:30pm

The children will need to be at school on the Wednesday morning by 8.50am. They will need to wear the correct Te Totara Primary school uniform (clean and tidy) and bring with them a small snack and drink for morning tea.

The evening concert date is also Wednesday 25th October. In the evening of the concert the children will need to be backstage by <u>6.45pm</u>. The concert starts at 7.30pm and is due to finish at 9:30pm (this includes a 20 minute interval).

For the evening performance the children are asked to wear bright coloured clothing. No jackets or jerseys are to be worn on stage as it can become very warm performing under lights.

Tickets can be purchased online through Eventfinder. There are no ticket sales through the school. If you have any queries, please contact Suzanne Newrick.

SCHOOL SWIMMING TIMETABLE FOR TERM 4, 2017

Our school swimming programme has resumed after the holidays with our remaining Year 5/6 classes that haven't swum this year. The pool is heated to a temperature between 29-30 degrees and is covered, so is an 'all weather' facility.

Our planned timetable is listed below:

Week 1 & Week 2 - 10 lessons; Monday 16th Oct - Monday 31st Oct (inclusive)

(Rooms 15, 14 and 13 - Year 5/6)

Week 3, 4 & 5 - 10 lessons; Tuesday 1st Nov - Wed 15th Nov (inclusive)

(Rooms 12, 18 and 19 - Year 5/6)

Then we move to our Year 1 classes:

Weeks 5, 6, & 7 - 10 lessons; Thursday 16th Nov - Wed 29th Nov (inclusive)

(Rooms 11, 8, and 9 - Year 1)

Weeks 7, 8 & 9 - 10 lessons; Thurs 30th Nov - Wed 13th Dec (inclusive)

(Rooms 10, 7, 3 and also Rooms 2 & 1 - we will have two instructors working with us, as planned.) Allowances in the programme timings have been made for our school Athletics days and also a Year 6 student Leadership Day on Friday 3rd November in Week 3. We have only 9 weeks in Term 4, which finishes on Friday 15th December. As your child's class gets close to their swimming time there will be more information from their teacher or teaching team.

SWIM SCHOOL, AFTER SCHOOL LESSONS - BEGINNER SPACES AVAILABLE

We have 2 spaces available for beginner lessons at our after school Swim School which will start on Tuesday 24 October offering a 7 week block course of lessons.

Fees are \$110.00 per child, please email Celeste if you would like to make a booking: **celestem@tetotara.school.nz**

Lesson times available are Tuesday 5.30pm lesson or Thursday 5.00pm lesson.



NETBALL SKIRTS, OVERDUE TO BE RETURNED NOW PLEASE

Netball skirts were due back at the end of last term to Mrs Reid's reading stars room in Earth pod as soon as possible. There are still 30 skirts outstanding, so please get them back quickly please. A reminder, there will be a \$30.00 charge for unreturned skirts. Well done to the Meteors netball team which is the only team with all skirts returned. Also, there are three coaching bags still outstanding which we would be grateful to have back as soon as possible.

2018 WEETBIX TRYATHLON

This summer's Weetbix TRYathlon is on Sunday 11th February 2018 at Waikato University. Start training now so you're ready to compete as there are fantastic prizes to be won and it is a really fun day. It's open to anyone aged between 7 years & 15 years and you can enter as an individual, or with a friend in a team of two. Enter by registering online at try.weetbix.co.nz but don't forget to click on the drop down box that selects "Te Totara" as your school! We have won "biggest school" for the past couple of years which has won us some great prizes. See Mrs Reid if you have any queries.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on Friday 20th October 2017, in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.

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

This week our Marama 13 children will be sharing.

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

TOUCH

Gunns Devon Palmer, Travis Cassells
Pacers Aimee Bulbeck, Rhys Trask
Rockets Daniel Hodgson, Thomas Bowler



DATES COMING UP

Mon 23 Oct Labour Day Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED

Wed 25 Oct Kids for Kids Choir Evening @ 7.30pm (Activate Church, 11 Bisley Ave, Enderley)

Thurs 26 Oct BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm

Tues 31 Oct Junior Athletics Years 0-2 "Have a Go Day"

Thurs 2 Nov Junior Athletics (postponement date)

Tues 7 Nov Senior Athletics Years 3-6

Thurs 9 Nov Senior Athletics (postponement date)

Wed 15 Nov Routine New Entrant Vision & Hearing Checks

Tues 21 Nov Fairfield Cluster Athletics

Thurs 23 Nov Fairfield Cluster Athletics (postponement date)

Thurs 30 Nov BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
Tues 5 Dec Year 6 Leavers Dinner
Tues 12 Dec End of Year Celebration

Wed 13 Dec End of Year Celebration (postponement date)
Fri 15 Dec END OF TERM 4, SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM

Kind regards, Brian Sheedy Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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MOVIE NIGHT Bad Moms 2: A Bad Moms Christmas

HEY, HEY! We know you haven't purchased your tickets yet for the funniest movie of the year.... what are you waiting for?

We have some AMAZING spot prizes to giveaway, and fabulous goodie bags for everyone who attends. Pair that up with bubbles on arrival, a very funny movie and lots of like-minded mamas in for some raucous fun, and you've got the best night EVER! Get onto it, buy your tickets NOW!!



https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/bad-moms-movie-night-te-totara-school-pta-fundraiser-tick ets-37560368072

** RAFFLE ** RAFFLE ** RAFFLE **

We have had a terrific response to the Raffle so far, there are lots of kids making a great effort to sell their tickets! Please keep trying, the prizes are awesome.

If you are unable to sell your tickets, please return them ASAP to the PTA green drop-box in the School Office so that they can be reallocated to another child.

If you'd like more to sell, please either see the lovely ladies in the School Office or message us via the Facebook page and we'll sort you out. Thanks.



In additional to a **BRAND NEW IPAD MINI** for the student who sells the most number of tickets overall, there will also be a **PRIZE FOR THE TOP TICKET SELLER IN EACH POD**. That means that Junior, Middle, Senior & Satellite school students will all have the same opportunity to win a prize.

VACANCY - ADMIN/SECRETARY WHIZZ!

Due to the wonderful Jemma Campbell moving on, the PTA are on the search for a new person to join the Exec Team. We need a secretary to assist with keeping Minutes of meetings etc. It will only take approx 4 hours per month on average.

We're a great team who have lots of laughs together whilst doing positive work for the kids and the school. Please PM us via Facebook if you'd like to know more. Thanks.

Please 'like' our Facebook page to ensure you keep in the news loop: www.facebook.com/TTPTA

Have a great week @ Your PTA team: Scott, Liz, Rae, Nalina, Vicki & Jemma

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.

Pivotal Netball Clinics

We still have spaces available in our Term 4 Clinics which start on Tuesday October 24 @ St Paul's Collegiate. Year 5 & 6 - Tuesday or Thursday 5 - 6.30pm - we have 4 spaces available each night. Cost per player and includes Pivotal Tee \$140.

Year 7 & 8 - Tuesday 5 - 6.30pm we have 8 spaces available, Thursday 5 - 6.30pm we have 9 spaces available. Cost per player and includes Pivotal Tee \$140.

Year 9 - Friday 5 - 6.30pm and will also enter the Hamilton City Twilight league starting in November on Mondays for 6 weeks. Cost per player and includes Pivotal Tee \$155.

We also have a new coach who will join our Year 5 & 6, 7 & 8 clinics - so watch this space! Check out our website for full clinic and registration details.

www.pivotalnetball.com/clinics/

Toolbox Course - Middle Years

Monday Nights - 30th October to 4th December, 7 to 9 pm at The Village Church, <u>10 Martin Lane, Horsham Downs</u>. To book phone Bridget 021 530 054 or email: frosties@farmside.co.nz

The Middle Years 6-12 years Make the most of these years while your children still want to be part of your team! The Middle Years covers:

- Parent types
- Building character and self-esteem
- Emotional resilience
- Discipline
- Creating traditions and memories
- Capitalising on the 'tween-age years'

Toolbox courses are free to foster carers, whanau caregivers, adopters, grandparents raising grandchildren, and Home for Life parents thanks to

government funding. We are also able to offer free training for participants wishing to become Toolbox facilitators.

- Small group course with a trained facilitator
- Six sessions per course
- Tailored to your needs

\$75 per person or \$110 per couple for each six week group. Subsidies available

JITTERBUGS DANCE LESSONS TERM 4, 2017

Just a few spaces left for Term 4 if anyone wants to join us:

- Monday 4.15 Jitterbugs Junior (ages $5 \frac{1}{2} 7$) 1 space
- Monday 4.45 MiniJam (unisex class for kids aged $3-5\frac{1}{2}$) 2 Spaces
- Tuesday 3.45 Jitterjam (unisex class ages 5½ 12) 2 Spaces
- Thursday 4.10 Jitterbugs Intermediate (ages 7 12) 1 Space
- Thursday 4.40 Jitterbugs Mini's (ages 3 5 ½) 1 Space

Cost: \$95 for the term which includes a show and access to video's for your kids to practice to at home. All sessions are held at Rototuna Junior High School, Email jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz for more info, visit www.jitterbugsdancelessons.co.nz or checkout the Jitterbugs Facebook page

Saturday Morning Music Classes

Enrolments are now open for Term Four 2017 at the Hamilton Community Centre of Music. The first session is on Saturday 28th October. The centre caters for all ages (3 to retired) and ability levels, offering group-format music tuition in a range of instruments. Fees range from \$35 to \$95 per term depending on age and instrument. The enrolment fee for an instrument class includes participation in as many of our ensembles as you wish, at no additional charge.

Class times are between 8am and 1:30pm on Saturdays during primary school terms. The centre is located on the University of Waikato campus in Hillcrest.

Contact us via our website http://www.hccm.ac.nz/ or on 07 838 4611







